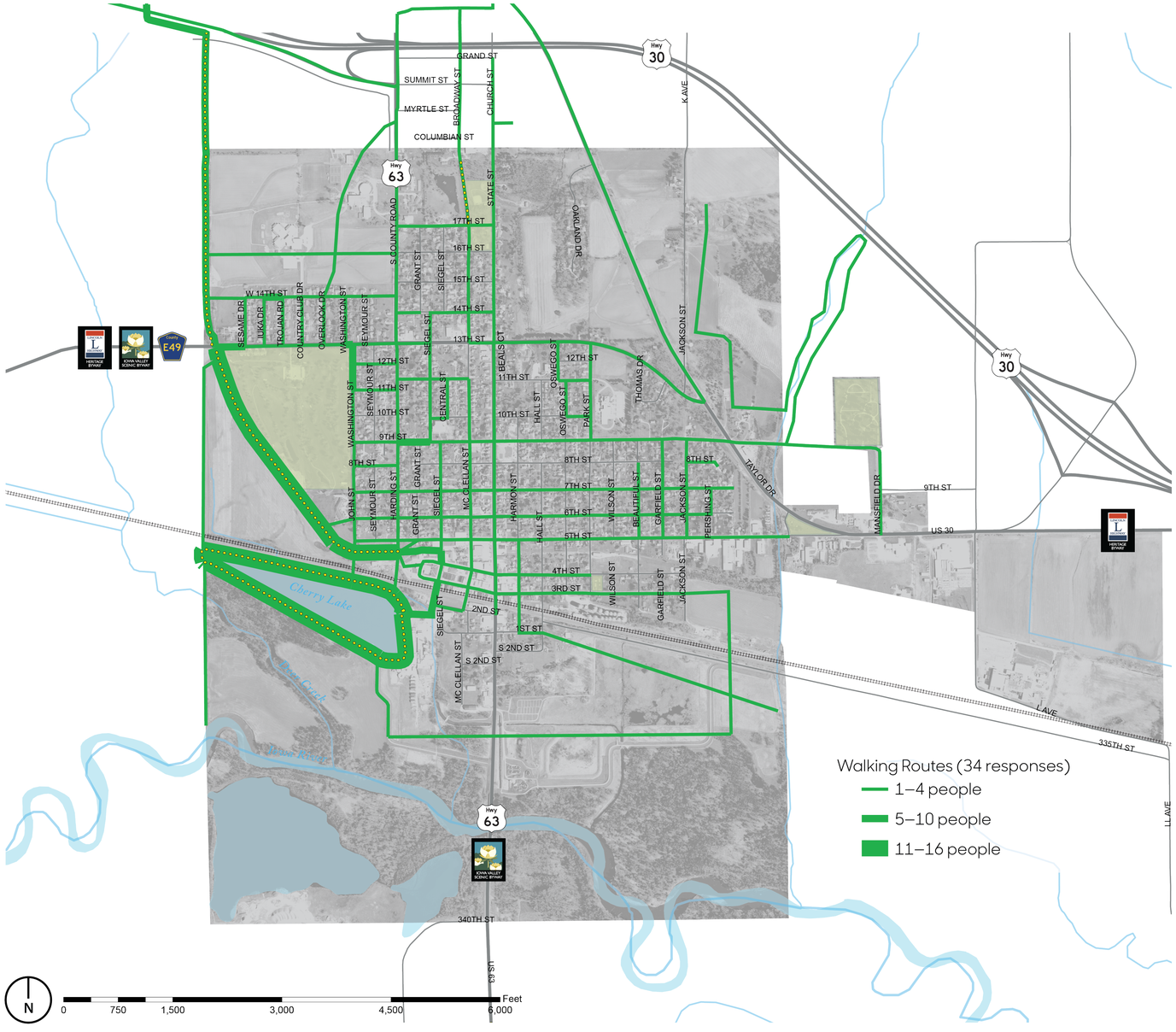
Where They Walk

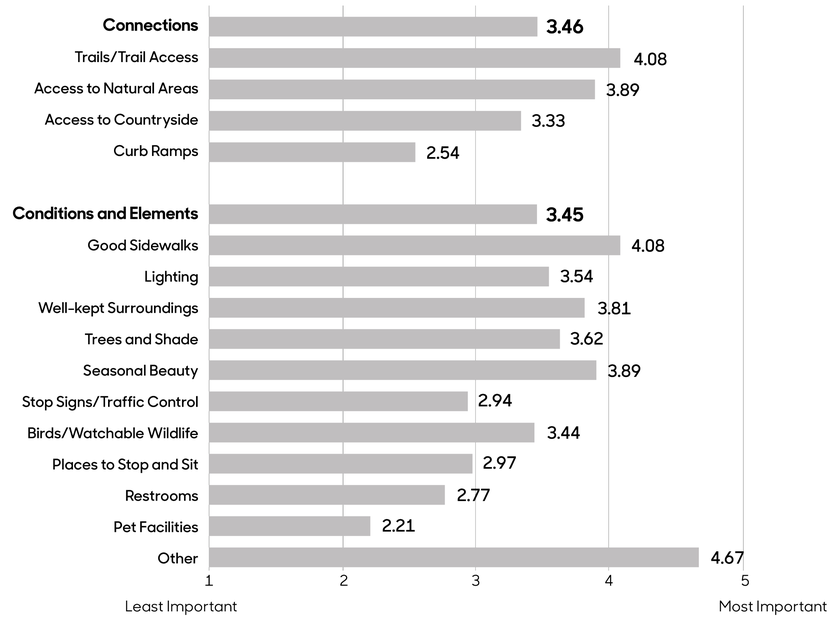
This map shows the walking routes identified by 34 survey respondents. The frequency that the routes are used is depicted by their width, with most frequently used routes being the thickest. The Cherry Lake trail and the South Tama Recreation Trail, especially between the country club and the lake, are the most popular walking venues among survey participants. Streets near Cherry Lake and the rec trail, such as Siegel Street, are more heavily used than other city streets.



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislibx/.

Why They Go That Way

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their walking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Tama participants, connections are roughly the same in importance as conditions/elements, with mean values of 3.46 and 3.45, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 4.08. In terms of conditions and elements, other factors (4.67)—such as low traffic, proximity to shopping or parks, and safety—are most important. Good sidewalks (4.08) are the next most important element to walkers, followed by seasonal beauty (3.89) and well-kept surroundings (3.81).



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