



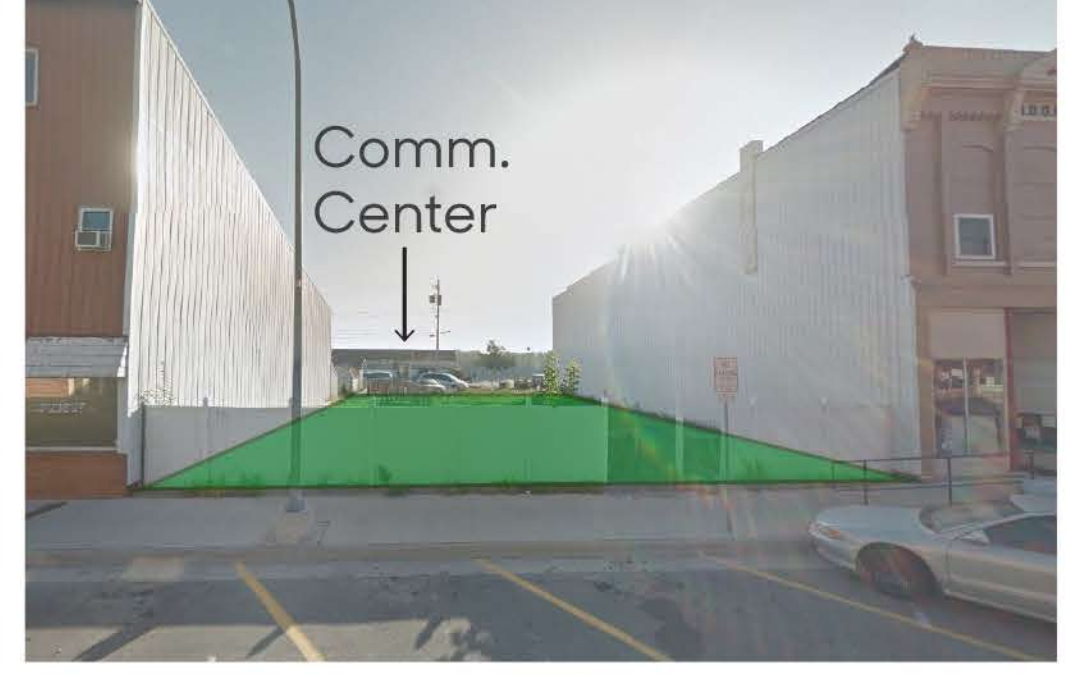
Existing view out to the river



Maintain parking, but provide space for pedestrians and outdoor gathering (See Overlook Park: A)

