

User Types



Actives



Mobility Impaired



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	City Park	Chichaqua Trail	Walking Dogs Around Town	Shade	Universal Access	Trail Amenities	Incomplete and Poor Sidewalks	Poor Lighting	Poor Visibility	Lack of Way-finding Signage	Underutilized Middle School Property	Trail Improvements	Lighting	Sidewalk Improvements	Way-finding Signage
Actives	●	●	●		●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●
Mobility Impaired	●				●	●	●		●			●	●	●	
Older Adults	●	●		●	●	●	●	●				●		●	●
Youth	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parents	●	●				●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●

Actives walk, and bike regularly for recreational/sports training and getting around town. They feel constrained by a lack of connections around town, poor pavement quality, and a lack of sidewalks in some places.

Mobility-impaired individuals rely on driving and walking to get around town. Smooth, wide surfaces are important. This group walks primarily in the street because of the poor condition of the sidewalks. They also use the trail frequently.

The major modes of transportation for older adults are walking and driving. They appreciate the convenience of living in a small town where they can access services on foot, while living in close proximity to a metro area.

Youth enjoy destinations in town such as the Mingo City Park and the old middle school. Their main modes of transportation are walking and biking. Older youth also drive. Bad surface conditions and lack of sidewalks in some parts of town restrict their movement around the city.

Parents drive, bike, and walk. They are concerned about the safety of their children. They identified Davenport Street close to a school bus stop as a safety concern because traffic is congested and people drive fast.

Steering committee members walk, drive, bike, and use a golf cart to get around town. They pointed out the lack of sidewalks and way-finding signage in some parts of town. They would like better lighting on the Chichaqua Valley Trail and in several other parts of town.

City Park is popular among all demographic types. Youth enjoy the playground, equipment, while adults value the shelter, with the water station. Mobility-impaired individuals appreciate the accessible picnic table in the shelter.

Both youth and adults value the Chichaqua Trail. Actives like the fact that the trail connects to destinations such as Des Moines, Ankeny, and Bondurant. Steering committee members noted that the trail is a great place to take kids.

Youth and active recreationists walk their dogs.

Residents appreciate the shade provided by mature trees throughout town. They would like more shade Davenport Street.

Older adults, those with mobility issues, and active adults noted the importance of accessible facilities. Specifically, they identified the accessibility of the park shelter and picnic table as an asset.

People from all demographic groups value the amenities along the trail and in the park, such as the porta-potty, benches, the water station, and trash receptacles.

Residents consider the lack or poor conditions of sidewalks in town as a barrier, particularly at the north side of Railroad Street.

Poor lighting is a barrier around town and along the Chichaqua Valley Trail. Specifically, participants identified poor lighting at the intersection of E Main Street and Highway 117.

Youth, parents, steering committee and mobility-impaired individuals mentioned that there are areas of low visibility throughout town, particularly at the intersection of E Railroad Street and Station Street.

Residents identified a lack of way-finding signage around Mingo for amenities such as the trail, the trail parking lot, and the Snack Shack.

Steering committee members, youth, and parents think that the old middle school is underutilized. The area is poorly maintained, but the residents see it as an area with a lot of potential for a park or recreation area.

All user types suggested improvements to the trail including more lighting, a camping area with showers, trash cans, and litter removal.

Lighting needs to be added in town and on the trail. Specifically, Mingo residents would like to see lighting on Station and East Streets.

Both adult and youth participants would like to see a complex sidewalk system throughout town and current sidewalks repaired, such as those on E Main Street.

Parents, youth, actives, older adults, and members of the steering committee expressed the desire for way-finding signage along the trail and around town to local destinations.



# Emerging Themes

## Transportation Assets and Barriers

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