



Transportation Meeting Recap



Goal Setting Meeting



Preliminary Design Review



Looking East on Highway 22 Toward 10th Street and Kalona City Park

Program Overview

The City of Kalona is one of ten communities selected to participate in the 2016 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

- 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 provides administration and organizes ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

Develop perimeter trail and pedestrian connections

- Create pedestrian connections from Elementary and Middle Schools to Kalona City Park
- Improve pedestrian crossing at Highway 22 and 10th Street
- Connect downtown district to residential districts
- Provide lighting and amenity options along the trail, which include benches, litter receptacles, and water stations

Improve stormwater management practices

- Reduce stormwater runoff coming from fields north of town
- Enhance current detention basin east of Kalona Middle School on 6th Street
- Implement rain gardens in front of Kalona Elementary School
- Construct detention basins at the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 22

Provide enhancement strategies for B Avenue

- Create a welcoming entry to business district from Highway 1
- Improve parking and plantings
- Enhance safety at intersections along B Avenue
- Continue bump-out design used in business district
- Establish clear crosswalks for pedestrians

Establish park strategies for vacant spaces around the community

- Develop Kalona Cooperative Technology Company's (KCTC) lot to include an interactive space for visitors and performers
- Enhance existing city lot near Salvesen Creek
- Create a Veterans Memorial on the southeast side of City Hall

Capturing the Kalona 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 Assessments
03. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessments
04. Survey Boards
05. Transportation Inventory and Analysis
06. Concept Overview
07. Pedestrian Connections
08. Stormwater Management
09. Salvesen Creek Park
10. Veterans Memorial
11. B Avenue Streetscape
12. KCTC Park



City-owned Lot East of Salvesen Creek on B Avenue



Looking East Down B Avenue

Kalona

Program Overview

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