



# Chariton Valley

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## Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation provides information for IDOT Funding Opportunities

### Special points of interest:

- IEEDA anticipates an announcement of housing rehabilitation awards in March 2013.
- Communities need to contact Emergency Management Coordinators about possible FEMA grants.
- Iowa DNR/Keep Iowa Beautiful grants for Derelict Buildings is Due February 1, 2013.
- CDBG Deadlines-annually  
Nov. - Water/Sewer  
Dec.- Housing  
Jan. - Comm. Facility

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Iowa Department of Transportation has funding opportunities available to rural areas of Iowa. Below are a few programs offered.

Please visit [www.iowadot.gov/trafficindex.htm](http://www.iowadot.gov/trafficindex.htm) for more information and additional programs.

#### Small Town Sign Replacement Program



The DOT Office of Traffic and Safety accepts applications from communities to replace damaged, obsolete or sub-standard signs and signposts. The program will provide up to \$5,000 of signs and signposts per applying community on a first-come, first-served basis. All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply even if they have already participated in a similar program in the past.



The responsibilities of an assessment of need, proper location and installation of posts will rest with the communities. Guidance to perform all of these tasks and all other information regarding the program is now available on the DOT website and will be supplied upon request to applicants.

The signs and signposts available through the program are limited to stop signs, stop ahead, yield, arrows, etc. (refer to website

for specific list) The associated hardware for mounting of posts and signs is provided by the program.

Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) Communities can send applications for one of three categories in August each year.

**\*\*Site-specific** - construction or improvement of traffic safety and operations at a specific site or corridor with a crash history.

**\*\*Traffic control devices** - purchase of materials for installation of new traffic control devices, such as signs, signals or pavement markings; or replacement of obsolete signs or signals.



**\*\*Research, studies and public information** - transportation safety research, studies or public information initiatives, such as signing or pavement marking research, driver education/information, work zone safety, and crash data analysis improvements.

#### Horizontal Curve Sign Program

The intent of the program is to provide funding to counties for the purchase of curve warning and chevron signs. Funds can be used to reimburse counties for purchases of advance warning signs, advisory speed plaques,



chevrons and arrows. Beginning January 2013, posts and hardware are eligible to be reimbursed. There is no application deadline. However, funding is limited and applications are received and processed on a first-submitted, first-funded basis.

#### Flashing Overhead Beacon Replacement Program

Intersections with flashing overhead beacons and a two-way stop condition can be a safety hazard. These intersections can be dangerous because traffic on the side road that has a flashing red beacon may incorrectly assume that traffic on the main road also has a flashing red beacon and is supposed to stop. However, traffic on the main road has an overhead flashing yellow beacon and does not have to stop. Accidents can and do occur when traffic on the side road pulls out into the path of traffic on the main road.

The Iowa DOT's Office of Traffic and Safety has some funds through the Transportation Safety Improvement Program to identify and replace these beacons. The overhead beacons would be replaced with stop sign mounted flashing red lights for the side road and advance warning signs with yellow flashing lights for the main road.

Contact CVPD with questions at 641-437-4359.

### ***CVPD Policy Board forms Community Advisory Board (CAB) for outreach with region***

It was at the direction of the Chariton Valley Planning & Development COG Board of Director's that a Community Advisory Board (CAB) be established. The CAB is comprised of designated residents within the four county region of the CVPD Council of Governments. All communities were invited to have a representative at the initial meeting to gather information about the role of the newly formed CAB. Community participation from that point forward will be dependent on the payment of COG dues. Special invitations for member-

ship were sent to city councils, local Chambers of Commerce, financial institutions and also include public sector representatives from each county.

The goal of the CAB is to improve the communication and outreach with the Council of Governments and the constituents for enhanced service and prosperous communities.

The initial meeting was held on September 19, 2012. It was attended by representatives from Centerville, Exline, and Promise City. Supporters were

provided with a manual with CVPD governance & procedures, grant opportunities, and COG services.

Future meetings will be held during the upcoming year.



Communities can submit for CDBG Water/Sewer grant applications annually in November.



Picture of previous sanitary sewer project in Moulton.

### ***New CDBG Sanitary Sewer Projects in Moulton & Seymour***

The communities of Moulton and Seymour were both awarded CDBG funding for sanitary sewer improvements with IEDA in 2012.

Moulton received funding for a second phase of sanitary sewer improvements. Total project costs are estimated at \$1.17 million and they received \$300,000 from IEDA. Additional funding from SRF, USDA and local funding will complete the funding sources. The project will include cured-

in-place-pipe lining of approximately 32,600 lineal feet of vitrified clay pipe, 92 brick manholes and an estimated 225 connections. The target area is citywide.

Seymour also received CDBG funding in 2012 for sanitary sewer improvements. The total project costs are estimated to be \$600,000 for the cured-in-pipe lining of approximately 10,800 lineal feet of sewer line and 34 cement lining of 34 manholes.

The community received \$300,000 from IEDA along with additional funding from local commitments and SRF.



Cities must have passed a resolution before being eligible for grant funds or recovery funds in a disaster.

### ***Hazard Mitigation Plans Completed***

The entire CVPD Council region of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne Counties have all complete the Hazard Mitigation Planning process. Each of the counties (and most all of the cities) have diligently worked identify hazards, needs, and preventative measures that could be established to reduce devastation due to disasters in the area.

