

Community Visioning Projects

Based on review of the bioregional assessment, feedback from the focus groups and design workshop, and input from the Scotch Grove steering committee, the design team proposed three community and regional improvement concepts:

- REGIONAL TRAIL CONNECTIONS**
 A proposed 28+ mile regional trail system connecting the village of Scotch Grove to more than 2,250 acres of managed wildlife areas and to eastern Iowa communities in and beyond Jones County. Five eight-foot-wide trails create safe, pedestrian-friendly routes for area residents and for drawing visitors to this unique rural community. The five trails include: Harvest Trail, Camp Trail, Scotch Grove Prairie Trail, Jones County Great Trail, and Wildlife Trail. All five trail types utilized Iowa Department of Transportation's rights-of-way and four trail types include native prairie restorations.
- HISTORIC DEPOT PARK**
 The proposed Historic Depot Park is immediately west of Scotch Grove on Highway 38. Within the park's updated design, new features include the much discussed Hula-Hoop Tree, elements speaking to Scotch Grove's historical connection to the railroad, a trailhead, a natural playscape, a network of paths and trails, and spaces to build community. Pedestrian access to this park is from an underpass below Highway 38 that follows the historical path of West Kitty Creek.
- THE VILLAGE CROSSROADS**
 Proposed "Complete Street" improvements to the village crossroads coalesce the themes in the regional trail system and Historic Depot Park. The streetscape in Scotch Grove includes safe and ADA-accessible crossings, parking, bike lanes, sidewalks, street trees, light poles with American flags and banners, seating, and the reinstatement of a historic road wrapping around the north edge of the village. These contemporary additions look to Scotch Grove's historical importance as a rural crossroads community for inspiration.

These three proposed projects seek to improve the aesthetic, ecological, and physical conditions along vehicular and pedestrian routes in and near the village of Scotch Grove. Individually and collectively, the projects address a range of community ideas that were identified in the research and analysis phase of the Community Visioning process. These proposed projects rely heavily on community feedback and Scotch Grove's National Register of Historic Places report.



Scotch Grove Concept Overview

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