

# Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning 2016

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**Community: Garrison**  
**Minutes by Trees Forever Field Coordinator: Patty Reisinger**  
**Date and Time: March 12, 2016**  
**Meeting Length: 6 hours**  
**Location: Lutheran Church**  
**Meeting #2 Transportation Assets & Barriers Workshop**

**Number of committee members in attendance: 11**

**Names of committee members in attendance:** Steve & Teresa Meyer, Steve Young, Christy Leckband, Angela Dague, Michelle Trimble, Amanda Erickson, Merle Welte, Randy Scheel, Allan Lindsay, and Caroline Erickson.

**Others in attendance:** Patty Reisinger with Trees Forever  
Iowa State University facilitators: Sandy Oberbroeckling, Scott Timm  
ISU interns: Erika Birnbaum, Amanda Holtman, Eric Cook, Henry Herman.  
Court reporter: Erin Weitzl

**Meeting Summary:** On Saturday, March 12, Garrison residents participated in a focus group workshop as part of the Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. The focus groups are part of an input gathering process underway to identify transportation needs and opportunities for enhancements in Garrison.

Garrison community residents participated as small groups with guided discussions to learn how they use roads, sidewalks, and trails in Garrison and what barriers or problems they encounter. The process was organized around the needs and behaviors of four different user groups: older adults, especially seniors with sight or mobility impairments; active recreationists of all ages; school-age children who roam on foot, bicycle, etc.; and parents of school-age children.

Following the discussion time with each group, participants took pictures. Residents were sent out into Garrison with digital cameras to photograph and document some of the barriers and opportunities mentioned during the focus group. The camera also recorded the locations and compass direction for each picture taken. All images were collected to one map. Interns explained how to use the cameras and uploaded the images to the link.

Topics discussed included: safety of pedestrians, condition of streets and sidewalks, loss of trees in storm of 2011, desire for benches along trail and other gathering places outdoors in Garrison.

Assets included the City Park and Old Creamery Nature Trail.

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The number of participants by group:

Seniors 11 people

Active recreationist 12 people

Parents 13 people

Youth 11 people

Steering committee 11 people

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Total 58 people

2:30 pm review: 20 people

A short review of the day was shared and a sample of the pictures taken by residents and their comments were reviewed.

Community residents can view the photos that were taken during the focus groups at [www.communityvisioning.org](http://www.communityvisioning.org) and clicking on the link next to "Transportation Assets and Barriers Maps for the visioning communities." Once there, filter the community to "Garrison," select "Focus Group" as the workshop and click "Reload."

**Next meeting:** April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center Bioregional Assessment