

User Types



Actives



Older Adults



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features				Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements			
	Pictured Rocks County Park	Camp Courageous	The Grove	Access to Nature & Wildlife	Scenic Views	Outdoor Recreation Opportunities	Rich History	Absence of Pedestrian/Cyclist Infrastructure	Traffic on Highway 38	Conditions on 190th Street	Conditions on 116th Avenue	Limited Access for ATV/UTVs	Bike Lanes	Trail System	Outdoor Recreation Amenities
Actives	●		●			●	●	●		●		●	●	●	●
Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Parents	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Actives drive and bike to get around the area and bike, kayak, and rock climb for recreation. They feel constrained by having only one access road to Pictured Rocks Park. This group would like more universally accessible rock-climbing options.

Older adults drive, bike, and walk in the Scotch Grove area. They consider the lack of parking in town a barrier. This group is interested in restoring the site of the depot as a rest area with parking and a metal sculpture of the Hula-Hoop Tree.

Parents walk, bike, and drive cars, golf carts, and ATV/UTVs. They are concerned about the safety of their children. Speeding traffic into town on County Road E17 is an issue for parents. This group wants the gravel roads to be paved to allow for easier access via ATV/UTV.

Steering committee members mainly drive cars and ATV/UTVs to get around. They are excited about the potential to create more recreational opportunities in the area. This group suggested at roundabout at the intersection of Highway 38 and County Road E17 to slow traffic.

Pictured Rocks County Park is popular among all user types for its natural beauty and the many outdoor recreation activities available there, including rock climbing, hiking, canoeing, and kayaking. Residents value the park because it attracts visitors from around the world.

Camp Courageous offers recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Residents value members enjoy the walking trails. Steering committee and older adults identified The Grove restaurant as an important destination in Scotch Grove because it brings a lot of people to the area. Actives enjoy biking to the restaurant.

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Residents appreciate the many venues, active recreationists, can appreciate nature and see wildlife, including Pictured Rocks County Park, Eby's Mill Wildlife Area, Camp Courageous, and the Scotch Grove Prairie.

Focus-group participants take pleasure in the scenic views in the Scotch Grove area, particularly along County Road E23 ("Ridge Road"), at Pictured Rocks Park, along the Camp Courageous trails, and on the Maquoketa River.

All demographic groups value the many outdoor recreation opportunities available throughout the year including rock-climbing, canoeing and kayaking, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Participants frequently discussed the rich history of the Scotch Grove area, including the town's historic buildings, the Edinburgh Pioneer Village, the Scotch Grove Country Church, and the 40 pioneer cemeteries in the county.

All demographic types consider the absence of trails, sidewalks, and bike lanes a significant barrier to cyclists and pedestrians. Older adults said that the only way to access Scotch Grove is by motorized vehicle, whether an automobile or an ATV/UTV.

Heavy, high-speed traffic on Highway 38 makes travel difficult for drivers as well as pedestrians and cyclists. The steering committee pointed out that the only way to completely stop traffic.

All groups raised concerns about 190th Street, the main access to both Camp Courageous and Pictured Rocks roadways. At the entrance to Pictured Rocks, the road is narrow and steep; as a result, it is closed during the winter.

Because it is classified as a Level B road, 116th Avenue leading into Scotch Grove is gravel and dirt, making it challenging for all modes of transportation. Holes, ruts, and trenches cause problems year-round that are exacerbated when rain and snow make the road muddy.

Residents frequently travel to and from Scotch Grove via ATV/UTV. However, these types of vehicles are not allowed on the highways, forcing people to take roundabout routes on rough gravel and dirt roads.

All user groups proposed incorporating bike lanes along major roadways, including Highway 38 and 136. Older adults suggested a bike lane on 190th Street to provide safer pedestrian/bike access to Camp Courageous.

A trail system is a priority among residents. Older adults would like trails at the Scotch Grove Prairie, Bluffs, Pictured Rocks, and Monticello. A multi-use Jones County loop trail was also mentioned.

Because outdoor recreation plays such a significant role in the Scotch Grove area, focus-group participants have many ideas for related amenities including more campgrounds, water stations, public restrooms, a water trail, more river access points, and a bike-share program.

Scotch Grove

Emerging Themes

Transportation Assets and Barriers

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