This walking route was created to encourage walking and exploring throughout the beautiful area of Evansville, MN. This map was designed by Active Living Douglas County as part of a series in hopes that each walker may discover more about our great city.
1. MN Department of Transportation Maintenance Building — The Minnesota Highway Department Maintenance building was built in 1964. Don Jacobson, Kermit Fletcher, and Norman Holman began working out of the new building sometime in the Fall of 1964. After the completion of Interstate 94, the Minnesota Highway Department became Minnesota Department of Transportation.

2. Evansville Automotive — The business originally began in 1934 and was called the Midland Co-Operative Oil Station. Gene Alstead took over from 1961-1965. Glen Bag bought the business in 1974, and sold it to Wade and Joan Anderson in 1980. Evansville Automotive is operated as a full service automotive shop by Brad and Tammy Otto. They purchased the business in 2004.

3. School District 208 — The Evansville School was organized on March 16, 1875. The first school house was a log cabin structure located near the present site of Faith Lutheran Church. The second school was built around 1880. The building was a two story brick structure with two class rooms on each floor. In 1917, the old school was demolished and a new building was constructed. On August 14, 1952, voters of the district approved a $386,000.00 school equipment bond issue. Work started on the new addition in March 1953.

4. Land O Lakes Elevator — This elevator started out with the name Pillsbury and Hubert and was managed by O.N. Ostrom in the 1880’s. The name was changed to Inter-State Grain Company. The Inter-State Grain Co burned down in 1904, but was then rebuilt. In the 1960’s, the elevator was bought out by the Land O Lakes Elevator. The elevator closed on Jan 1, 2001. The buildings were later sold to Paul Lundeen who converted part of the building into unique living quarters in the summer/fall of 2005.

5. First Security Bank — In October 1967, President Ed Mosher broke ground for a new bank building. The bank was not incorporated until June 18, 1907, at which time, it was renamed Farmers State Bank. In May 1983, Farmers State Bank became Stearns Bank of Evansville. On January 5, 2006, the bank was renamed First Security Bank.

6. Evansville Car Wash — Dan R. Anderson purchased Randy’s Car Wash on April 1, 1995, from Randy Elmer, who had built, owned, and operated it since 1979. The site was previously the home of Gjermund Homme, and next to the site of several businesses dating back to March 1891. Randy tore the building down in the mid 1980’s and tarred the space for parking.

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