



Dysart Downtown Mural



Design Workshop Open House



Community Feedback from the Design Workshop



Proposed trail reroute to Main Street

Program Overview

The city of Dysart is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2023 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 bio-regional, 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 Dysart visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process, which are described below.

Sidewalks + Connectivity: The community would like to create safer routes for pedestrians to popular destinations within the community.

Community Trail: A community wide trail that would connect to the existing C. R. Roberts Trail was a top priority. This popular trail cannot be accessed by sidewalk anywhere in Dysart. The steering committee would like to see the trail connect to the community and link destinations such as downtown, city park, and schools.

Signage & Way-finding: The steering committee showed interest in creating a consistent palette of signage for the city.

Dysart City Park: The community would like to see enhancements at Dysart City Park, referred to as the heart of the city. Proposed improvements include inclusive playground equipment, connections to existing and proposed amenities, pickleball courts and a splash pad.