



**ELKTON**  
**KENTUCKY**

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## **City of Elkton, Kentucky**

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#### **Introduction**

The Todd County Health Department received a small Healthy Communities Grant to assist the city of Elkton in developing a community pedestrian and bicycle plan. This project engaged the Health Department, city government, community groups and concerned citizens to identify priorities for creating a safe and attractive walking and biking environment for the community.

#### **Process**

A committee was created in February 2015 to attend training to develop a pedestrian and bicycle plan. Following the training, the committee reviewed existing conditions in the city and developed a community survey to assess the city's walking and biking needs. The survey analyzed modes of transportation used in the past year as well as the frequency and distance walked and biked; and, gathered recommendations for increasing walking and biking. Committee members reviewed the survey results and community assessment and developed project areas to meet the needs of the community.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of the plan is to identify needed walkways and bikeways that connect neighborhoods, businesses districts and schools. Also, to encourage a happier and healthier community by providing safer sidewalks and bike trails that will encourage activity. Having a walkable community will also encourage economic and industrial development as citizens will have better access to business and industry.

#### **Community Survey Results**

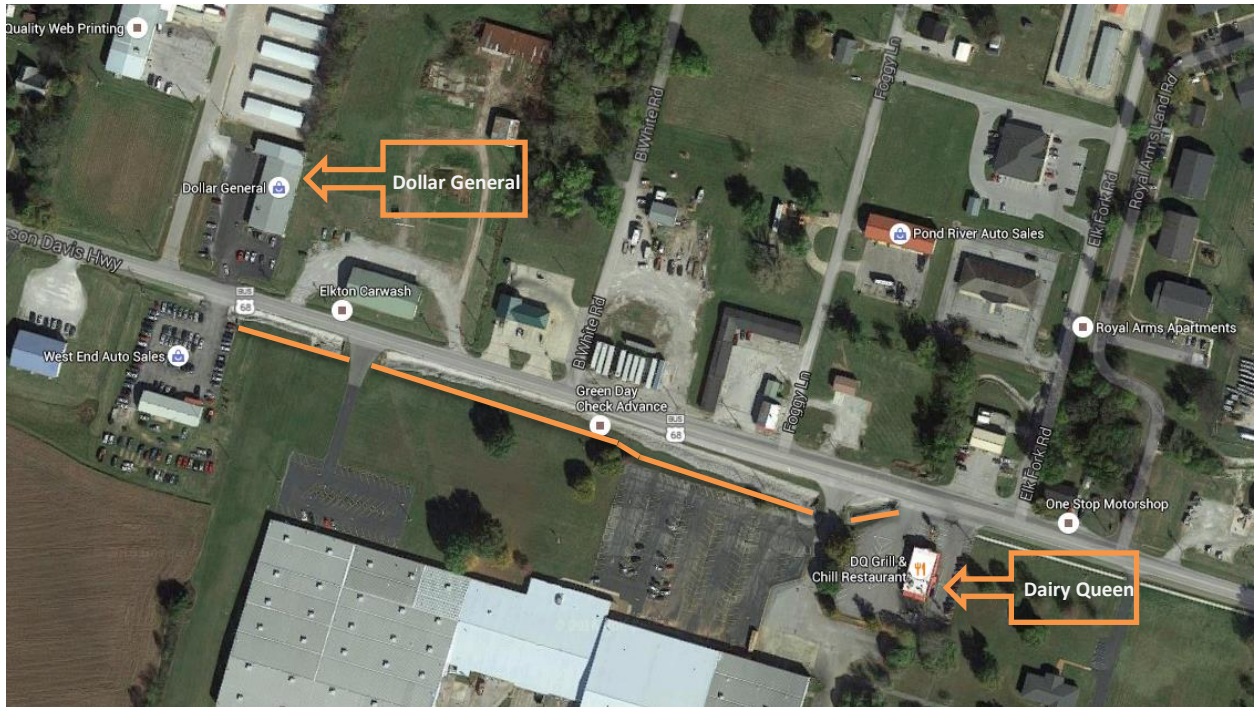
- There were 73 respondents to the survey.
- 67% indicated they have walked/ran in the city, while only 25% had biked in the past year.
- About 48% said it was difficult to walk/run in Elkton because there were no sidewalks, while 52% said it was because there are no trails or paths.
- When asked what they would recommend to make it easier to walk/run more, 81% of respondents said they would recommend more pedestrian facilities like sidewalks, paths and trails. 52% recommended improving existing sidewalks. 49% recommended more or better lighted areas.
- 55% said it is difficult to bike in Elkton because there are no bike lanes/roads are too narrow/no shoulder. 52% said they did not bike because there are no bike trails/paths. And, 33% said the roads were too busy/too much traffic.

