



Bioregional Mapping Workshop



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Cedar River

Program Overview

The city of St. Ansgar is one of 10 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 include:

- 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 Landscape Architecture Extension coordinates with private sector landscape architects and supports the research components of Community Visioning. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

The St. Ansgar visioning committee identified a number of goals and priority areas during the visioning process:

1. Signage and wayfinding enhancements
2. Park improvements
3. Additional trail systems and enhancements to existing trails
4. Stormwater management
5. Improved pedestrian connections

Capturing the St. Ansgar 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:

1. Program Overview
2. Bioregional Assessments
3. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessment
4. Transportation Inventory and Analysis
5. Concept Overview
6. Signage Enhancements
7. Pedestrian Connections
8. S.T.A.R.T. Trail Conceptual Master Plan
9. Clausen City Park Enhancements
10. Angel Park Enhancements
11. Stormwater Management



Clausen City Park Gazebo



Bike Share Program

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