



Visioning Committee Brainstorming Goals at the Performance Objectives Meeting



Design Workshop Site Assessment Along State Street and Oxley Creek

# Granger Program Overview

## Community Visioning Program Overview

Granger is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2017 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

## Community Goals

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

Goals:

- Improve Pedestrian Safety at Highway Crossings
- Develop Local Trail System
- Enhance Regional Trail Connectivity
- Enhance Community Identity and Character

Priority Areas:

- Highways 141 and 17, Sycamore Street, & State Street – best practices for pedestrian safety and traffic calming in new crosswalks proposed at high-traffic highways and local streets.
- Local Trails – new loop trail system along Oxley Creek and Highway 141 to connect downtown, parks, and schools to neighborhoods, can be expanded per future development
- Regional Trail Connections – suggested trail routes and on-road bicycle facilities to provide direct access between Granger and Jester Park, the Raccoon River Valley Trail, High Trestle Trail, Beaver Avenue trail, and cities in the north metro.
- Downtown / Main Street – Enhanced wayfinding to downtown and aesthetic character of Main Street
- Community Gateways – iconic gateway monuments and park space along Highway 141 to attract passersby and welcome them to visit Granger

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

Granger 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 of professional landscape architects, design interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

## Capturing the 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. This plan, as well as the inventory information, is illustrated in the following set of presentation boards. These boards include the following:

1. Program Overview
2. Bioregional Assessment
3. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment
4. Transportation Behavior and Needs Assessment
5. Transportation Inventory and Analysis
6. Historical Resources
7. Concept Plan Overview
8. Regional Connectivity Plan
9. Creek Crossing + Trail Hub
10. Downtown Gateway + Streetscape
11. Sycamore Gateway + Trail Hub
12. 141 Crossing + Gateway
13. Identity and Signage



Visioning Committee Voting on Priority Study Areas at the Performance Objectives Meeting



Design Workshop Charrette Discussion on Preferred Routes for Community Trail System

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