- When asked what they would recommend to make it easier to bike more, 79% said they would recommend providing more bike lanes/paths/trails. 38% said they would recommend improving existing sidewalks.

## Recommendations

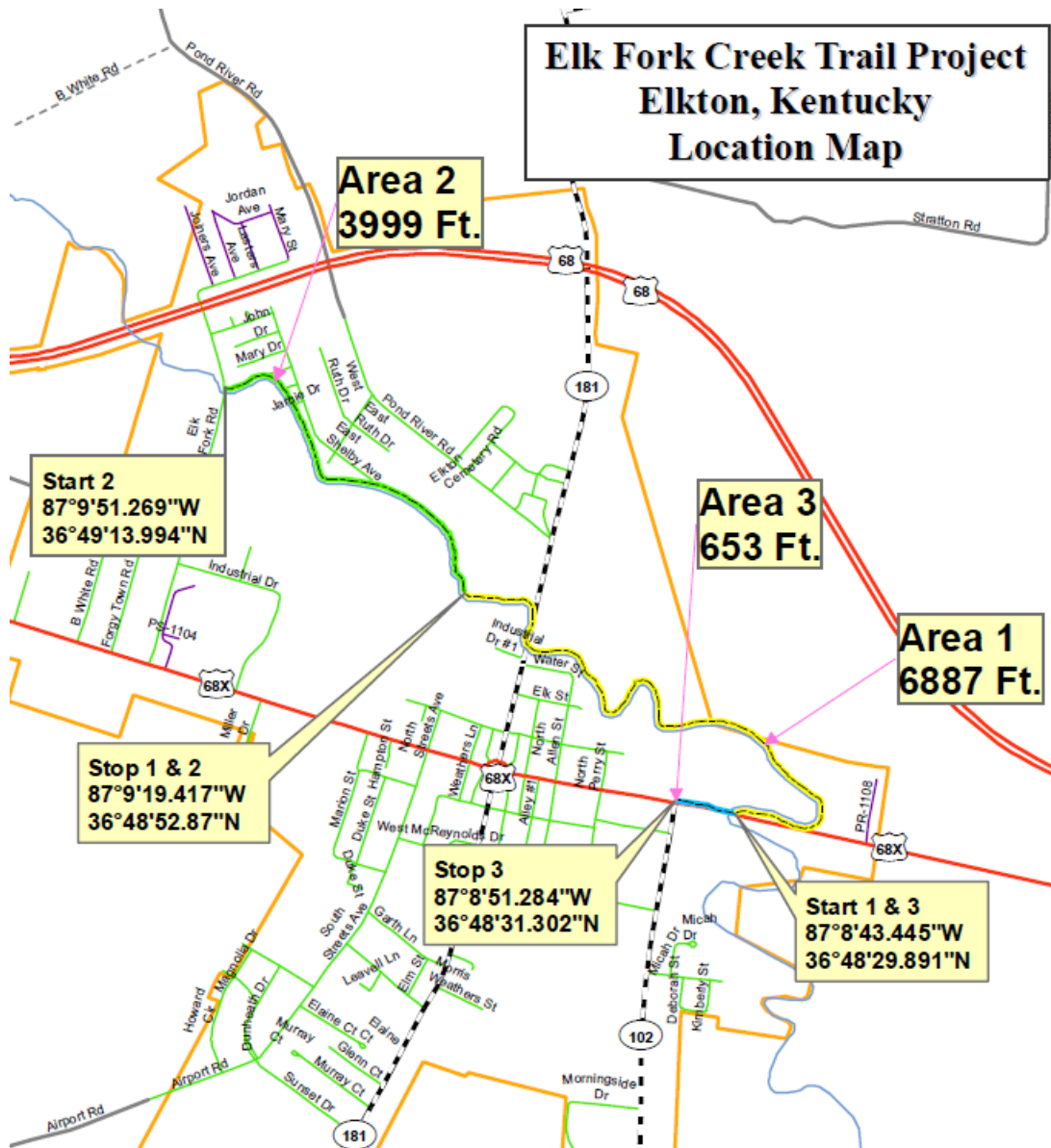
The following outlines the list of proposed projects for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

