

What Matters to Monona Residents

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities																																	
	Community Parks	Family Aquatic Center	Downtown	Amenities (e.g., seating, bike racks)	New Play Equipment at City Park	Wildlife	Sidewalks	Snow Barriers	Flooding Streets	Downtown Lighting	Litter	Gateway Park Enhancements	Lighting on Main Street	Downtown Enhancements	More and Longer Trails																														
 Actives	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																														
 Senior & Mobility Impaired	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●																																
 Youth	●	●	●	●	●					●		●																																	
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●																															
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●																														
	The Butterfly Garden and trail are significant destinations, although there are barriers associated with them. Other popular parks are Gateway Park, Garden View Park, and City Park. Mononans value peaceful, natural areas close to home.			The Family Aquatic Center is a popular recreation venue mentioned by all but seniors and mobility impaired. People go there on foot, by bike, and by car.			Downtown Monona is important to everyday life for everyone. Residents mentioned City Hall, the fire department, the library, restaurants, and other businesses as frequent destinations.			Amenities—including drinking fountains, benches, tables, and bike racks—are valued by Monona residents.			Seniors, parents, and youth appreciate city park because of its new inclusively designed play equipment. Accessibility is important to residents.			People in Monona enjoy watching wildlife such as deer and butterflies. Rabbits and skunks were mentioned as problem animals.			An incomplete sidewalk network makes getting around the community challenging, particularly in downtown and new neighborhood developments.			Inconsistent snow removal on sidewalks and roads creates barriers for almost every focus group. Many prefer walking in the street rather than navigating snow piles or drifts.			Pooling water on Iowa Street, Hill Street, at City Park, and other locations during heavy rain events makes travel inconvenient.			All groups noted that the current lack of lighting throughout town creates a feeling of unease after dark.			Actives and youths noted the problem of litter accumulating in City Park and other public spaces. The youth indicated that minimizing litter would better reflect community pride.			Residents said that a sidewalk or trail connecting Gateway Park to the rest of town would make it more accessible. They also suggested improved picnic areas, trash cans, and signage advertising the park.			All groups discussed a desire for improved lighting throughout town. Participants commented on the potential for increased activity downtown with better lighting.			Many residents think that downtown could be improved by more businesses, fewer parking lots, and accessible sidewalks and business entrances.			The steering committee, actives, and parents want a connection between Luana and Monona. Currently people run, walk, and bike along the highway. Many feel a designated path would be much safer.		

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