

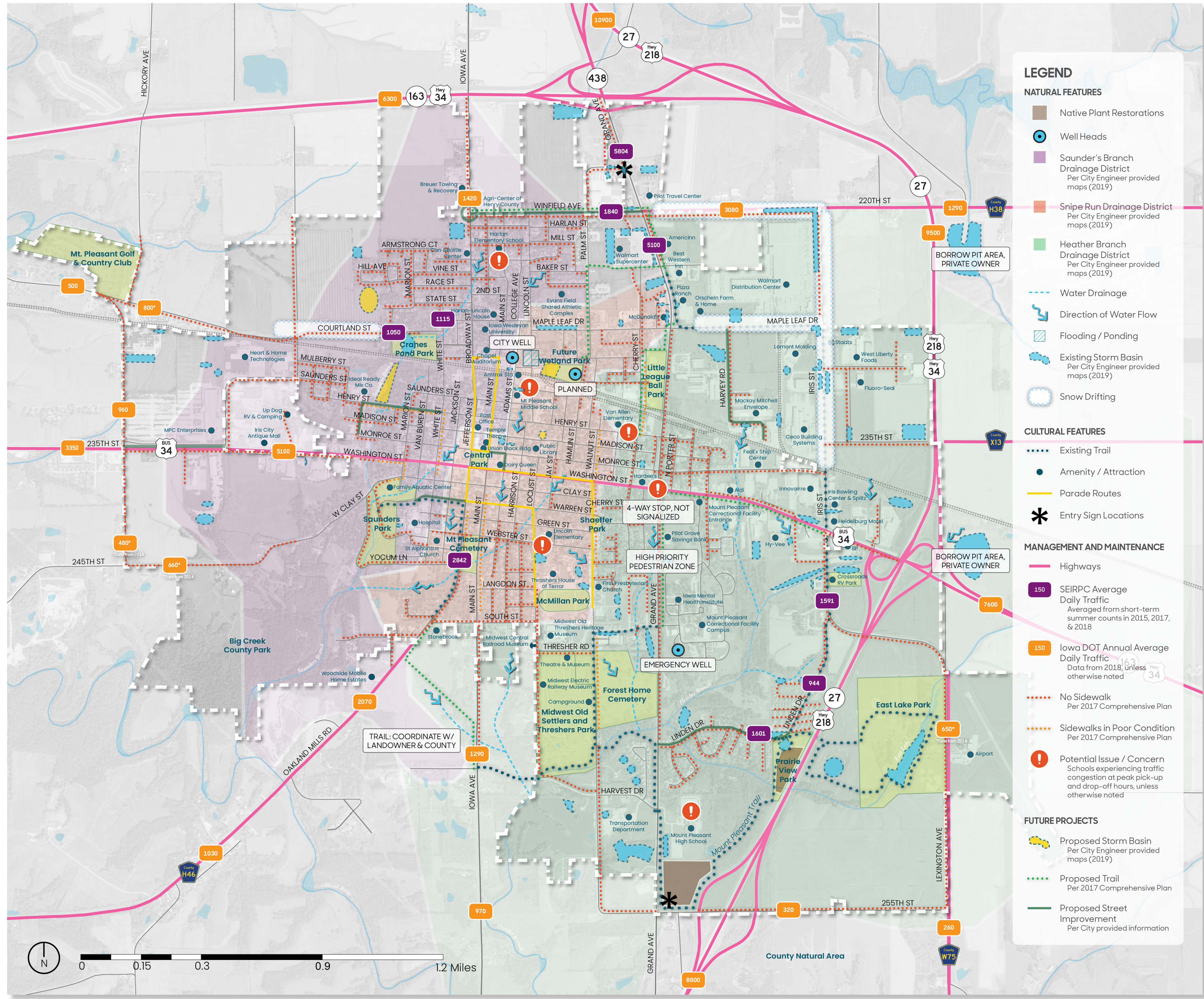
Transportation Mapping

The Community Visioning team inventoried existing transportation assets, needs, and concerns throughout Mount Pleasant. Data were collected through observation, anecdotal evidence, focus group input, and discourse with City of Mount Pleasant, Henry County, and Iowa Department of Transportation officials.

Both survey results and mapping highlight that commuters rely on cars and primarily utilize the town's highways and main arterials, Washington St. and Grand Ave. The Washington and Grand intersection, with its four-way stop, has been identified as confusing and inefficient, while South Grand Ave. has been prioritized for pedestrian infrastructure improvements. Grand Ave. also hosts the town's entry signs, both of which have been flagged as needing improvement. Washington Street and Grand Avenue deserve further study in terms of motorist, pedestrian, and visitor experience.

While most commuters currently drive or carpool, surveys indicate that improvements to pedestrian infrastructure—both sidewalk network and condition—would greatly improve perceived walkability and encourage active/alternative transportation. There are notable gaps in sidewalk connectivity on the north side of town, in southeastern neighborhoods, and in south central Mount Pleasant, around Langdon St. The city is currently prioritizing pedestrian infrastructure along arterials, followed by city schools and parks. The existing and proposed walking and cycling network should be further assessed for efficiency, on-the-ground experience, and connectivity to points of interest.

New pedestrian infrastructure and enhanced highway/street corridors, particularly along arterials and around schools, would help to build a stronger sense of community identity, connectivity, and overall safety and accessibility for Mount Pleasant's residents and visitors.



Elements integral to town aesthetics and identity, left to right: old thresher in the town square; historic downtown district; ornamental light posts, plantings, and pavement details throughout town

Mount Pleasant Transportation Inventory

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