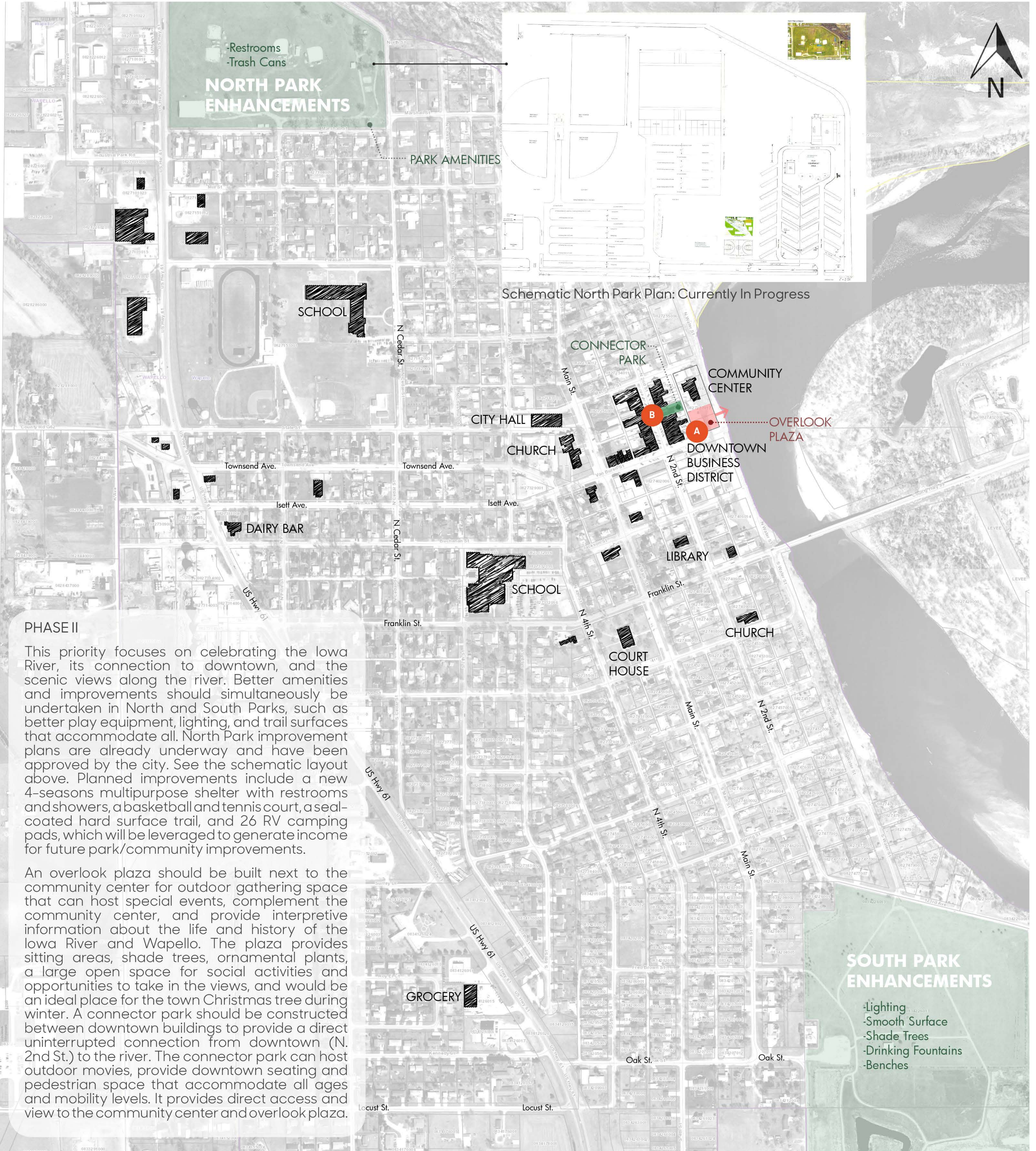


Encourage secondary "fronts" and outdoor spaces looking toward the river



Establish direct connection between uptown and river front (See Connector Park: B)

"I like the river, the access, [and] the boat landing. I don't think we [en]capsulate the river or natural resources as much as we should. We ... need to celebrate that we are a river town."



PHASE II

This priority focuses on celebrating the Iowa River, its connection to downtown, and the scenic views along the river. Better amenities and improvements should simultaneously be undertaken in North and South Parks, such as better play equipment, lighting, and trail surfaces that accommodate all. North Park improvement plans are already underway and have been approved by the city. See the schematic layout above. Planned improvements include a new 4-seasons multipurpose shelter with restrooms and showers, a basketball and tennis court, a seal-coated hard surface trail, and 26 RV camping pads, which will be leveraged to generate income for future park/community improvements.

An overlook plaza should be built next to the community center for outdoor gathering space that can host special events, complement the community center, and provide interpretive information about the life and history of the Iowa River and Wapello. The plaza provides sitting areas, shade trees, ornamental plants, a large open space for social activities and opportunities to take in the views, and would be an ideal place for the town Christmas tree during winter. A connector park should be constructed between downtown buildings to provide a direct uninterrupted connection from downtown (N. 2nd St.) to the river. The connector park can host outdoor movies, provide downtown seating and pedestrian space that accommodate all ages and mobility levels. It provides direct access and view to the community center and overlook plaza.

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