The FEMA approved documents allows for counties

and cities to apply for potential grant funding to prepare for possible disasters and/or to be eligible for recovery funding after a disaster has occurred. The plan also lays out local actions steps that could occur to prevent situations from arising. For example, cities could not allowing homes to be built in a floodplain.

Wayne County HMGP was recently approved in October 2012 and the others are ap-

proaching a one year anniversary. The document will require an annual update by the Emergency Management Coordinators and a formal update is essential in five years.

It is hopeful communities will be better able to prepare or prevent disasters and to more quickly recover in the event an emergency should occur.

### **CIRAS - Appanoose Co. Sustainable Economy**

The Iowa State University Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) has been working to examine how Appanoose County's economy is faring compared to 39 similar Iowa communities. The team of instructors will evaluate data and suggest tools to begin sustainable growth in the community.

The CIRAS team is lead by Mark Reinig and Abbie Gaffey from Iowa State University and are working with local representatives to establish and document a plan for the region and provide businesses and organizations ideas to sustain economic success.

The project began with a "summit" in August 2012. This was a way to examine how an "isolated" economy like the one in Appanoose County fares when compared to 39 other comparable Iowa communities. The 40 communities chosen are not directly influenced or benefited by a larger city or located just outside a larger city.

Steering committees have since been formed to create plans to achieve specific goals in the realm of Natural Resources, Financial Education, Leadership, and Community Marketing of Appanoose County. The development of the program is expected to take about year to a year-and-a-half and has many exciting new possibilities for the region.

Those committee members have been meeting over the last 3 to 4 months to gather specific topics and projects for implementation.



### **4 Housing Rehabilitation Applications Submitted to IEDA**



CVPD Council recently completed four (4) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) applications for housing rehabilitation on behalf of the communities of Allerton, Centerville, Moulton, and Seymour.

The State's annual CDBG allocation is a competitive process. Applications are submitted by the local communities for owner-occupied

rehabilitation of low to moderate income households.

The funding assistance to those homeowners that qualify will allow rehabilitation and lead removal from the structure so that the home will meet Iowa's Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards. The maximum per unit for rehabilitation is \$37,500 which includes hard costs of rehab work, techni-

cal services, and lead hazard reduction expenses .

The applications were submitted in early December 2012 and awards are anticipated in March of 2013.

CVPD thanks the communities for their cooperation and eagerly awaits the funding of the applications.

“Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.” by Don Marquis

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## What is a "Council of Governments"?

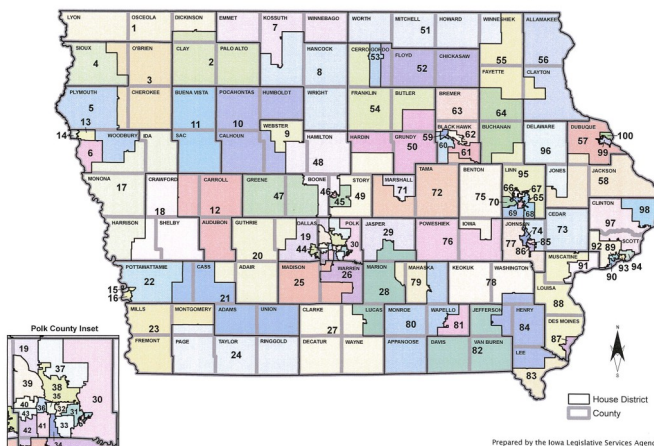
Iowa's Councils of Governments (COGs) provide professional planning, programming, and technical assistance to Iowa's cities, counties, businesses, community organizations and Iowans of all ages.

COGs are indigenous organizations formed by counties, cities and towns to serve local governments and their regional citizenry. Their governing boards are made up of local elected officials, business and education leaders, economic development professionals, and individual citizens.

## 2013-2016 Representatives for the CVPD Council of Governments Region

### IOWA HOUSE DISTRICTS

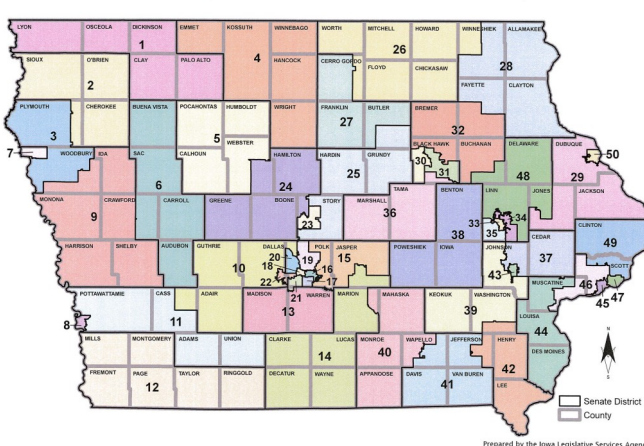
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### IOWA SENATE DISTRICTS

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#### Iowa Senate District 14

Includes Lucas & Wayne Counties.

Senator Amy Sinclair

#### Iowa Senate District 40

Includes Appanoose & Monroe Counties.

Senator Ken Rozenboom

#### Iowa House State Representative District 27

Includes half of Lucas County and all of Wayne County.

Representative Joel Fry

#### Iowa House State Representative District 28

Includes half of Lucas County.

Representative Greg T. Heart-sill

#### Iowa House State Representative District 80

Includes Appanoose & Monroe Counties.

Representative Larry Sheets

#### Local Board of Supervisor's

Appanoose County

Dean Kaster

Jody McDanel

Neal Smith

Lucas County

Larry Davis

Dennis Smith

Steve Laing

Monroe County

Denny Ryan

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Wayne County

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