



Aplington City Park



Community feedback from the Design Workshop



Design Workshop Open House



Image edit of Parriott Street with a crosswalk

Program Overview

The city of Aplington is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2022 Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The program, which selects communities through a competitive application process, provides professional planning and design assistance along transportation corridors to small Iowa communities (populations of fewer than 10,000).

Goals for the Visioning Program include:

- Development of a conceptual plan and implementation strategies with local communities
- Enhancement of the bioregional, cultural, and visual resources of communities
- Assisting local communities in using external funds as leverage for transportation corridor enhancement

Each visioning community works through a planning process consisting of four phases of concept development:

1. Program initiation
2. Needs assessment and goal setting
3. Development of a concept plan
4. Implementation and sustained action

Each visioning community is represented by a steering committee of local residents and stakeholders who take part in a series of meetings that are facilitated by field coordinators from Trees Forever. Iowa State University organizes design teams composed of professional landscape architects, student interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

The Aplington visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process.

Trail Master Plan: With no recreational trails nearby and lack of good sidewalks within the community, the Aplington visioning committee wants to add a recreational trail within the community.

Pedestrian Connections: Prominent routes were chosen based on input from the residents during the design workshop and the steering committee. Enhancements to these routes include updated sidewalks, new sidewalks to complete missing links, and pedestrian lighting.

Way-finding and Signage: Aplington hopes to update its city logo and add way-finding signage in the community to help visitors find important destinations.

City Park Improvements: Aplington has a lot of events in and near the City Park and enhancements for circulation and accessibility were both goals of the Aplington steering committee.

Intersection Safety Enhancements: Based on the analysis boards and the steering committee's own perceptions, two intersections were called out for unfavorable conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

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