



Proposed trail routes to local destinations

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## Concept Overview

St. Ansgar, population 1,146, is located in Mitchell County on Iowa Highway 105, U.S. Highway 218, and County Roads T38 and A25 near the Cedar River. The town's charming character comes from the restored architecture of many historic homes and downtown buildings. The community is proud of their welcome signs and have one at each of the four entrances into town. Though the plywood signs are beginning to decay, the existing stone columns are still in good condition and could be reused.

Clausen City Park and Angel Park are two important green spaces in the community, and a number of possible ideas for enhancements were brought out in the visioning process. Committee and community members identified that improving the mulch play surface and providing better accessibility within Clausen City Park would make this historically significant gem in the community even better. Angel Park is a relatively new park that needs signage, additional play equipment, additional shade trees, and improved accessibility.

The community longs for trails connecting popular destinations near St. Ansgar. The desired trails would go through private property, so cooperation from private land owners would need to be made before these trail connections could be implemented.

St. Ansgar boasts a newly updated school campus that includes pre-K through 12th grade students, an aquatic center, St. Ansgar Recreation Trail (S.T.A.R.T.), community and children's gardens and sports fields. Safe routes for kids to access this location was a priority for the community.

Neighborhood stormwater is a serious concern in St. Ansgar. Though not a specific project addressed in visioning, stormwater management is a topic that was heavily discussed by committee and community members; educational information discussing a variety of possible strategies to improve stormwater management is included. A comprehensive stormwater engineering study would need to be completed to navigate the complexity of the stormwater issues.



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