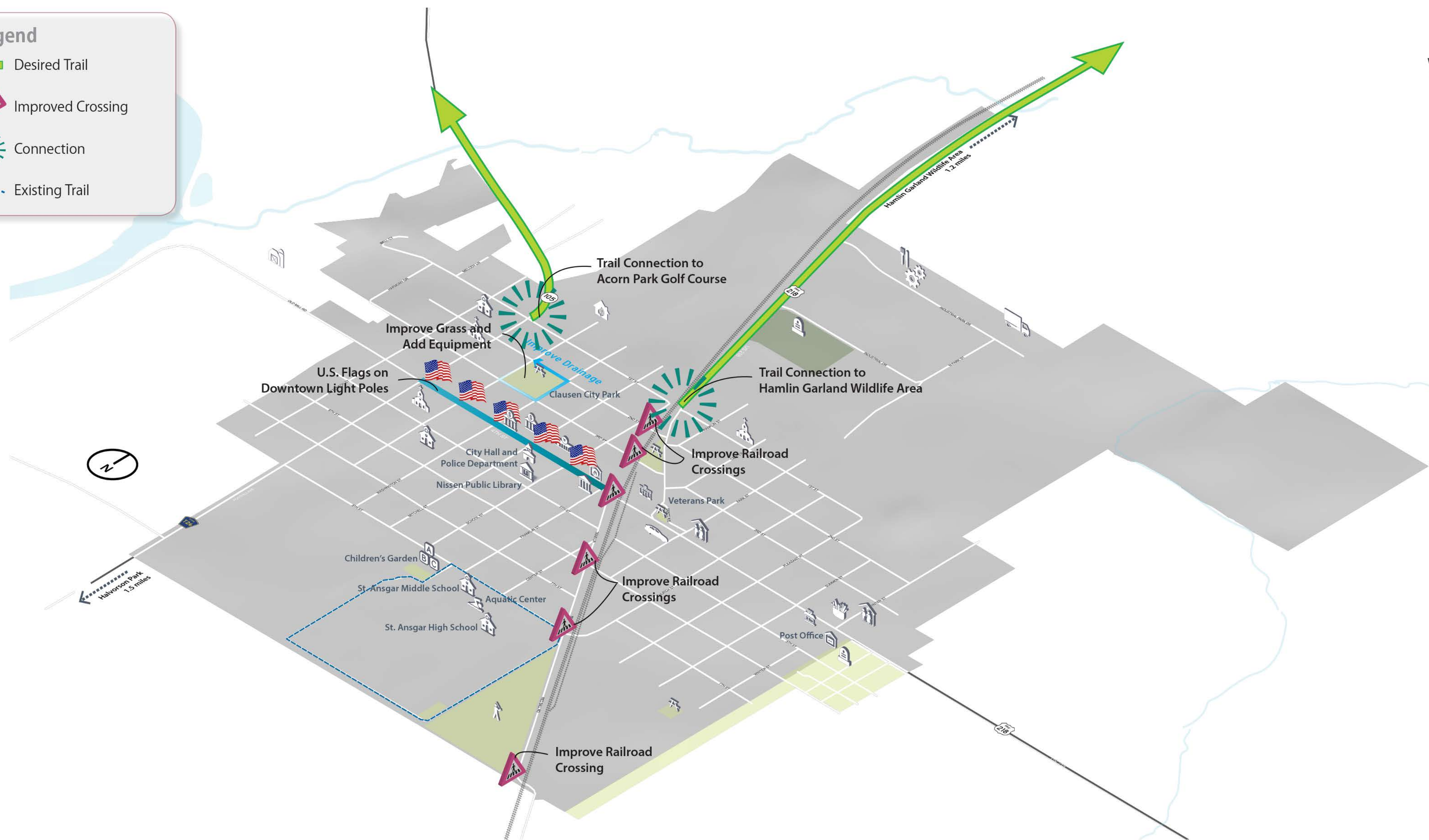


Legend

- Desired Trail
- Improved Crossing
- Connection
- Existing Trail



What People Said:

“There should be a [handicapped-accessible] railroad crossing by the end of the summer, I think.”

“Shade [is important]. I like trees.”

“We’d like our city park to be equally as attractive as the people keep their lawns.”

“Personally from an aesthetic value, I think it will be really cool to have the flag, the US flag, flying all the time by our lampposts.”



Desired Improvements

The analysis of desired improvements is based on the feedback we received from the senior and mobility-impaired user group. The steering committee is not considered a user group, but rather an amalgamation of all user types. Although not shown on an individual map, input from the steering committee is incorporated into the written description as a point of comparison.

The information on this board should in no way be interpreted as design solutions, but rather as a series of suggestions for improvements taken from the focus-group sessions. These are a preliminary sample of what might be explored as the design process moves forward over the next few months.

Improved Railroad

Both the steering committee and the senior and mobility-impaired group agree that improvements made to the railroad would be beneficial for the community. The seniors and

mobility-impaired users discussed the importance of having a railroad in town, but wish to have better approaches to the tracks as well as have the tracks repaired. The steering committee brought up having safer railroad crossings and suggested crossing guards.

Trails and Connectivity

The steering committee felt it was important that there be more trails, that connect the town to the Hamlin Garland Wildlife Area as well as to the golf course west of town.

Infrastructure

In general, people want many streets in town to be repaired—i.e., patching holes, widening roads, and improving curb and gutter systems. Users noted that these changes would make biking easier. The steering committee would like to have sidewalks on 8th Street.

Clausen City Park Amenities

The steering community suggested an outdoor ice rink in city park. The steering committee and senior and mobility-impaired group both noted the need for new play equipment in the park, as well as the addition of some type of vegetation under the trees and landscaping. Senior/ mobility-impaired users mentioned the excessive flooding in the park.

Aesthetics

The senior and mobility-impaired group values the trees in town, but acknowledged the need to replace the dying and diseased trees with newer, healthier trees. This group also suggested flying US flags throughout downtown year-round.

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