

User Types



Actives



Mobility Impaired



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features				Most Desired Improvements and Activities				
	Parks	Library	Community Center	Sense of Community	Low Cost of Living	Community Gathering Places	Poor, Incomplete Sidewalks	Poor Access to Pond Park	Highway 25 & State Street Intersection	Outdated Parks	Updated Parks	Walking/Biking Trail	Improved Access to Pond Park	Community Beautification	Quiet Zone Designation
Actives	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Mobility Impaired	●	●	●	●		●	●	●							
Older Adults	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Youth	●		●			●		●						●	
Parents				●	●		●		●	●	●	●		●	●
Steering Committee	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	<p>People enjoy the parks in Scranton, which some describe as "beautiful." Pond Park is a popular field. The active group pointed out that the recreation area is a good place to fly kites.</p> <p>Scranton residents feel fortunate to have a new library; the active, older adult, mobility impaired, and Active participants do yoga at the library.</p> <p>The community center is an important hub of activity that hosts public meetings, graduations and community events. The gym is open year-round for people who want to walk there.</p> <p>Focus-group participants value the sense of community in Scranton and they enjoy the small-town atmosphere. The steering committee and parents noted that Scranton is close to larger communities and jobs.</p> <p>The active parent, older adult, and steering committee groups appreciate the low cost of living in a small community, particularly the low cost of housing.</p> <p>Adult users expressed the importance of having local gathering places in town, such as Cossey's, the congregational meals at the Methodist Church, and the community center.</p> <p>Adult users pointed out that the sidewalk system is in poor condition. Mobility-impaired participants noted that many places are not universally accessible.</p> <p>Currently, the only way to access Pond Park is by crossing the Highway 25 viaduct, which participants believe is not safe for pedestrians or cyclists.</p> <p>Actives, parents, older adults and steering committee members identified the intersection of Highway 25 and State Street as a barrier because there are no turn lanes and traffic moves quickly. Reduced visibility caused by parked cars is also a problem.</p> <p>Both adults and youth think that the city's parks need to be updated. For example, the recreation fields have no restroom facilities. Gazebo Park does not have water, and the ball fields are not maintained.</p> <p>Focus-group participants had many suggestions for improving the park, such as installing new play equipment, upgrading the restrooms, adding timed lighting at the basketball courts, and creating a sledding hill somewhere for youth.</p> <p>The steering committee, older adults, parents, and active recreationists would like a walking/biking path around the community, and creating a sledding connection to Jefferson.</p> <p>Because it is so popular among the youth, safe pedestrian and cyclist access to Pond Park is a high priority among focus-group participants. More and better parking is also desired.</p> <p>Overall community beautification is a priority among both adults and youth. Suggestions include removing and replacing ash trees; razing vacant buildings; engaging Habitat for Humanity.</p> <p>The parent, older adult, and steering committee groups would like Scranton to be a "quiet zone" in terms of train horns. Participants suggested new crossing arms to prevent vehicles from crossing the track when trains are coming.</p>														

Actives walk, drive, and bike regularly, either as part of a daily commute or as recreational/sports training. This group would like improvements such as a walking trail to make walking and biking more comfortable.

Mobility-impaired individuals often rely on motorized scooters and wheelchairs to get around. Golf carts are also popular; hence, this group would like more areas of town to be accessible to golf carts.

Older adults primarily drive, bike, and walk to destinations. This group uses golf carts to get around and are also interested in increasing golf-cart access throughout town.

Youth mainly walk and bike to get around the community. Some ride with their parents, and older youth drive. This group is interested in having more outdoor recreation opportunities and improving existing facilities.

Parents drive, walk, and bike. They also use golf carts and four-wheelers. Parents are concerned about their children's safety as they travel throughout town.

Steering committee members walk, drive, and bike. This group would like to make improvements such as adding crosswalks, installing better street lighting, and reducing the speed along Highway 25 through town.