### Project 1 – New Sidewalk on West Main Street Dollar General Store



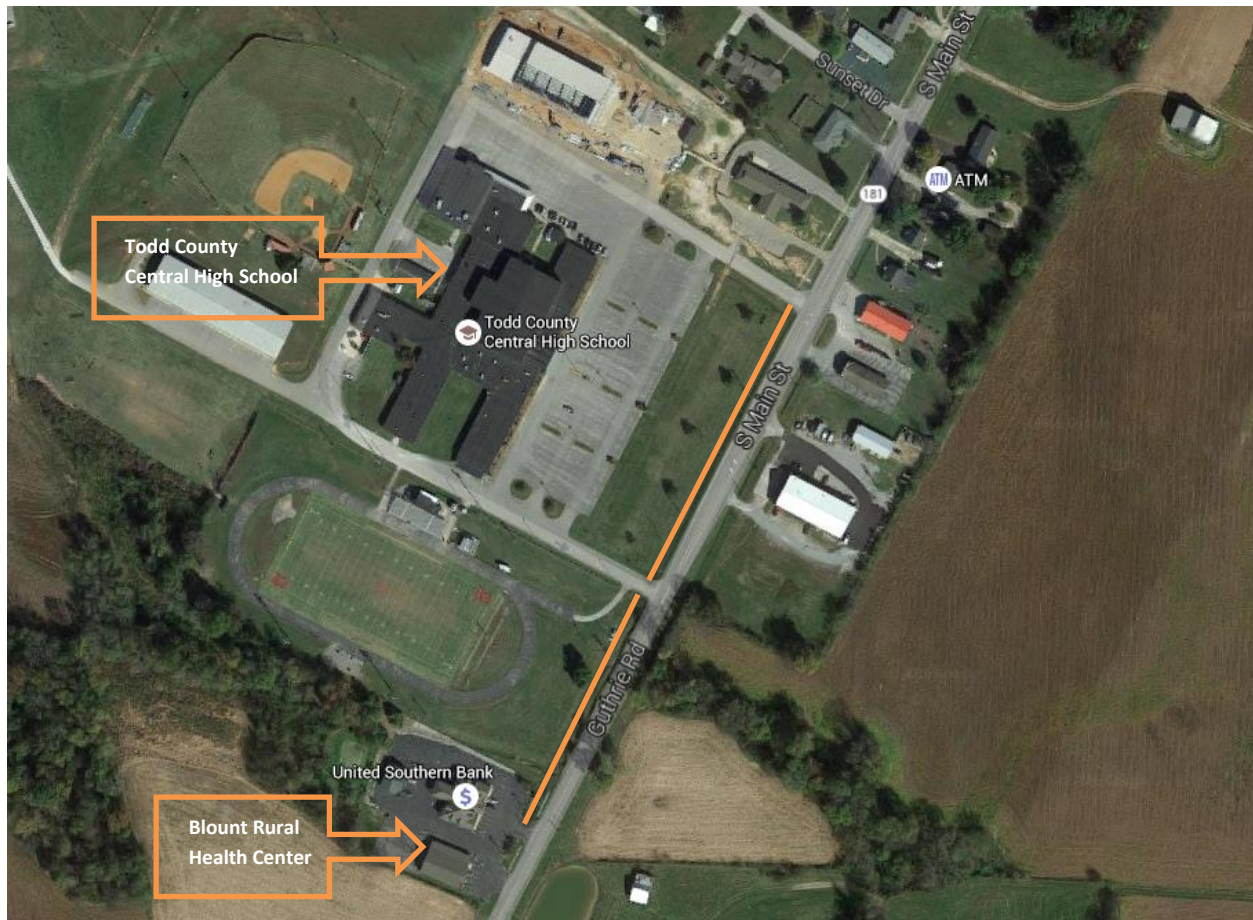
Currently, there are no sidewalks connecting the city to the largest retail store, Dollar General. Many people are walking to this location using the very narrow shoulder.

## Project 2 – Designated Walking/Biking Trail



This project would install a dedicated walking/biking trail away from traffic. The route proposed would be a walk/bike trail along the bank of the Elk Fork Creek and provide a safe walking and biking route away from traffic.

