

Greene's Barriers: Common Factors


The analysis of barriers synthesizes the feedback we received from the five transportation user groups. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the maps of all five user groups.

A significant seasonal barrier is the Shell Rock River, which has flooded numerous times in recent years. Other barriers that Greene focus-group participants identified are related to access, whether it is ADA accessibility to parks and businesses, a lack of parking, or the disconnected sidewalk system. Fast traffic in several areas of town is also perceived as a barrier.



Actives

Access is important to active recreationists, who noted the limited parking overall and the lack of handicapped parking at the school. They also pointed out that it is difficult to access old Highway 14. Poor lighting near the school is another concern.



Mobility Impaired

Poor and disconnected sidewalks create problems for mobility-impaired individuals who navigate the community in wheelchairs or on motorized scooters. Crossing the railroad tracks is a challenge for this user group.



Older Adults

Older adults are concerned about access to old Highway 14, as well as to the doctor's office at the intersection of Traer and 2nd Street. Although they enjoy the trees on Traer Street, when the berries fall on the sidewalk it's hard to walk on.



Youth

Disconnected sidewalks are an issue among youth, who tend to walk and bike to most places. Speeding traffic in town is also a concern. Participants in this group do not feel safe crossing Traer Street at the library and the aquatic center.



Parents

Parents are most concerned with perceived safety issues, such as speeding traffic on South, High, North 1st, Grove, and North 3rd Streets. They also pointed out the poor lighting along North 5th Street by the high school and at the high-school track..

