



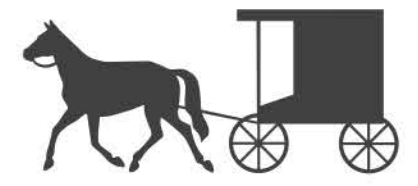



What Matters to Kalona Residents

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities				
	Parks	JW's Foods	Downtown	Wide Highway Shoulders	Natural Areas	Safe Highway Crossings	Incomplete Sidewalks	Poor Visibility	Disconnection	Snow and Ice	Flooding	Community Connectivity	Designated Trails	Regional Trails	Outdoor Amenities	
 <p>Actives</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>Actives walk, drive, bike, and run. During the winter months, they walk at the gym. They consider safe highway crossings and both in-town and regional trail connections as priorities.</p>
 <p>Senior & Mobility Impaired</p>	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>Seniors and those who are mobility-impaired drive, walk, and bike. Some people use golf carts. This group is also interested in trails. Accessibility to places such as the grocery store and the park is also important.</p>
 <p>Youth</p>	●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●			<p>Youth mainly walk and bike to get around the community. They enjoy the parks in town but would like more natural areas. They also want a trail system in Kalona.</p>
 <p>Parents</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>Parents walk, drive, bike, and run. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Parents' top priorities are a complete sidewalk system and more safe highway crossings.</p>
 <p>Amish</p>		●	●	●				●		●	●					<p>The Amish frequently come to Kalona to conduct business, and their modes of transportation include horse and buggy and walking. They appreciate the wide highway shoulders and the hitching racks throughout town. Their primary concern is potholes along the shoulder of Highway 22.</p>
 <p>Steering Committee</p>	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	<p>Steering committee members walk, drive, and bike. Accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, and golf carts is an issue for this group. A better sidewalk system, trails, and more green spaces are also priorities.</p>

Residents of all ages value Kalona City Park, which is the main venue for the annual Fall Festival. Youth go to the elementary school park, which has play equipment and basketball courts.

JW's Foods is a frequent destination among all user groups. People primarily drive when they need to buy groceries, but they also walk and bike there. The Amish go by horse and buggy and are able to use a hitching rack at the store.

Downtown destinations are essential to daily life, including city hall, the post office, the library, restaurants, and other businesses. Parents and youth enjoy getting ice cream at Jolly's. The Amish frequent the Kalona Sales Barn.

Adult users value the wide shoulders along the highway and use them to bike, walk, and run. The Amish appreciate having a place to drive their buggies, however, droppings along the way.

Kalona residents—both youth and adults—like natural areas in town and enjoy the views at the creek, from the cemetery and along the Old Amish Highway.

The actives and parents groups appreciate the stoplight at Highway 22 and 6th Street, as well as the crossing guard there at school start and release times. The actives lamented the fact that there is only one safe place to cross the highway: bike places if there was a complete sidewalk system.

Incomplete, narrow, crumbling, and altogether missing sidewalks are major concerns for Kalona residents. Parents said that they would be more willing to let their kids walk or bike places if there was a complete sidewalk system.

All groups mentioned poor visibility, specifically at the intersection of 4th St and Hwy 22, where the church is. Amish users noted areas in town where lighting is poor, impeding early morning and nighttime visibility.

Highway 22 creates a sense of disconnect, dividing Kalona into what residents refer to as the "north side" and the "south side." Highway 1 separates the Harvest Hill development from the rest of town.

All groups except the youth talked about snow piles, drifting snow, or icy spots on the roadway that sometimes hinder travel. The Amish noted that sometimes it takes a while for the shoulders to be cleared after heavy snowfall.

Flooding is an intermittent problem in Kalona and occurs primarily in the Salvesen Creek area, although heavy rainfall and places with poor drainage places affect the entire town and all user groups.

The steering committee, actives, seniors/mobility impaired, and parents named a complete sidewalk system (except the Amish) want safer highway crossings to alleviate the sense of disconnect in town.

All user groups except the Amish talked about the need for a trail system. Actives and senior/mobility-impaired users want a designated bike trail. Active and parents want to connect destinations such as the park, Salvesen Creek, and the Amish businesses just outside Kalona.

Adult residents are interested in regional trails that would connect Kalona with Bunker Mill Bridge, as well as neighboring communities such as Iowa City, Richmond, and Riverside.

Adult Kalona residents desire more amenities throughout the community, such as more benches downtown, a seating area near Salvesen Creek, drinking fountains, and additional green spaces, including a dog park.

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