



Community Meeting

Program Overview

Malvern has been selected as one of ten communities to participate in the 2021 Iowa’s Living Roadways Community Visioning Program. This program provides professional planning and design consideration for transportation corridors within small communities of Iowa (populations fewer than 10,000).

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

For Malvern, this process is guided by a local steering committee along with other community members. Visioning committee meetings, focus groups, city surveys, transportation inventory, and goal setting are facilitated by Trees Forever and a team of professional landscape architects, design interns, and Iowa State University faculty and staff. This program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.



Malvern Trace Bike Signage

Community Goals

The primary concerns of the community was focused around pedestrian safety, connections to the Wabash Trace Trail, park improvements, and enhancements to downtown. The following focus areas were identified and addressed by the design team:

Boehner Park – As a place along the Wabash Trace Trail where children play and families make memories, ADA-compliant facilities, improved RV campsites, pond sedimentation remediation, native vegetation, and improved play spaces and park facilities are the proposed enhancements for this destination.

Downtown Beautification – Downtown is vibrant and inviting. Pedestrian-scale lighting with banners and plantings and a sculptural archway will improve the identity of downtown Malvern. Additional consideration will be given to stormwater management improvements.

Safe Route to School – Providing safe, walkable connections along Main Street with decorative railings for pedestrians on the Main Street bridge.



Butterfly Sculptures in Downtown Malvern

Fairgrounds Trail Extension – Establishing a new trailhead and trail connection in southern Malvern near the fairgrounds, the Fairview Golf Course, and a newly developed neighborhood.

T & N Park – Transforming the existing park to a dog park with sidewalks, shelters, and native plantings that is flexible enough to be used for multiple purposes in off seasons or as community needs change.

Capturing the Malvern Vision

Based on the needs of the community and the inventory of Malvern’s existing resources, the design team developed the concept overview and design components illustrated on the following set of presentation boards. These boards display the final Concept Overview, Boehner Park, Downtown, Safe Route to School, Fairgrounds Trail Extensions, and T & N Park design concepts envisioned by the community of Malvern, Iowa and the Iowa’s Living Roadways Community Visioning team.



Malvern Monument Entry Signage



Boehner Park Entry Signage



Tree Sculpture in Downtown Malvern