



Community Tour



Goal Setting Meeting



Design Workshop



Looking Northeast on S Division Street and 3rd Street

Program Overview

The city of Stuart is one of ten 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

- 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 provides administration and organizes ISU faculty and staff. The program is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Community Goals

Develop pedestrian connections and school routes to improve safety

- Develop a path across town from Lawbaugh Park to the high school
- Improve pedestrian railroad crossing by adding railroad crossing gates

Develop Stuart's identity through wayfinding signage

- Create custom entry signs
- Develop wayfinding signage for directions to points of interest around the community
- Create an Information kiosk

Enhance city streetscape and calm traffic

- Plant street trees
- Add bump-outs at intersections to decrease pedestrian crossing distance
- Utilize pedestrian crossing signals where appropriate

Develop enhancement strategies for Stuart's parks

- Improve library park
- Connect Lawbaugh Park to recreation fields

Capturing the Stuart 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:

01. Program Overview
02. Bioregional Assessments
03. Transportation Assets and Barriers Assessments
04. Transportation Inventory and Analysis
05. Concept Overview
06. Pedestrian Safety Improvements
07. Community Identity and Wayfinding
08. Traffic Calming and Streetscape
09. City Greenspace Improvements



Looking West on Front Street



Looking East on NE 2nd Street

Stuart

Program Overview

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