



EXISTING ENTRANCE SIGN



HISTORIC FIRE HOUSE



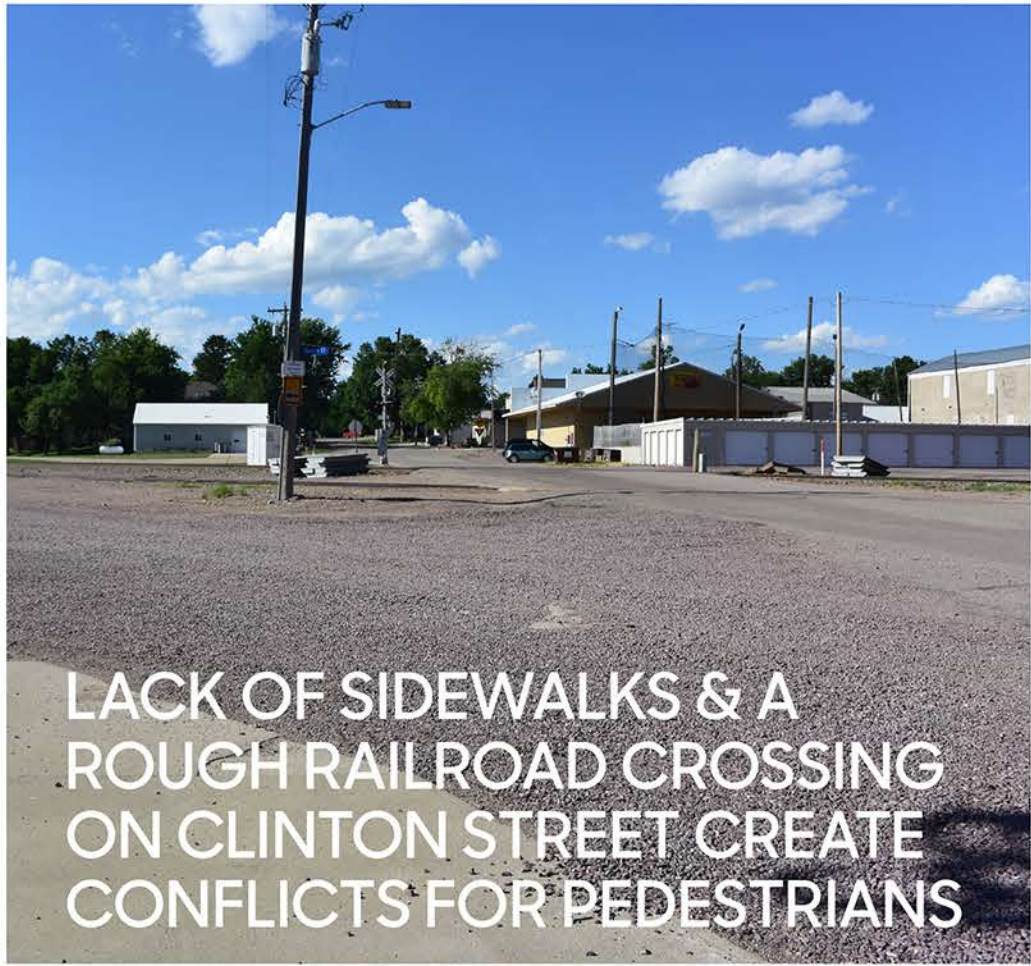
ROY G. HOOGEVEEN FIELD



VETERANS MEMORIAL



RAILROAD CROSSING CLINTON STREET FREQUENTLY BLOCKS ACCESS TO HIGHWAY 9



LACK OF SIDEWALKS & A ROUGH RAILROAD CROSSING ON CLINTON STREET CREATE CONFLICTS FOR PEDESTRIANS



INTERSECTION OF CLINTON, MAIN AND HASTING STREETS IS PROBLEMATIC FOR MOTORISTS & PEDESTRIANS



LESTER VISITORS HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING THE ENTRANCE INTO ROY G. HOOGEVEEN FIELD



LACK OF SIDEWALKS FORCE WALKERS ONTO THE STREETS TO ACCESS POPULAR DESTINATIONS LIKE THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Program Overview

Lester is one of 10 communities selected to participate in the 2017 Iowa's Living Roadways (ILR) 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).

The ILR Community Visioning Program assists community members with planning local transportation systems that are safe, accessible, and ecologically sensitive. Planning also takes into account local use patterns and needs of residents, and supports these goals by gathering research based information that guides transportation goal setting and design.

Each visioning community works through a planning process consisting of four phases of concept development:

Program initiation

Needs assessment and goal setting

Development of a concept plan

Implementation and sustained action

Lester's process is guided by a local steering committee, who mobilized other residents to take part in a series of meetings that are facilitated by field coordinators from Trees Forever. Iowa State University organized design teams of professional landscape architects, design interns, and ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

The Lester visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process, which are included below:

Connectivity+Walkability: Create pedestrian connections to destinations within Lester by updating sidewalks and implementing recreational trails

Safety: Improvements to intersection of Clinton and Main Streets for pedestrian and vehicular safety

Recreation: Plan a recreational trail for exercise opportunities

Enhancements: Updated amenities on Main Street and native plantings around proposed entrance signs

Growth: Plan for new development with more complete streets and trails

Signage: Locate new entrance signage and improve wayfinding signage to select destinations

Capturing the Lester 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 Program Overview, Bioregional Assessment, Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment, Transportation Behavior and Needs Assessment, Transportation Inventory and Analysis, Concept Overview, and Community Design Boards.

Lester Program Overview

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