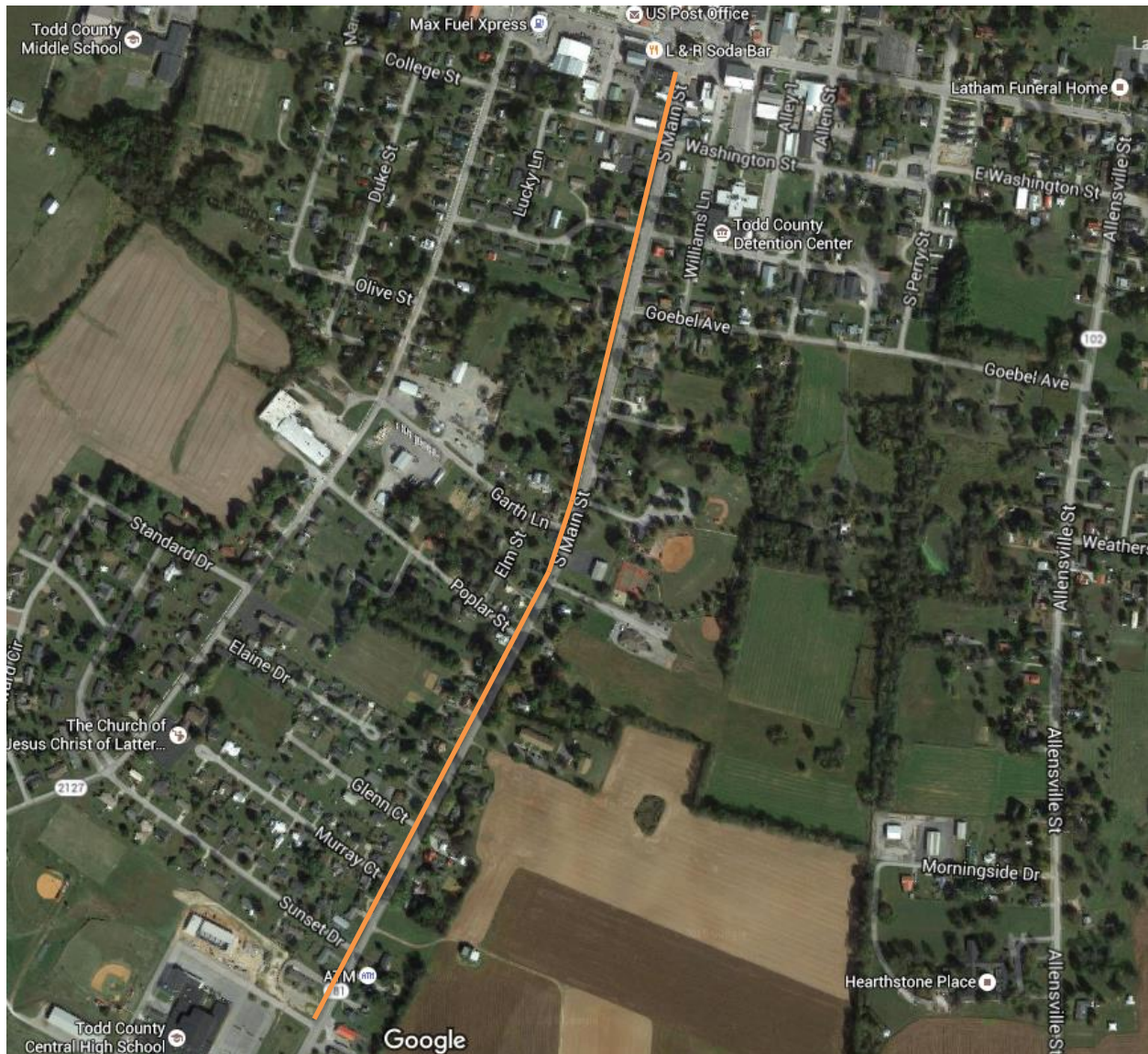
### Project 3 – New Sidewalk from Todd County Central High School to the Blount Rural Health Center



Extend sidewalks on South Main Street to include better access to the High School and Blount Rural Health Center.

