

# CVPD Newsletter

MEETING AND MANAGING CHANGE

Volume 4, Issue 3

August/September 2008

## Chariton Valley PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Historic Courthouse District

205 1/2 N 13th

Centerville, IA 52544

Phone: 641.437.4359

Fax: 641.437.1161

[www.charitonvalleyplanning.com](http://www.charitonvalleyplanning.com)

**Executive Director,**

*Tracy Daugherty Miller*

**Community Development  
Planner,**

*John Dawson*

**Community Development  
Planner,**

*Lacey Johnson*

**Program Support Specialist,**

*Nichole Moore*

## Dates to Remember

September 4<sup>th</sup>

CDBG – Water/Sewer Workshop

Location: Ottumwa – ICN Location

Time: 8:00 to 4:30

September 4<sup>th</sup>

CVTPA Meeting

Location: Manhattan Resturant

Time: 10:00 am

November 3<sup>rd</sup>

CDBG – Applications Due for  
Water/Sewer Projects

November 20<sup>th</sup>

CDBG – Applications Due for  
Housing

December 11<sup>th</sup>

CDBG – Applications Due for  
Community Facilities

## Council of Governments Adds to Planning Expertise

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments, Iowa's newest multi-governmental planning agency, is pleased to welcome John Dawson. Dawson joins the council of governments as a Community Development Planner.

The addition of Dawson to the planning and development organization represents continued and consistent growth by the council of governments to support the technical needs of city and county governments in Appanoose, Lucas, Wayne, and Monroe counties in southern Iowa.

Dawson, who was recruited by Chariton Valley Planning and Development for his unique skill set and work ethic, relocates from Iowa City, Iowa to take the position.

"An opportunity like the one we found in hiring John does not come along everyday," explains Dean Kaster, Chairperson. "His experience with economic development in Iowa City and his credentials in community planning make him a great fit for our region and for Chariton Valley's existing team of outstanding professionals."

Prior to joining Chariton Valley Planning and Development, Dawson gained valuable research and communication experience while working with the City of Iowa City and honed his credentials while completing his master's degree in Urban Planning at the University of Iowa.

According to Tracy Daugherty Miller, the Executive Director of Chariton Valley Planning and Development, "We saw something very special in John. He possesses the unique combination of experience, intelligence, personality, and creativity that we look for in each employee we hire. We believe that John will absolutely thrive at our council of governments with our communities

benefitting greatly."

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments, authorized by Iowa Code 28H, is an association of, by and for local governments established to assist government in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.



Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council of Governments newest team member, John Dawson

Chariton Valley's executive director, Tracy Daugherty Miller, and community development planner, John Dawson, have been appointed by the Rebuild Iowa Office to serve on task forces related to education and public health, respectively. Both will be advising the Rebuild Iowa Office staff and Governor Culver as to how the state should posture itself for a comprehensive recovery following the flood and storm events of 2008. Additionally, their input will serve as a foundation to build a stronger network between state and federal agencies so that any future disaster will be met with a stronger coalition to minimize state-wide economic and social impacts.

**CREDIT STATEMENT:** Programs and activities of the Chariton Valley Planning and Development are sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Project partners include the Iowa Department of Economic Development, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Iowa Department of Transportation, regional tourism and economic development agencies and local governments from Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and contiguous Iowa counties.

**IOWA**  
life | changing®

# Chariton Valley Council of Governments Expands Headquarters



Pictured from left to right: Officers of the Chariton Valley Council of Governments convene in the new conference room at the organization's new headquarters at 205 N. 13th Street. L-R. Jerry O'Dell, Dean Kaster, Dennis Ryan, and Larry Davis

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Council of Governments ([www.charitonvalleyplanning.com](http://www.charitonvalleyplanning.com)), the State of Iowa's newest council of governments serving the Rathbun Lake corridor counties of Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne, has expanded its headquarters office in Centerville, Iowa. A dramatic increase in demand for the council's services in the past year necessitated a move to occupy the 3,400 square foot facility, more than two times the size of the council's previous office.

"Our council assists area economic development organizations, city and county elected leaders, and area businesses in planning for infrastructure needs, developing workforce potential, and managing opportunities for economic improvements," says Tracy Daugherty Miller, Executive Director. "There are many changes occurring in rural Iowa's social and economic environments and our council's objectives include helping local leaders meet and manage those changes."

