

"Clarinda {Avenue}'s a nice walk because...you get some elevation and hills there...we have mature trees...and it's nice when people have flowers and stuff like that, but certainly...the mature trees... just make it a nice walk around town actually compared to a lot of other places."

"I also think...we need signage down where the trailhead is for the Wabash Trace...I've worked the marathon so many times where the runners come off...and have no idea where they're supposed to go, or when we've had biking events and people have no idea how to connect to the trailhead."

"It would be great if there was a bike lane on Nishna and Anna Crose... There is technically a bike lane on Nishna...[but] you can barely see it; it is not safe."



Actives

"Every single block of this town has a chunk where there are no sidewalks, [or] where the sidewalk is overgrown."

"Most of our basic utilities, services, conveniences, are located in the least walk[ing-] or biking-friendly areas...it is almost impossible to bike ride or walk to Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walmart [safely]."

"We like to ride our bikes on the...bike path that heads all the way up to Omaha. We like to ride the path until we get to the road. We like to ride bicycles."

"I think it would be a good idea...[to] have a bike path to the pool [from downtown]... The bike paths and the downtown square... are connected by the railroad, so it could be easier to make a path next to the railroad for biking, running, [or] jogging."

"...in parking lots, I think that there should be some more trees, and... more...bushes and flowers because there [are] not that many flowers."

"[Rapp Park has] a big pond with a giant lake, and sometimes there's geese, and people go fishing and camping; it's just a fun place to be."



Youth

"I think they should fix the sidewalks, because when we...walk home...I sometimes trip on accident...so I always watch out when I walk...it's not good if you need to watch out when you walk..."

"McComb Park doesn't really have designated parking, so you usually end up on the shoulder. Especially if it's raining or if there's poor visibility, it's worrisome to be on one of the busiest streets in town... trying to overlook kids."

A lot of us use the Wabash Trace Trail for exercise. It's very conveniently located just north of town, but the access point and how it runs through town is pretty terrible. So, if we could reroute that somehow, that would be fantastic."

"If we're trying to walk within town, it's a little bit of a struggle. Sidewalks are pretty inconsistent; [when] trying to cross on the busier streets there [are] no real designated points to cross."



Parents

"There is no good parking around our football field... and it's double-sided street parking everywhere, so it's one-lane traffic, not really safe to walk because there [are] cars everywhere."

"[Waubonsie Park is] so nice because you can hear the water from the creek, and it just makes it really enjoyable for me personally."

"I can think [of a sidewalk] along Church Street where it's upheaved... [and] along Nishna Road too, there are often places [where] there are not sidewalks; and that's a busy street, and you have to walk in the street."

"...there [are] a number of neighborhoods that don't have sidewalks, and those areas that do have sidewalks—I'm going to guess 30%—probably have some issue... It's rare to go a whole block and not find one that's been uplifted by frost or something like that."

"We like the sidewalk that was put in...out by the high school and the grade school... That sidewalk is just excellent all the way around there, so we really kind of enjoy walking that area."



Older Adults

"...the change the town made...from stoplights downtown to four-way stop signs makes the traffic flow much better than it used to."

"I can think [of] at least two people I see on a regular basis [who] use their motorized wheelchairs for their transportation, and the sidewalks downtown, most of them have handicapped accessibility..."

"The sidewalks are old and...very uneven and they're very unsafe for some people to walk on, especially if you have mobility issues."

"I look for wider sidewalks...If there's a group of us going, it's nice to be able to walk side by side or to not have to maneuver a wheelchair through a really narrow sidewalk."

"It's difficult to get across the railroad tracks. They don't have good sidewalks or places to get across... either on Sheridan or Thomas Avenue."



Mobility Challenged

"The back of the post office has absolutely steep curbs...and there [are] quite a few curbs like that in Shenandoah."

"I do think that safe route to school is good...it's ADA compliant...That would be off [South] Center Road, and it goes along Anna Crose up Mustang Drive."

"[Rapp Park is] definitely a destination for all of our town. Everybody goes out there. There's a campground...a lot of fishing...shelters [and] the ponds have a lot of wildlife. It's our mini version of the Loess Hills where all the birds land so people go out and take photographs."

"...there are...no sidewalks along Anna Crose, and so if you are going to walk somewhere, you have to walk on the side of the road or in the ditch, and it's not always the safest option too."

"I'll walk over to the K-8 or to the high school building because it's very close [in] proximity...my husband and I both work for the school system, and [are] trying to walk more to work just as a healthy habit... We will...use the Safe Routes to School route that was put in a few years ago."

"It would be nice to connect [Rapp Park] to the Trace and then have a loop that you could do."

"It would be really nice if there was some kind of path along the railroad tracks to connect downtown to the Sportsman's Park and the trailhead."



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