

Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

Community: Garrison

Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger

Date and Time: April 5, 2016 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Meeting Length: 1 hour

Location: Senior Center

Meeting #3 Bioregional Assessment

Number of committee members in attendance: 11

Names of committee members in attendance: Steve & Teresa Meyer, Steve Young, Christy Leckband, Angela Dague, Michelle Trimble, Amanda Erickson, Randy Scheel, Allan Lindsay, Caroline Erickson & Ann Jorgensen.

Others in attendance: Patty Reisinger & Carl Barnhart with Trees Forever

Meeting Summary: Tonight's meeting is to learn about the natural context which Garrison is a part of. We began with an overview of several maps compiled by ISU partners that contain information about various bioregional processes. Three stations were set up with 2-3 maps each. The committee broke into three small groups and each group read information on the maps and discussed what they knew about the topic. Each table had prompting question about the area in Garrison. After about 15 minutes the group gathered as a whole group and visited each station. The host group shared information they had on their set of maps. A few of the points from the discussion:

Early Garrison was settled because of the limestone ridge and nearby water. Historic vegetation map showed scattered groves of oaks. Local historian corrected the map detail and said the whole ridge south of town was continuous oaks. In 2011 many trees were lost in the wind storm.

Most homes get water in their basements and sump pumps run all winter long. When the Cedar River is at flood stage there is water back up to Garrison. Some say field tile has been cut too and contribute to water issues in town.

A few names on the 1875 map were recognized. There are lots on the east side of town available for building.

Next meetings:

Transportation meeting with landscape architect **May 17, 3pm**

Location to be determined

Inventory review, tour and goal setting **May 17, 6:30pm Full committee**