

User Types

**Actives**

**Mobility Challenged**

**Older Adults**

**Youth**

**Parents**

**Steering Committee**

|                            | Destinations and Activities |             |                   | Desirable Qualities and Features |                         |                              | Undesirable Qualities and Features |                       |                    |                      |                   | Most Desired Improvements and Activities  |                   |                                 |                    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
|                            | Walking/Biking Trail        | Local Parks | School Playground | Outdoor Recreation Opportunities | Access to Natural Areas | Wide Walking/Biking Surfaces | Poor Sidewalk Infrastructure       | Traffic on Highway 22 | Limited Visibility | Insufficient Parking | Seasonal Flooding | Pedestrian/Cyclist Crossing on Highway 22 | Trail Connections | Complete & Accessible Sidewalks | Additional Parking |
| <b>Actives</b>             | ●                           | ●           |                   | ●                                | ●                       | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     | ●                  | ●                    | ●                 | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |
| <b>Mobility Challenged</b> | ●                           | ●           | ●                 | ●                                | ●                       | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     |                    | ●                    |                   | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |
| <b>Older Adults</b>        | ●                           | ●           | ●                 | ●                                | ●                       | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     |                    | ●                    |                   | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |
| <b>Youth</b>               | ●                           | ●           | ●                 | ●                                |                         | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     | ●                  |                      | ●                 | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |
| <b>Parents</b>             | ●                           | ●           | ●                 | ●                                | ●                       | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     | ●                  | ●                    | ●                 | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |
| <b>Steering Committee</b>  | ●                           | ●           | ●                 | ●                                | ●                       | ●                            | ●                                  | ●                     | ●                  | ●                    | ●                 | ●   | ●                 | ●                               | ●                  |

Actives walk, bike, and run regularly for exercise and getting around town. They enjoy the pond at Conservation Park but think that the park in general is not user friendly. This group would like a trail connection to Hills so they can more easily access the trail system in Iowa City.

Mobility-challenged individuals rely on driving, walking, and motorized scooters to get around town. Smooth, wide surfaces are important. This group would like more wheelchair access in Railroad and Hall Parks, as well as accessible play equipment similar to what is at the school.

Older adults walk, bike, and drive cars or motorcycles. They feel that the trail is disconnected because of the absence of a sidewalk on River Street from Washington to the trailhead. This group would like the wooded trail behind the cemetery to be fixed up.

The modes of transportation for youth are walking, biking, and running. Older youth also drive. Teens want a pedestrian crossing at Highway 22 and Rose Street for safer access to the parks, and younger kids would like a bridge over the creek south of 2nd Street for better access to the trail.

Parents drive and walk, and go horseback riding. They are concerned about their children's safety. They noted that people use the school parking lot as a street to access the development just east of the school. Parents think the speed bump on Schnoebelen would be more effective if it were closer to the school.

Steering committee members walk, bike, and drive cars to get around town. This group enjoys snowmobiling. The steering committee suggested interpretive signage to identify natural and historical elements in town, as well as way-finding signage to the trail.

All user groups frequent the walking/biking trail on the south side of town. Actives feel safe on the trail and like the beautiful area near the bridge. Youth enjoy walking, biking, and riding scooters there. Mobility-challenged individuals appreciate the level terrain.

Both youth and adult user types value Riverside's parks. Hall Park hosts league baseball and Trek Fest, provides access to the river, and has a dog park. Hall and Railroad Parks have play equipment and shelters. Veterans Memorial Park is a beautiful place to sit and relax.

The playground at the elementary school is a popular destination because it is a safe place for kids to play. The wheelchair access and accessible play equipment are key features to residents, especially those with mobility challenges.

Residents appreciate the many venues for outdoor recreation available to them. Parents and actives like Conservation Park. The trail offers an exercise venue for people at all ability levels.

Adult participants identified several places where they can experience nature and natural beauty. The older adult and mobility-challenged groups like listening to birds and seeing flowers at Veterans Park.

All demographic groups value wide walking and biking surfaces because they allow people to walk or bike side by side and can accommodate parents pushing strollers. Examples cited include the safe route to school, the trail, and the road at the cemetery.

Participants in all focus groups consider uneven, narrow, and missing sidewalks a barrier, especially in the older neighborhoods. The absence of curb ramps, in some areas limits access for mobility-challenged individuals.

Heavy, high-speed traffic on Highway 22 through the heart of downtown makes it difficult for most residents to access Railroad Park, Hall Park, and the trail. Residents reported many accidents and "near misses" near Krum & Vine are other examples where visibility is a problem.

Both adult and youth users aired concerns about limited visibility. Some parked along Highway 22 make it hard to see traffic pulling out at Casey's. The five-street intersection at the north end of Ella and the intersection of Highway 22 and Vine are other examples where visibility is a problem.

Focus group participants talked about insufficient parking at several locations, including downtown, at Hall Park, especially during ball games, at the trailhead, and at the school. The mobility-challenged group pointed out that handicapped parking is extremely limited.

Seasonal flooding occurs in Riverside especially in the south part of town, including the ball fields at Hall Park, Railroad Park, Riverside Road, and the ball fields at Hall Park. Participants in all but one focus group identified places where they want a pedestrian/cyclist crossing on Highway 22 including near Casey's at Veterans Park, at Enterprise Drive, and at Schnoebelen Street. Parents and older adults suggested flashing pedestrian beacons, and trails within Hall Park.

All groups want more trail connections both within Riverside and to neighboring communities such as Hills and Kalona. Desired in-town connections include a loop around town, a segment to the casino/golf course, and trails within Hall Park.

Both adults and youth cited the wide sidewalks throughout town as a mobility-challenged group wants for improvements. All groups identified places in town where more parking is needed, including downtown, at the school, and in Hall Park. Older adults and actives suggested changing parking downtown from parallel to angled. The mobility-challenged group wants more handicapped parking throughout town.

# Riverside

## Emerging Themes

**Transportation Assets and Barriers**  
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