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Season's Greetings
from Chariton
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CITR awards grant to Chariton Valley Planning and Development

Central Iowa Tourism Region (CITR) Executive Director, Ann Vogelbacher, recently notified Chariton Valley Planning and Development that they are the recipients of a \$1,000 CITR grant award.

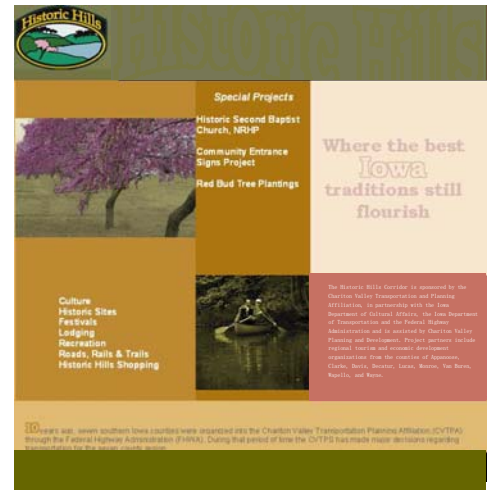
Chariton Valley Planning and Development plan to use the grant funds to revamp the Historic Hills Corridor website, which may be viewed at www.historichills.com.

For the past five years, the website has served the purpose of informing web visitors about Historic Hills, however, the Historic Hills Advisory Committee envisions expanding the website to provide itineraries specific to target audiences.

For example, antique lovers who visit the website could "click" antiques and be provided with a list of all

the antique stores available in the nine southern Iowa counties that make up the Historic Hills Corridor.

Those counties include Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Wayne.



Above: Historic Hills Corridor website home page.

Iowa DNR approves SWAP funding request

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources recently reviewed and recommended for approval a Solid Waste Alternative Program (SWAP) funding request on behalf of the Rathbun Area Solid Waste Commission (RASWC) written by Chariton Valley Planning and Development staff and Rodger Kaster of the RASWC.

This grant and loan package, which consists of a \$20,000 forgivable loan and a \$157,000 zero interest loan,

will go toward the recycling portion of a proposed \$1.2 million solid waste transfer/recycling facility that will replace the RASWC's current landfill and recycling center operation.

The RASWC is facing a September, 2007 deadline from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to close its existing landfill facility and find alternative methods of solid waste disposal.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development continues to work with the RASWC to secure other funding sources to ensure that they are able to meet the EPA deadline and continue to provide efficient and affordable solid waste and recycling solutions.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development launches website

In an effort to provide another avenue for information access for the cities, counties, and individuals in its service area, Chariton Valley Planning and Development has launched www.charitonvalleyplanning.com.

Visitors to the site can become familiar with the various services Chariton Valley Planning and Development provides, which includes community development grant writing services, development of conference exhibits, and planning studies.



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Programs and activities of the Chariton Valley Planning and Development, Inc., a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, are sponsored in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Project partners include regional tourism and economic development agencies and local governments from Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and contiguous Iowa counties.

Historic Hills Corridor Signs update



Dunbar Jones, the Des Moines-based landscape architectural firm hired to complete the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) construction documents for the Historic Hills Corridor entrance signs, is in the process of completing the site plans.

Documents for each of the 41 sign locations will be submitted to the DOT by December 31, 2005.



Left: Davis County Conservation Director, Rick Kranz and Bloomfield Main Street Board Member, Doug Dixon, stand in the location of a future Historic Hills sign. **Above:** John McCurdy, Chariton Valley Planning and Development, and Gert Patterson, Historic Hills advisory member from Chariton, mark the spot for one of four Chariton entrance signs.