



Walking with a Purpose Success Story: Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Wellness Action Coalition, made up of students, city and county officials, and other adults, performed a walkability assessment in Fairfield on May 27, 2010. The assessment was completed at the west corridor, beginning at the town square and ending near Hy-Vee and Walmart. During the assessment, parents expressed concern that there is not a school access route for children. In addition, many of the sidewalks that do exist are in severe disrepair. The police chief made suggestions for the location of a new city trail. The community hopes to create a sub-section of the Trails Council to explore the possibility of a new trail that would run through the central corridor to connect downtown with the shopping area to the west of downtown. Currently, this area can only be accessed via car or bike. The results will be shared with the city council, Jefferson County Trails Council, and the public through a newspaper press release.

