



Former Rail Track NW of 132 nd St.



Former Rail Track near Golf Course



Former Rail Track near Division St.



Former Rail Track S of 132 nd St.

“I would love to see a trail around the city.”

This concept focuses on reprogramming Cub and City Parks as the existing baseball fields are planned to be relocated due to recurrent flooding. As the parks are within the floodplain and are often inundated, a wetland ecological park program is proposed. This can feature wetland trails, educational and interpretive signage, and recreational opportunities that can withstand flooding events.

This concept also looks long-term and proposes repurposing the abandoned railroad line crossing northwest to southeast through the center of the community. Establishing the trail within the city boundaries will help to better connect existing and proposed trail networks. Ultimately, this aims to establish future inter-town trail connections that bring recreational tourism into Sumner. This will be a long-term mission requiring collaboration with several other communities and different governmental organizations like Iowa-DOT, which already has a road-route between New Hampton - Highway 63 to Artesian - Highway 3 designated as a future Vision Corridor per their Iowa In Motion - Bicycle and Pedestrian Long-Range Plan. Sumner can help to initiate such a large project by undertaking the portion that lies within the city limits, to help connect local city routes and encourage Iowa DOT to plan a regional route through the community. There will be numerous benefits brought to Sumner by this trail system. A regional recreational amenity will help to stimulate local businesses, recreational tourism, and ecological opportunities that serve a greater number of people throughout the region.



Sumner Concept 4

Long-term Goals:
InterTown Rails-to-Trails Connection

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