

Phase 1: Understanding Scotch Grove



The Scotch Grove focus groups engaged four user types (older adults, active users, parents, and the steering committee) on transportation-related issues.

Scotch Grove is unique in that it is the second unincorporated community to participate in the Community Visioning Program and the first community to approach the program from both a village and township scale. With this position, in coordination with the steering committee members, Trees Forever, and the Community Visioning team, the design team took special consideration in gathering feedback and input on the three priority projects. A recap of the Community Visioning process shows where and how this content was gathered; all of which informed the content found on the following boards. The project is broken up into three main phases over the course of one year.

Phase one began on 15 September 2021 when the steering committee formally applied to the Community Visioning Program. The design team worked alongside the steering committee to develop this application. The 2022 Community Visioning Program officially kicked off on 19 November 2021, held in conjunction with the 25-year anniversary of the program. Steering committee members attended the event with the design team. On 16 February 2022, the bio-regional context meeting was held where the visioning team in Ames presented their findings on the historical, ecological, hydrological, and naturalistic realities of Scotch Grove. The design team added additional Indigenous land context showing the tribes that call Scotch Grove and eastern Iowa home. Following this meeting was the 23 April 2022 focus groups held at Camp Courageous. The public was invited to share their thoughts and perspectives on transportation-related issues within the community and township. This content directly influenced the overall and detailed designs for Scotch Grove. On 23 May 2022, the design team, Trees Forever, and members of the steering committee met with the Iowa Department of Transportation to learn about ongoing/upcoming projects and hear guidance for implementation of visioning projects.

Phase two of the visioning process began with the 15 June 2022 Review of

Scotch Grove Performance Objectives

Phase 2: Community Input



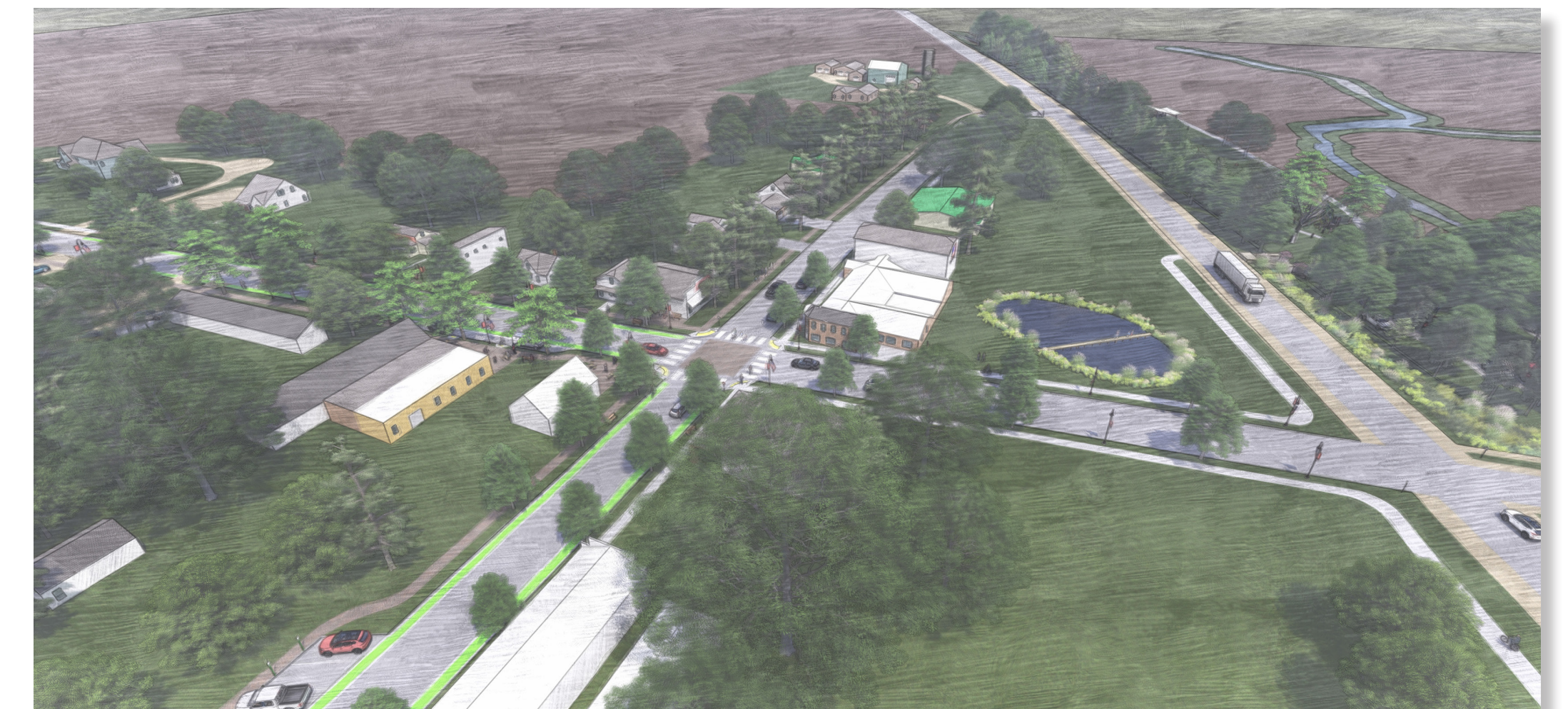
During the "Time and Place mapping" portion of the design workshop, Scotch Grove residents were invited to indicate their family, geographic, and anecdotal histories of the Scotch Grove Township.



During the design charrette portion of the design workshop, residents drew and mapped their ideas for the three priority projects directly onto maps of the village and township.

Assessments and Program Overview meeting where the design team and Trees Forever met with members of the steering committee to review the content that had been discussed up to this point. The design team held the 30 June 2022 design workshop at Camp Courageous and invited members of the community to participate. The design team developed four interactive activities based on the three priority projects (a regional trail system, the Village Crossroads, and Historic Depot Park) identified by the steering committee in phase one. The activities included: community input questions, "Time and Place Mapping," a design charrette, and ranking the three priority projects using the nominal group method.

Phase 3: Purposeful Design



Renderings of the Scotch Grove's priority projects bring to life the visioning process.

Phase three began when the design workshop ended. The design team went to work sorting and identifying what the community said and the input received from the design charrette process. The totality of this content directly informed each decision made on the three priority projects. In the five weeks after the design workshop, the design team was preparing designs to present to the steering committee at the 04 August 2022 Plan Review. The design team gave a virtual presentation speaking to the reasoning and basis for design decisions on the three priority projects, asking for feedback along the way and recapping the visioning process to date. The design team and the steering committee re-presented the design workshop charrette process at the Scotch Grove Flea Market and Antique Fair 12-14 August 2022. These boards represent the feedback, not only from the Plan Review, but from each Post-It note and conversation had about Scotch Grove and the Scotch Grove Township.

A digital copy of this content can be found at www.communityvisioning.org/scotch-grove. Thank you to everyone who participated and to Camp Courageous for hosting.

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