

User Types



Actives



Mobility Impaired



Older Adults



Youth



Parents



Steering Committee

User Types	Destinations and Activities			Desirable Qualities and Features			Undesirable Qualities and Features					Most Desired Improvements and Activities			
	South End Park	North Park	The Pool	The Schools	Good Access at the Courthouse	Sense of Community	Poor Sidewalk System	Highway 61 Intersections	Lack of Connectivity between Schools	Poor Lighting	Lack of Park Amenities	Sidewalk Improvements	Enhanced Safety Along Highway 61	Park Improvements	New Trail
Actives	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●
Mobility Impaired	●	●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●
Older Adults	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Youth	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Parents	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Steering Committee	●	●		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
South End Park was mentioned by all the user groups as the primary destination for outdoor recreation. In this park, adults and children have access to trails, playgrounds, and trees.															
North Park is an important destination to residents especially for kids and their parents. The mobility-impaired group mentioned enjoy swimming as well as walking along the nice path by the pool.															
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Many user groups value the local school system. Wapello elementary school offers recreation facilities such as ball fields, a track, and a pool, which are used by high school students as well.															
Users described the courthouse as a nice area with positive characteristics. The benches, the good condition of the sidewalks, and the handicapped entrance in the back, were mentioned as affordances and examples of good access in Wapello.															
Residents appreciate Wapello as a small town that is caring and friendly. The benches, the good condition of the sidewalks, and the handicapped entrance in the back, were mentioned as affordances and examples of good access in Wapello.															
People also noted the low crime rate. Many parents describe Wapello as a nice place to raise their kids.															
Incomplete narrow, inaccessible, broken, and missing sidewalks are a major concern for all user groups. People are forced to walk and bike on the streets; this has become a common practice for many residents of Wapello to avoid bad sidewalks.															
All groups said that the curvy conditions, fast traffic, and overgrown trees along Hwy 61 cause problems for walkers, bikers, and drivers trying to cross it. The intersections of Hwy 61 and Oak St., Franklin St., State St., County Road G&2, and Locust St. are the main concerns.															
Participants said that the lack of safe routes or sidewalks connecting the high school and elementary school makes the frequent travels of students between Van Buren St., Pleasant St., downtown, and the parks.															
All user groups mentioned the poor lighting in many places around town. Among the areas mentioned are the intersection of Highway 61 and Locust St., 1st Ave., Van Buren St., Pleasant St., downtown, and the parks.															
Many users feel limited by the conditions of the parks. They lack benches, trash cans, drinking fountains, lighting, and shade trees. The trails are gravel and restrooms are not well cleaned and often locked.															
Most of the users groups would appreciate a more pedestrian-friendly town with wide, accessible, complete and well-maintained sidewalks. They especially desire sidewalks connecting the two schools.															
All groups want safety improvements made to Highway 61, specifically those addressing visibility issue at intersections and speed limit control. They also want crossings at the intersections of Highway 61 and Locust Street and Highway 61 and Oak Street.															
Desired improvements to the parks include more trees, trash cans, good lighting, drinking fountains, accessible clean restrooms, paved trails and playground equipment. A new park or playground on the west side of Highway 61 is also wanted.															
All users would like a designated walking/biking trail. Many suggested a trail along the river connecting North and South End Parks to downtown. They also want benches and a bike/walk bridge over the river for access to wildlife and to the scenic views of the river.															

Active adults engage in activities such as walking and biking to stay healthy. Some go out of town to hunt or play golf. This group identified bad sidewalks, unsafe intersections and poorly lit areas as barriers.

Mobility-impaired individuals enjoy a town with low traffic; nevertheless they are concerned about gravel roads and trails that impede their movement in town. They would like traffic control over Hwy 61 and paved trails.

Older adults enjoy their small and safe community. They walk to keep healthy and appreciate the work of the city in keeping the town clean. They are concerned about risky intersections with Highway 61. They would like safe paths with access to wildlife.

Youth have issues getting around town because of the poor sidewalk conditions. Sledding at Major's Hill is a popular activity among them. They perceive unsafe intersections over Highway 61 and around the schools and lack of lighting in many areas of town as barriers.

The parents appreciate the available opportunities for recreation in which their kids can participate. They consider Highway 61 an unsafe road dividing the town that discourages travel between other parts of Wapello.

The steering committee appreciates Wapello's natural resources, especially the parks and waterfront. They are concerned about the challenges that Highway 61, the poor sidewalk system, and lack of lighting represent for the residents. They would like an attractive community with enhanced parks and that is more connected to the river.



Emerging Themes

Transportation Assets and Barriers

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