



Map Source: Iowa Department of Natural Resources, "Natural Resources Geographic Information Systems Library," <http://www.igsb.uiowa.edu/nrgislib/>.

Present Day Vegetation

Overlaying a present-day aerial image on the 1875 Andreas Atlas shows how management of the land over several decades has changed the locations of trees and other native vegetation in the landscape.

Historic canopy coverage has been altered due to development and expansion of communities. Comparing these maps can lend knowledge as to what types of vegetation existed previously and where those places were located in relation to present day landmarks.

Notice how rivers have shifted or vegetation has been eliminated in certain areas. How does this affect the future development patterns?



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Bioregional Context

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