



Transportation Meeting



Goal Setting Meeting



Community Design Workshop



Northland Park

Program Overview

The city of Glidden is 1 of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2018 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:

- Developing a conceptual plan and implementation strategies with local communities
- Enhancing the natural, 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 interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

The Glidden visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process.

- Improve pedestrian connections by establishing cohesive routes through new sidewalks and trail connections throughout Glidden
- Improve the functionality, use, and aesthetics of the Aquatic Center Parking lot by paving it
- Strengthen Northland Park by creating more recreational opportunities, improving aesthetics and opportunity for shade through tree plantings, and establish better connectivity throughout park
- Implement safety features along Highway 30

Capturing the Glidden Vision

Based on the needs and desires of the local residents, as well as a detailed inventory of community resources, the design team developed a conceptual transportation enhancement plan, which is illustrated in the following set of presentation boards:

01. Program Overview
02. Bioregional Context
03. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessments
04. Transportation Behavior and Needs Survey
05. Transportation Inventory
06. Goal Setting
07. Concept Overview
08. Sidewalk Improvement Plan
09. Hwy 30 Enhancements
10. Aquatic Center Parking
11. Northland Park Plan



Hwy 30 Viewing East



Aquatic Center Parking Lot

Glidden Program Overview

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