

Where Do People Want Trails?

Are There Areas in University Heights Where You Would Like to Have a Recreation Trail? (149 responses)

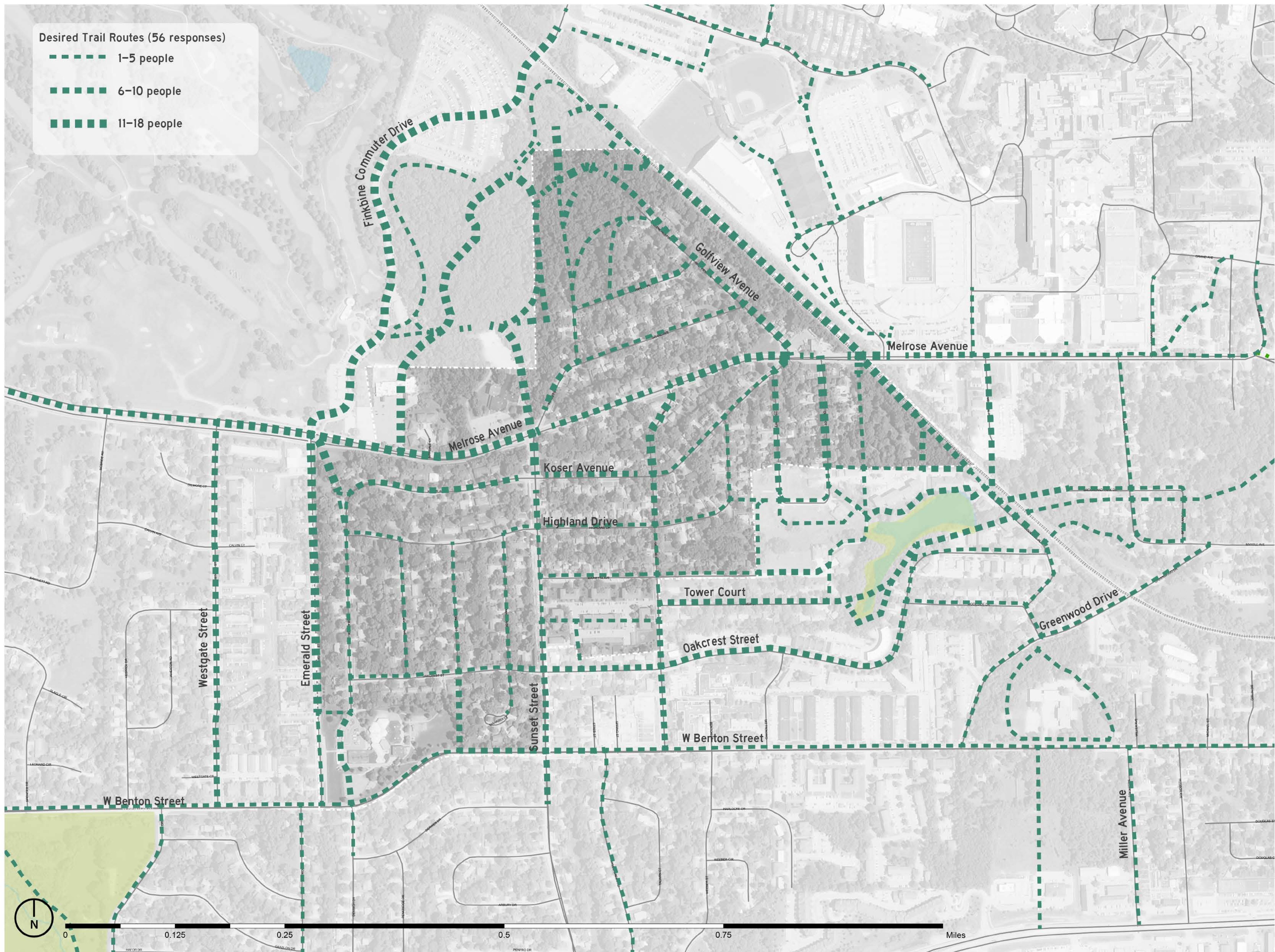
Survey participants were asked whether or not there are areas in town where they would like a trail. Nearly 87% of respondents answered this question. Of those people, almost 65% answered yes. This response rate is consistent with comments from both focus-group participants and survey respondents regarding the need for a trail system or a complete sidewalk system in University Heights.

This map shows the desired trail routes identified by 56 survey respondents. The frequency that respondents suggested routes is depicted by their thickness, with most frequently suggested routes being the thickest. The most frequently suggested trail routes are along Melrose Avenue, Finkbine Commuter Drive, Golfview Avenue and along the railroad line. Some survey participants would like the existing trail in the wooded area on the north side of town expanded into the area just west of city limits. Trails to and around Tower Court Park and Willow Creek are also desired.

“U-Heights is a vital link in [the] bigger bike commute picture. We need to create some way for bike commuters from [the] west to get to the hospital. [We should] look at Lincoln, NE, N Street protected lane.”

“Bike routes should not be simply a painted stripe of the street. Keep the bikes away from car traffic.”

“We have significant issues with a clash of bicycle culture and other types of traffic. I’d like to see a more consistent approach to biking: on the sidewalks or on the streets.”



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, “Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library,” accessed October 2015, <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>. Route data derived from the 2016 Designing Livable Communities survey conducted by Iowa State University.

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