



Existing Welcome Signage



Annotated Map from the Transportation Analysis Meeting



Community Workshop Exercise at Forest City's YMCA



Created Image Showing Cultural Corridor along J Street

Program Overview

Forest City was one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2018 Iowa's Living Roadways (ILR) 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).

The ILR Community Visioning Program assists community members with planning local transportation systems that are safe, accessible, and ecologically sensitive. Planning also takes into account local use patterns and needs of residents, and supports these goals by gathering research-based information that guides transportation goal setting and design.

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

- Program initiation
- Needs assessment and goal setting
- Development of a concept plan
- Implementation and sustained action

Forest City's process is guided by a local steering committee who mobilized other residents to take part in a series of meetings that are facilitated by field coordinators from Trees Forever. Iowa State University organized design teams of professional landscape architects, design interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

The Forest City Visioning Committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process, which are included below:

Pammel Park: Improve park's entrance, create parking, relocate existing baseball fields, restructure camping area to improve quality of camping, convert baseball field to dog park, and add rental cabins

Safety: Improve existing sidewalks, enhance pedestrian crosswalks, and update lighting within specific areas of the community

Recreation: Create a trails master plan, designate a cultural corridor along J Street with 10' trails, and implement new baseball fields

Signage: Expand the community theme to include way-finding signage and incorporate art onto local grain silo

Capturing the Forest City Vision

Based on the needs and desires of local residents, as well as a detailed inventory of community resources, the design team developed a conceptual transportation enhancement plan. This plan, as well as the inventory information, is illustrated in the following set of presentation boards. These boards include the Program Overview, Bioregional Assessment, Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment, Transportation Behavior and Needs Assessment, Transportation Inventory and Analysis, Concept Overview, and Community Design boards.

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