



Proposed enhancements on J Street include reducing the width of J Street to include a 10' trail on the south side, tree plantings, art, improved lighting and highly visible crosswalks

Street Tree Recommended Species

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources conducted a survey of all city owned trees in Forest City. The community has 36% maple, 29% ash, 20% other, 9% oak, and 6% spruce (re: Urban Forest, 2h). The design team recommends the following tree species to improve species diversity throughout Forest City.



Existing view looking west at intersection of J Street and S 6th Street



Legend

- 1. Proposed Street Tree Plantings
- 2. Proposed 10' Trail
- 3. Proposed Width Reduction on J Street
- 4. Proposed Pedestrian Lights
- 5. Proposed Street Lights with Banners
- 6. Proposed Gateway Arch Art Piece
- 7. Proposed Highly Visible Crosswalks
- 8. Proposed Pavement Mural
- 9. Existing Trees

Cultural Corridor

The visioning committee expressed a desire to transform J Street, which runs east to west perpendicular to U.S. Highway 69, into a cultural corridor, showcasing the arts and the strong attributes Forest City has to offer both residents and visitors. The J Street corridor highlights Waldorf University, the newly constructed Boman Fine Arts Center, the Winnebago County Courthouse, and Clark Street, which is Forest City's business district.

Connectivity is important to Forest City residents, and J Street is a popular route (Re: Walking Routes, 4e). Cultural Corridor plans include reducing the street width along J Street to make room for a 10' trail running from Pammel Park to the intersection with North Best Street where the trail continues south to the Boman Fine Arts Center. The corridor would also feature art pieces such as a gateway arch, pavement murals, colorful banners, and improved lighting.