



## Concept Overview

Plymouth's visioning committee expressed a desire for way-finding and entrance signage. A town logo was developed by the design team featuring the "Plymouth Rock," which holds historical significance for the community. The visioning committee also expressed a need for way-finding signage including Shell Rock River access sites, since many recreational enthusiasts utilizing the Shell Rock River come to Plymouth to kayak and tube. Old School Park is a nice amenity for the community but requires a lot of maintenance. The visioning committee wanted to explore options for Old School Park that would be beneficial, require less maintenance, and possibly generate revenue.

County Road S56 intersects Main Street at the heart of Plymouth. Known as the community "in the middle of everywhere," Plymouth sees lots of traffic through town and frequently has issues with people not obeying the traffic signs for speeding and stopping. The visioning committee wanted to explore traffic calming measures along County Road S56 and beautifying this intersection and entrance to Main Street. The visioning committee also wanted to look at improving safety at this intersection because it is a major node for school bus traffic. "There is no real good, safe spot for our buses to come in and there's no spot for the kids. They all hang out at the Post Office for cold weather," (Re: What People Said, 3b).

A hidden gem in Plymouth located along the Shell Rock River is Strand Park, a Cerro Gordo County Park with access to the river. Even though its proximity is close, there is no pedestrian-oriented route to the park, creating a disconnect with town. "Strand Park, they have tennis courts and basketball courts, but for kids and people that aren't able to drive, there's not really a good means to get out there," (Re: What People Said, 3b).

An exercise route with improved lighting, benches and shade trees to compliment the trail in Old School Park was a goal for the committee, brought up during the analysis meetings. The design team created a walkability route for the community with suggested improvements such as improved sidewalks, benches, lighting and street trees.



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