






User Types	Destinations and Activities				Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features			Most Desired Improvements and Activities					
	School	Locust Grove Park	Hoover Nature Trail	Library	Benches	Good Mix of Businesses	Nice Cemetery	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Poor Lighting	Unpaved Parking Lots	Better, Connected Sidewalks	Downtown Revitalization	More Benches	More Park Activities	Trail Enhancements	
 Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●			Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group enjoys the trail because using it feels "like a nature hike."
 Mobility Impaired	●	●	●	●		●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Therefore, smooth, wide surfaces that are accessible are important. The poor sidewalks and unpaved parking lots are issues.
 Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	Older adults primarily drive and walk to destinations. They also bike. This group enjoys the natural areas in Morning Sun such as the trail and the cemetery and would like to see them improved.
 Youth	●	●	●	●		●			●					●		Youth mainly walk, bike, and run to get around the community. Some ride the bus to school. This group is interested in having more outdoor recreation opportunities.
 Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	Parents drive, walk, and bike. They are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town. Of particular concern is the lack of sidewalks along busy streets and poor lighting.
 Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	Steering committee members walk, drive, bike and run. This group is interested in connecting the three main "hubs" in town: the school, the businesses along Highway 78, and downtown.
<p>Participants in all the focus groups identified the school as a major asset to Morning Sun. One person described it as "probably the heart of the community."</p> <p>Locust Grove Park is well used by both adults and youth. A number of community events are held there, including soccer, the Easter egg hunt, and the July 4th celebration.</p> <p>All users appreciate the Hoover Nature Trail. Participants noted that the trail offers shade and access to wildlife such as rabbits, squirrels, deer, and eagles.</p> <p>Adult users identified the library as a significant asset for a community the size of Morning Sun. The library is frequented by youth, as well as care-center residents.</p> <p>People like the powder-coated benches throughout town because they provide seating that requires little maintenance.</p> <p>Residents of all ages appreciate the variety of businesses and services available in Morning Sun, particularly the fire department and ambulance service.</p> <p>Adults appreciate the cemetery because it is well kept, with new landscaping and signage recently added. People walk there because it is quiet.</p> <p>All groups noted that the sidewalk system in Morning Sun is incomplete, and that some of the existing sidewalks are in poor condition. Some sidewalks have been removed but not replaced.</p> <p>Poor lighting throughout town makes youth and some adult users feel unsafe.</p> <p>Unpaved parking lots make some businesses difficult to access for mobility-impaired individuals.</p> <p>Adult users would like the sidewalk system to be improved with wider sidewalks and curb cuts to make it more accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.</p> <p>Downtown revitalization is a top priority among adult residents, particularly older adults and parents.</p> <p>Adult users value the benches in town and would like for youth at the park, such as a splash pad, swings and monkey bars. Existing play equipment needs to be updated.</p> <p>Desired improvements to the trail include more lighting, better maintenance, benches, and better signage.</p>																

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