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With Spring fast approaching, remember Red Bud trees when you make your planting plans.

Dunbar Jones chosen as consulting firm for Historic Hills sign project

Following interviews with several landscape architectural firms, the Historic Hills Corridor selection panel chose Dunbar/Jones to complete the construction documents necessary to proceed with the Historic Hills Corridor sign project.

The Des Moines based company has completed more than 90 TEA-21 projects (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) during the past five years, including the *Fleur Drive Gateway* signage project.

Selection panel members, including Chariton Valley Planning and Development (CVPD) Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller, Historic Hills Advisory Committee members, Dan Tometich and Larry Luckert, and CVPD Program Developer, Linda Howard spent a

considerable amount of time evaluating submitted credentials and qualifications before giving Dunbar/Jones the nod.

The role of Dunbar/Jones is to prepare construction documents and present the information to the IDOT for approval. Once approved, IDOT will then let the project for bids so that a landscape architect may install the signs and landscaping.

Daugherty Miller says all firms were capable of moving the sign project forward.

"Although the decision was a difficult one, the panel feels confident in the choice of Dunbar/Jones," she says.

We are certain that Tom Dunbar and his team understands our project's special needs and our expectations," she adds.

Historic Hills Advisory Committee meets with state legislators

The Historic Hills Advisory Committee met with state legislators at the Travel Federation of Iowa's annual Legislative Showcase held recently in Des Moines.

As the group heads into its fourth year of working together, they briefed their legislative representatives about the activities and progress made in the promotion and development of Historic Hills over the past year as well as about planned activities for 2005.

The Historic Hills Committee is one of the first in the state to work together to jointly promote a region as a tourism destination area. The counties include Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne.



Historic Hills Advisory Committee member, Denise Gradeless, visits with Richard Arnold at the Legislative Showcase held recently in Des Moines.

CVTPA board meets with Iowa DOT

In an effort to secure their share of federal dollars appropriated for highway and transit improvements, members of the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation (CVTPA) Legislative Committee met recently with Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) legislative liaisons.

The group, which includes Denny Ryan (CVTPA Chairperson), Bob Pontius (CVTPA Officer), Joy Evans (Davis County Development Director), and Tracy Daugherty Miller (Executive Director for Chariton Valley Planning and Development), traveled to Ames to present highway and transit priorities for the CVTPA seven-county area.

Highway priorities developed by the committee remain consistent with the message that they presented to the IDOT Commissioners in August 2004.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller says one priority is to secure federal planning aid for US Highway 63 from the Missouri line to Bloomfield.

"Highway 63 has undergone extensive construction in Missouri during the past few years," says Daugherty Miller. "Once completed, the roadway - sometimes referred to as the "Avenue of the Capitols" - will run from Missouri's capitol, Jefferson City, to Des Moines," explains Daugherty Miller.

The group also requested federal monies to continue Highway 63 construction and improvements from Bloomfield to Ottumwa.

Additional priorities include funding for Highway 5 recreation corridor plan-

ning; a request for federal and state appropriations for Highway 2 construction between West Grove and Centerville; and for overlay improvements on Interstate 35 near Osceola.

Transit priorities are to continue and expand funding for services provided by Southern Iowa Trolley and 10-15 Transit resulting in improved access to opportunities, work, school, medical, retail, and local resources. Enhanced transit services will allow individuals to maintain independence as well as enhance their quality of life.

Services benefit seniors, Head Start programs, non-emergency medical transports, and public and private schools.

M i s s i o n S t a t e m e n t

Incorporated in May 2004, Chariton Valley Planning and Development will conduct business as a 501(c)3 corporation for the purpose of enhancing economic prosperity and planned growth in order to improve quality of life in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and contiguous 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.

CVPD FOCUS AREAS

Multi-county and multi-modal transportation planning for Appanoose, Wayne, Davis, Lucas, Monroe, Decatur, and Clarke counties

Water distribution and wastewater replacement

Historic preservation

Tourism planning and implementation programs

Land use planning and enforcement studies

Community service grant writing

Destination Park planning

Planning and technical support for economic development corporations and chambers

Feasibility studies for intergovernmental services and facilities