

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities				
	Biking/Walking Loop	Community Center	Parks	Safe Environment	Good Mix of Businesses	Fire Department	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Main Street Intersections	County Road K30	Railroad Tracks	Flooding	Better, Connected Sidewalks	Community Trail	Improved Connectivity	Enhanced City Park	
<p>Actives</p>	●	●	●	●	●		●	●		●		●		●		Actives walk, drive, bike and run, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group would like a loop trail around Lester and better access to Ball Diamond Park.
<p>Older Adults</p>		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Older adults primarily drive and walk to destinations. They also drive golf carts or ATVs in town. This group is interested in having smooth, safe, and accessible sidewalks.
<p>Youth</p>	●	●	●				●				●	●		●		Youth mainly walk and bike to get around the community. Older youth drive cars and ATVs. This group would like a better sidewalk system, as well as more recreation opportunities in town.
<p>Parents</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Parents drive, walk, and bike. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is the truck traffic that flows through town on County Road K30.
<p>Steering Committee</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Steering committee members walk, drive, bike, and run. This group is interested in making connections among the various destinations and neighborhoods in Lester.
	<p>Lester residents have created their own walking/biking/running loop that consists of Hastings Street and 140th Street.</p> <p>Residents of all ages use the community center, which in addition to hosting events such as soup supper, has a gym where people can walk in winter and an exercise room.</p> <p>All user types enjoy Lester's three parks and the ball field. Youth like Meadowview Park for the swings and house. Everyone goes to Ball Diamond Park to either watch or play fast-pitch softball.</p> <p>Adults appreciate the safe environment that Lester provides for their families. Parents feel safe letting their children "run around" because everyone knows each other and there is not much traffic in general.</p> <p>The parent, active and older adult groups noted that for its size, Lester "has a lot to offer," including the parks, Main Street businesses, a restaurant, and a convenience store.</p> <p>Residents feel fortunate to have the fire department and fire station in their small community.</p> <p>All groups noted that the sidewalk system is incomplete and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. Specifically, people identified the sidewalks on Main Street and by the bus stop as bad.</p> <p>Adult users pointed out that the line of sight at the intersection of Clinton and Main Streets is insufficient and Hastings Street is confusing.</p> <p>County Road K30 is seen as a barrier because it carries a lot of truck traffic through town, making it difficult to cross Main Street and to access the Meadowview development and park.</p> <p>All user types see the railroad tracks through town as a problem because they are "sketchy" to cross on foot or on a bike. The tracks also create a barrier between the popular Ball Diamond Park and the rest of the community.</p> <p>The steering committee older adult and parent groups noted that Mida Creek causes flooding on Highway 9 and that East Creek floods the southeast part of town.</p> <p>All user groups would like to have more sidewalks in town, specifically to the community center and to City Park, as well as on Dove Avenue by the retirement community.</p> <p>Parents, youth, and older adults would like a walking/biking trail in the community. Some participants suggested a loop trail around town. Others suggested using the old railbed to create a trail.</p> <p>Parts of Lester are disconnected from the rest of Ball Diamond Park. Residents want these areas to be more accessible to cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Some residents expressed the need to update the City Park with new play equipment and an enclosed shelter with restrooms and a kitchenette.</p>															

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