

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community:** Carlisle  
**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator:** Patty Reisinger  
**Date and Time:** January 21, 2016 4pm  
**Meeting Length:** 1.75 hours  
**Location:** City Hall  
**Meeting Number and Title:** Meeting #1 **Orientation**

**Number of committee members in attendance:** 9

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Barbara Rasko, Andy Lent, Robert & Susan Fleming, Scott James, Kay Scholl, Geri Seiberling, Dennis Woodruff, & Ruth Randleman.

Others in attendance: Patty Reisinger, Trees Forever

**Meeting Summary:** The orientation for Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning was held in Carlisle. The Carlisle Visioning committee will meet regularly during the next six months to plan the transportation enhancement projects for Carlisle. A general outline of the series of meetings was reviewed with a PowerPoint to explain who will attend meetings and how the information gathered builds to help support the work done thru the spring and summer. A core visioning committee will meet in 2016 and the projects could be planted and built in the following three to five years. The purpose of the program is to assist local volunteers to develop and plan projects that enhance the transportation network.

The goal of Community Visioning is to make a local transportation plan that fits each community's unique assets and challenges. The process is built on the needs of local residents, local geography, and transportation planning.

As part of the Visioning process, the committee and design team create concept plans that respond to local values and ideas and develop workable implementation strategies. The partners in the program include a Trees Forever Field Coordinator (as facilitator and process expert), the local Steering Committee (local advocates, resource experts and decision makers; the steering committee engages others in the community at strategic points in the process), and a private-sector landscape architect (expert planner and designer). The "silent" partner is the Department of Transportation, which funds the program and provides behind-the-scenes guidance and support.

The Community Visioning process is built around three major phases:

- **Inventory** – mapping local geography to understand places in your community, investigating natural patterns and processes that affect transportation systems, and learning about transportation use and needs of residents with focus groups
- **Goal Setting and Design** -- working with the landscape architect to review and overlay inventory maps, and then identifying priorities for improvement to guide community planning and design.
- **Implementation Planning** –working with information provided in the feasibility report, and considering community support and external support available to

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move ahead, the committee will prioritize projects and will plan for implementation and sustaining their forward momentum.

Participants told about their length of time living in Carlisle or connection to Carlisle. We also talked about other people that might be valuable on the steering committee. Residents can also participate in the focus groups on March 5<sup>th</sup>. More on the groups to be involved will be discussed at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. People participating in the March 5<sup>th</sup> workshop will need two hours to complete the process for each group.

We learned an Iowa Architecture group will do some planning for downtown improvements this summer.

Patty will provide press releases to be used at various times in the process. Materials can also be used for websites and social media.

Next meeting: February 4<sup>th</sup>. 4pm at City Hall