



Actives


"Even though it's only a few blocks away, you're leery about letting [your kids] walk because [North 5th Street] is dark; it's such a dark street."

"It's a train wreck parking around [the high school] for any kind of event, and there's hardly any handicapped parking at all. There [are] two front-row parking spaces and that's it."

"[Old Highway 14] is a very [well] used road. Lots of people walk that road."

"We spend a lot of time on the river, and it brings a lot of people [to town]."

"If you're walking two parents and pushing a stroller, you can't get on the sidewalk and walk beside each other, so you walk in the street."



Older Adults


"I've seen older people get out of their car; [they] can't park in the first spot, so they park in the second. They have to walk clear behind two cars to get to the ramp to [reach] the sidewalk, because they're using a walker."

"Our parks are wonderful when they're not flooded."

"We have—we call it the old highway that used to be the highway in town that's walked quite a bit."

"...a lot of people do have appointments outside of Greene and need transportation."

"Fortunately the community has put in the [curb ramps] and I don't know if there are any left to do in town."



Parents


"In the summer we live on the old highway; we're out there all the time, and there's a lot of people out there every day."

"It would be safer for the younger people, for parents with young kids, to be able to have a sidewalk to walk on or bike [on]."

"...from the school to the...sports complex, there's not one light that whole strip."

"We have a good downtown compared to most small towns."

"I would like probably better walking areas throughout town."



Mobility Impaired

"I can get a lot [farther] than I used to be able to than when I first came here, so they're working on [accessible sidewalks], and I've appreciated that."

"I like [Greene] because it's just a small microcosm that I can handle. I have one of those scooters, a three-wheeled scooter, and I can get downtown when the weather permits, and I can get just about everywhere I want to go on that thing, and it saves me a lot of energy because it's a little harder to walk."

"Our river...brings a lot of people to town. I think it helps support the town a lot."

"There [are] big gaps [in the railroad tracks]. We have a problem with the wheelchair, so we just don't go out that way."

"There are still a few sidewalks that go to nowhere, and then there are some that are still in pretty bad shape."



Steering Committee


"I think it would be nice to have some kind of a decent sidewalk that connected the swimming pool [and] the park."

"...cars coming south on 14...have to come around a bend...and when you're sitting at the intersection [of Highway 14 and South Street] you can't see unless you lean forward... to make sure there's no traffic coming. There's a blind spot..."

"The bridge is always a challenge for [being] slippery."

"The real problem I see with people walking...if we walk on the sidewalk we [have] to follow each other where on the street you walk side by side."

"It's very rare on the old highway that you don't meet someone if you're out walking."



Youth

"There's a really nice trail around [Perrin Park] that people walk around."

"By the water tower, that's a really good spot for sledding. A lot of people sled there."

"For track we run to the old highway and back to the school, and that's 1.8 miles or something."

"...a lot of times during the summer kids will go from the library and then the pool...[and] they'll cross [Traer Street]. There's a lot of travel because it's the main road."

"[I like] going tubing on [the river] in the summer and boating and stuff like that."

Greene

What People Said

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