



Performance objectives meeting

Community Visioning Program Overview

Bedford is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2019 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).

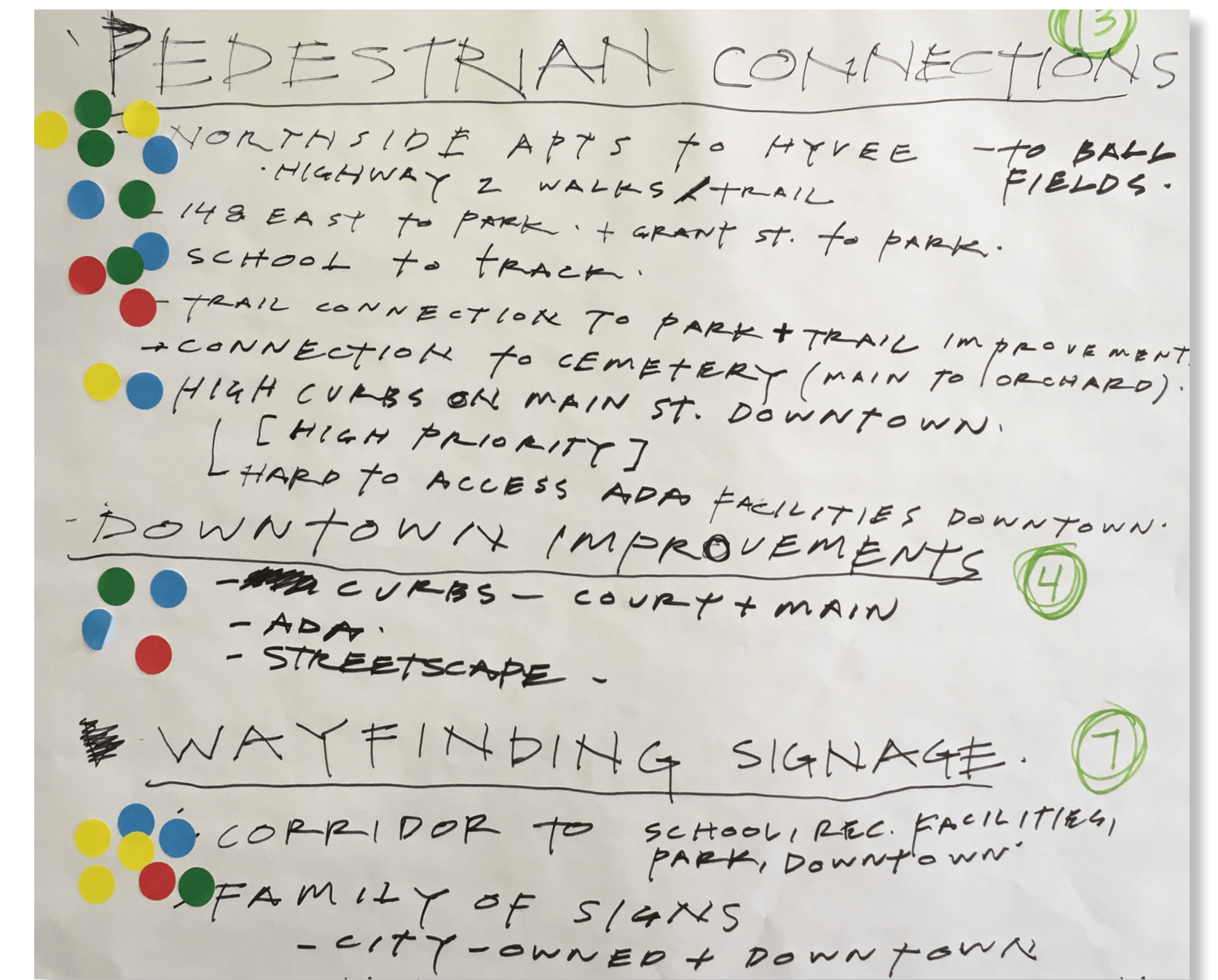
Goals for the Visioning Program include:

- Developing a conceptual plan and implementation strategies with local communities
- Enhancing the natural, 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

Bedford 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 of professional landscape architects, design interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.



Results of performance objectives meeting



Steering committee on site tour during design workshop

Community Goals

The Bedford visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process, which are included below:

Goals:

- Improve pedestrian connections and the existing trail
- Make downtown more accessible, lower curb heights, and develop a cohesive palette of site furnishings
- Improve way-finding and community branding/identity through signage

Priority Areas:

- Pedestrian connections: Northside Apartments to Hy-Vee, Highway 148 east to Bibbins Park, school to the track, connect to cemetery, downtown to ball fields
- Downtown improvements: along Court Ave and Main Street
- Way-finding signage: along the highway corridors, downtown, and at park entries.

Capturing the Vision

Based on the needs and interests of local residents, as well as a detailed inventory of community resources, the design team developed a conceptual transportation enhancement plan. This plan along with associated inventory information is illustrated in the following set of presentation boards. These boards include the following:

1. Program Overview
2. Bioregional Assessment
3. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment
4. Transportation Inventory
5. Concept Plan
6. Signage + Identity
7. Pedestrian Connections
8. Downtown Improvements



Preliminary design review meeting with committee

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