

## Living Roadway Intersection Update

When Algona went through the visioning process in 2006, plans were proposed for wildflower plantings and signage in the southern corners of the intersection of Highways 169 and 18. Native plantings in these low-lying drainage areas would be beneficial for slowing and filtering stormwater as it makes its way south to the East Fork Des Moines River. This proposal builds on the 2006 plan, utilizing a native plant mix throughout the ditches, but using a seed mix specific to drainageways in the lower channel of the ditch to increase infiltration. In

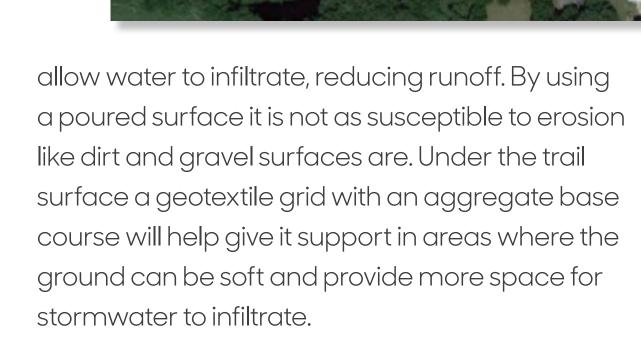
trees, shrubs and perennials, along with dual entry space, the northeast corner will have a refined yet businesses. The northwest corner will have a more savanna-like environment with short-grass prairie bike path will pass through as it connects north to follow Highway 169.

addition, a more refined planting design of native signs will create a welcoming gateway feature. This proposal also extends the design to all four corners and envisions burying the utilities. Because of limited minimal planting that will maintain open views to the plantings and clusters of trees, which the proposed





One of the visioning committee's objectives is to create a stronger relationship with the river. Veterans Park is located along the river and offers opportunities to enhance the visibility of and access to the river. There are currently informal paths that meander down to the river, but there is not a continuous path or clear access points. High water table and occasional flooding can limit the ability to have a sustainable trail along the river. These concepts propose a loop trail that would build on current informal paths and existing infrastructure, and test new methods and materials for establishing trails in the floodplain. Permeable asphalt or resin-bound surfaces will



The trail will provide access points to the water's edge to explore or fish. Boardwalks are also proposed to take guests out over the river and potentially to a small island within the river channel. Updates to the canoe/kayak access points will bring attention to these features and help encourage more people to explore the river.



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