



Assets and Preferred Routes

The analysis of assets and routes is based on feedback received from the seniors and mobility-impaired users. The steering committee is not considered a user type, as it is usually made up of representatives from the other user types. Although not shown on this map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the written description, as a point of comparison.

Walking

Both groups walk for recreation. When the weather is cold people walk shorter distances in town. In the warmer months, people walk on the trail, visit the community garden and the children's garden.

Biking

One senior participant bikes a loop that includes the Old Mill Road. The steering community and senior and mobility-impaired groups are proud of the community's bike-share program, noting that it is well used.

Winter Activities

When there is enough snow on the ground, snowmobiling is a popular winter activity. Some walkers continue to walk year-round. The senior and mobility-impaired group noted that people also cross-country ski and snowshoe.

Parks

The senior and mobility-impaired group admires Veterans Memorial Park; they described it as beautiful and well lit. They also appreciate that the trail connects to both the community garden and children's garden. This group values the benches and flagpole at Deer Park. In general, participants in both groups like the appearance of St. Ansgar and wish to maintain it.

Signage

The senior and mobility-impaired group think that the welcome signs are appealing and that other signs in town are helpful resources to people visiting.

What People Said:

"A lot of [my walking route] is picturesque too, because people take such good care of their yards. There [are] beautiful flower beds all along the way, and when you go around the walk trail, it's cool because different times of the day kids are doing activities."

"[Snowmobiling] can be on the streets if the conditions are right. Just depends."

"We are proud of our four signs on each highway."

"When this town was settled by the river...they planted those trees [in Clausen Park], and so since 1853—that's how old they are...I think it's a godsend to the town, really."

"You can rent a bike or take a bike. You borrow. They're well-used."

St. Ansgar

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