

User Types



User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities				
	Centennial Park	Windcrest Pond and Trail	Jester Park	Natural Areas	Proximity to Des Moines	Trails	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Highway Corridors Through Town	Lack of Connectivity	Lack of Seating	More Shade	Better, Connected Sidewalks	Natural Areas Development	Trail System	Safe Place To Cross Highway 17
Actives	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●					●	●
Mobility Impaired	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●			
Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Youth	●	●		●				●	●				●	●	●
Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●

Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group would like better connections within Granger as well as with other communities and trails in the area.

Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Therefore, smooth, wide surfaces that are accessible are important. Because of the inconsistent sidewalk system, this group often travels in the streets.

Older adults primarily drive and walk to destinations. They also bike and occasionally ride the DART bus. This group enjoys the natural areas in and around Granger and would like access to them improved.

Youth mainly walk and bike to get around the community. Some ride the bus to school. This group would like a trail system, as well as more recreation opportunities in town.

Parents drive, walk, and bike. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is the lack of a safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Highways 17 and 141.

Steering committee members walk, drive, bike, and run. This group is interested in making connections between Granger and the regional trail system, as well as other communities.

Participants in all demographic groups mentioned Centennial Park as an asset in Granger. Wheelchair users find it easy to get around the park and caregivers appreciate the benches. Youth enjoy the new play equipment and parents enjoy the arboretum feel.

Windcrest Pond is a popular destination among both adults and youth. Mobility-impaired, parent, and youth appreciate the trail around the pond. Adults like to fish at the pond.

Adults in Granger enjoy visiting Jester Park. Although technically not part of Granger, participants feel that the park belongs to the town. Kids like to fish beautiful trails and "great nature scape" at the park.

Residents of all ages enjoy the natural areas in and around Granger, such as Windcrest pond, Oxley Creek, the Oxley Creek wetlands, the pollinator patch near Centennial Park, Jester Park, and Brenton Slough.

Adults in Granger appreciate the proximity of the Des Moines metro area. They value the small-town atmosphere of Granger along with the easy access to work and the many amenities available in the city.

People appreciate area trails and wish that there were more in Granger. The mobility-impaired, parent and active groups mentioned the trails in Jester Park as an asset. Older adults appreciate the easy access to committee noted the trail around the Windcrest pond.

All groups noted that the sidewalk system in Granger is incomplete, and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. Participants pointed out that some residents can't afford to repair or install sidewalks.

Residents consider highways 141 and 17 through town as barriers because they cut off the rest of Granger. Participants pointed out that there is no safe way for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Highway 17.

Focus group participants feel disconnected within Granger. The highways create disconnected within residential developments, while the creek is a barrier between the ball fields and the school.

The mobility-impaired group noted that the only benches in town are located near the library and in Centennial Park. Participants expressed their need for benches throughout town where caregivers pushing wheelchairs can stop to rest.

Participants in the mobility-impaired older-adult parent, and steering committee groups expressed the need for more shade trees in town, specifically in the new developments and at the recreation fields.

Adult users expressed the need for wider sidewalks and a more complete sidewalk system. Participants noted that most people walk in the streets, and that mobility-impaired individuals have to ride their motorized scooters down a busy street to the care center.

Both adults and youth appreciate Granger's natural areas and would like them to be improved by completing the clean-up of Oxley Creek and adding trails along the creek and to the wetland area.

Creating a trail system is a top priority among all demographic groups with the exception of the mobility-impaired users. In addition to trails within Granger, residents want to connect to regional trails.

Both adult and youth users would like a safe way to cross Highway 17. Participants view the highway as a barrier between the Twin Eagle development and the rest of the community.