Since the council's authorization by the Iowa Legislature in July 2007, Chariton Valley Planning and Development has coordinated the infusion of \$14 M in federal and state grant resources for the Rathbun Lake region. Those resources are awarded

directly to local governments and non-profits for improvements and planning activities.

"In our first year, the council has doubled its staff and office space," notes Daugherty Miller. "The purpose in doing that is for our organization to be better able to assist our four counties and 27 cities with their needs."

The council's staff, which now includes four, full-time professionals, have varied credentials and backgrounds to fully address the broad-spectrum of needs presented by cities and county governments in southern Iowa.

- construction of wastewater systems in Plano and Moulton
- storm sewer installation in Centerville
- multi-county emergency defibrillator placement planning for public buildings and equipment acquisition
- planning for a sanitary sewer system in Promise City
- regional biofuels market analysis and feasibility
- railroad infrastructure for the Appanoose County Community Railroad

- assistance with Honey Creek Resort State Park's wastewater system
- Centerville Community School District Voluntary Preschool grant acquisition
- development of the Morgan E. Cline Family Sports Complex in Appanoose County
- water system improvements in Mystic
- transit service planning
- coordination of federal funds for the Custom Rest Bedding facility in cooperation with Lucas County's Board of Supervisors and the Chariton Chamber and Development Corporation
- entrepreneurial startup assistance
- Iowa Highway 2 & 5 intersection expansion planning
- multi-county tourism marketing
- construction of an improved wastewater system in Seymour
- regional entrance signage for communities
- Moulton-Udell School District planning assistance for preschool
- Moravia Community School District planning assistance for classroom expansion
- Mystic flood recovery management

Councils of Governments provide regional planning and technical assistance to local governments and the communities in their regions by: 1) Providing individualized assistance to cities, counties, businesses, community organizations and community members (such as a local comprehensive plan, loans to local businesses, grant-writing assistance, and housing and workforce programs); 2) Providing planning services across multiple jurisdictions (such as a regional comprehensive solid waste management plans or long-range transportation plans); 3) Providing a forum that combines the elements of transportation planning, housing development, solid waste planning, and use planning, workforce development, and economic development into a comprehensive approach to regional growth and development.

## Mission Statement

Designated as an Iowa Council of Governments under Iowa Code 28H by the Iowa Legislature effective July 1, 2007, Chariton Valley Planning and Development will conduct business for the purpose of enhancing economic prosperity and planned growth in order to improve quality of life in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, and Wayne counties in the State of Iowa. Primary activities will serve to stimulate and support: job creation; business investment; attraction and retention of a skilled workforce; quality of life, recreation, and cultural enhancements; provide for infrastructure installation and maintenance.

## *Damage Reporting Due to Flooding*

Lucas, Appanoose, and Monroe Counties have been declared Presidential disaster areas due to the storm and flooding events of 2008 with Wayne County still being evaluated for the federal designation. Businesses, homeowners, non-profit organizations, and public entities in the four-county area should report ALL damages sustained between May 25, 2008 to present to local, state, and federal clearinghouses so as to preserve opportunities for reimbursement of some or all of the costs incurred from water backup, lightning, basement flooding, hail, wind, and related storm-related damage.

Parties should contact ALL THREE of the following to activate claims:

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**  
Region 7 Office  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Ph. 816-283-7063

**Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Management**  
7105 N.W. 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Camp Dodge-Bldg. W4  
Johnston, Iowa 50131

- Jim Russell- Ph. 515-251-3673  
[jim.russell@iowa.gov](mailto:jim.russell@iowa.gov)
- John Wageman- Ph. 515-251-3676  
[john.wageman@iowa.gov](mailto:john.wageman@iowa.gov)

**ADLM Emergency Management**  
(Lucas, Appanoose, Monroe Counties)  
12307 Hwy 5  
Moravia, Iowa 52571  
Ph. 641-724-3223; [adlmem@iowatelecom.net](mailto:adlmem@iowatelecom.net)

OR

**Wayne County Emergency Management**  
(Wayne County)  
Bill Yeager  
PO Box 435  
Corydon, Iowa 50060