






What Matters to Manning Residents

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities					
	Great Western/ Four Corners	Manning Rec Center	Main Street	Outdoor Recreation Opportunities	Wide, Smooth Walking/Biking Surfaces	Amenities (e.g., seating, bike racks, plantings)	Intersection of Center Street and Highway 141	Community Disconnect	Wind	Seasonal Barriers	Uneven Sidewalks/Trails	More Trails and Trail Connections	Regional Trail Connections	Better Pedestrian Crossings on Highway 141	Additional Outdoor Amenities	
 Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Actives bike, run, and walk for recreation. They are concerned about broken and missing sidewalks and having safe intersection crossings. Actives also desire longer trails that connect destinations.
 Senior & Mobility Impaired	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Seniors and mobility-impaired individuals drive to most of their destinations. Some people walk and others ride with friends. Smooth trails and sidewalks with curb ramps are important to this group.
 Youth	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	The major mode of transportation for youth is walking or biking. Some youth rollerblade, and high school students drive. They enjoy visiting the parks in town but would like more activities. They also want somewhere to ride bikes.
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	Parents mainly drive, spending their recreational time partaking in activities with their children. They would like more smooth surfaces where they can push strollers and desire safer access to Great Western/Four Corners and across the highway.
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	The steering committee members drive, walk and bike to destinations. Like the other groups, the steering committee would like longer trails and more trail connections. This group also wants a better crossing at Highway 141 and Center Street.
	<p>Great Western/Four Corners Recreation Area offers outdoor activities for all ages, including camping, fishing, hiking, and walking/biking/running the trail around the lake. Parents take their kids sledding there during winter.</p> <p>People in every focus group mentioned going to the Manning Recreation Center. It is especially popular during the winter months when outdoor recreation opportunities are limited.</p> <p>Main Street is central to everyday life for residents because most basic services are located there, such as the post office, the library, the bowling alley, and retail outlets. The highly valued Veterans Wall is located at the south end of Main Street.</p> <p>All user types value the venues for outdoor activity in and around Manning, particularly the developing trail system and the parks. Youth under 13 enjoy playing at the school playground because it has slides.</p> <p>Adult users enjoy the walking trail because it has a wide, smooth surface. Parents and steering committee members like the wide shoulders on Highway 141 going east/out of town. Youth like flat surfaces for rollerblading and biking.</p> <p>People in several groups appreciate amenities in town, such as the benches and trash cans on Main Street. The senior and mobility-impaired and the youth groups like the plantings along Highway 141 and the flowers on Main Street.</p> <p>All groups noted that the intersection of Center Street and Highway 141 is difficult to cross for vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. The adult groups added that snow, piles and icy roadways exacerbate the problem in winter.</p> <p>Participants in the senior and mobility-impaired group and the steering committee referred to "North Manning" and "South Manning," a division created by Highway 141.</p> <p>Wind was brought up during nearly every focus group. Actives and youth said that it is particularly windy at Great Western/Four Corners. People avoid walking the perimeter of town when it's windy, including the walking trail.</p> <p>The adults mentioned that the Highway 141 intersections with Center and Main Streets get icy during the winter. Some hills in town are difficult to navigate as well. Parents noted that the high school track floods in spring, and the road to Four Corners has been underwater at times.</p> <p>Users of all ages said they avoid areas where the surfaces are uneven and broken. Youth don't like Main Street south of the highway because it's bumpy.</p> <p>Participants in all groups would like more, longer trails throughout Manning that are connected. Parents and steering committee members want more access points to the trail.</p> <p>Adult user groups expressed interest in connections to regional trail systems such as the Sauk Trail in Carroll. The parents group mentioned that people bike to Templeton on Thursdays during the summer.</p> <p>All users groups agree that a better pedestrian crossing is needed at Highway 141 and Center Street. Actives and parents suggested an over- or underpass. The youth thought a pedestrian signal would make crossing easier.</p> <p>All groups expressed the need for more amenities throughout town at Great Western/Four Corners, including benches, drinking fountains, trash cans, and dog waste bags. Youth want a skate park and splash pads.</p>															

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