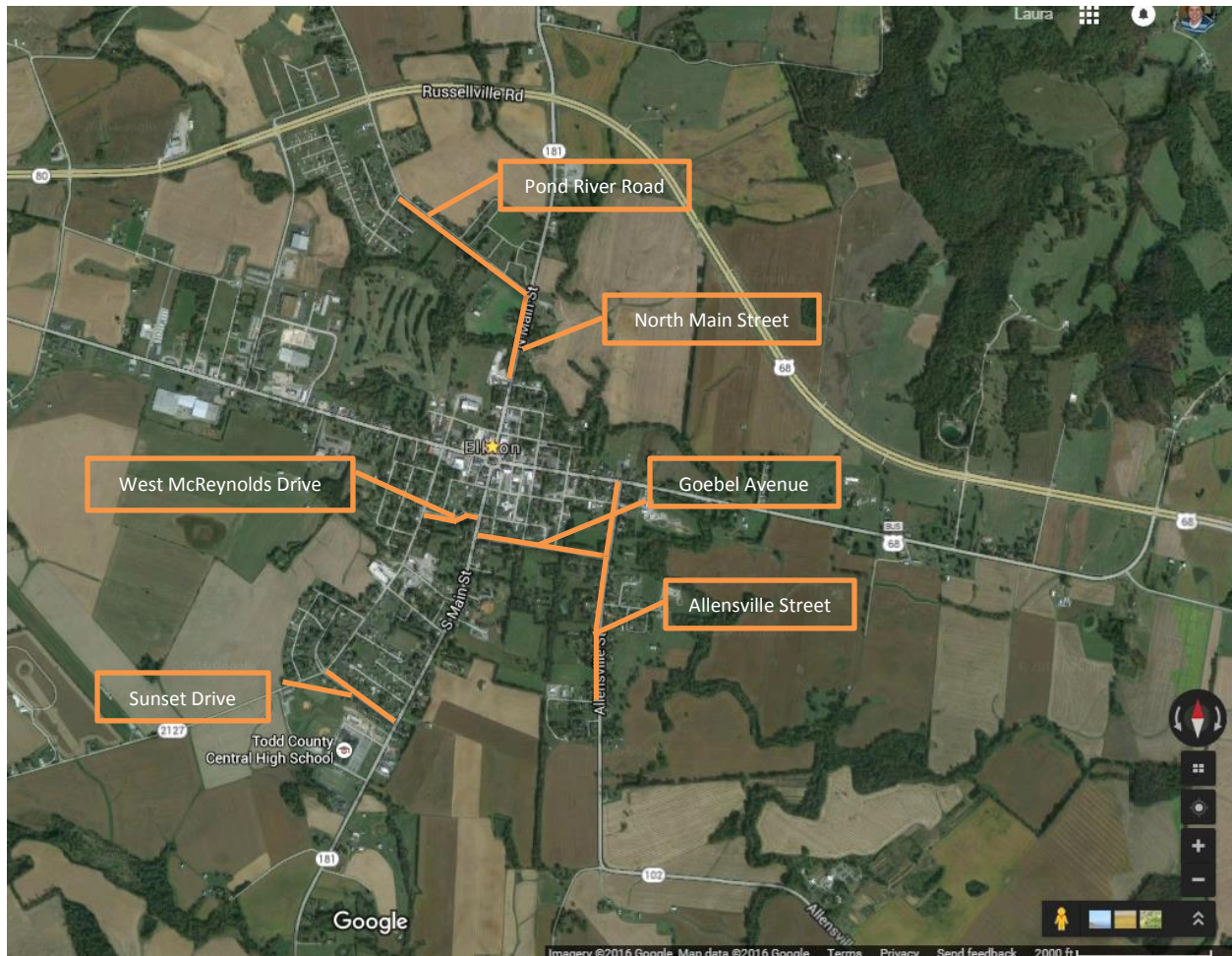


## Project 4 – Widening and Renovation South Main Street Sidewalks



Existing sidewalks on South Main Street are narrow and need repair. This project should also consider a bike lane. Widening of South Main Street (Highway 181 South) is listed as a needed project in the Transportation Plan in the City of Elton Comprehensive Plan and also includes the need for safer pedestrian access due to the High School being on the southern end of this route.

## Project 5 – More Connector Routes on Side Roads



Many local streets do not have sidewalks. Therefore, the final project is to connect existing sidewalks through construction of new sidewalks on local streets to connect neighborhoods and business districts and create a more walkable community.