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Gift Acceptance Policy

A Gift Acceptance Policy for Chariton Valley Planning and Development has been prepared and is available for review.

A copy is available upon request. Call 641.437.4359.

Dunbar/Jones discuss Historic Hills sign progress

Tom Dunbar and Greg Jones of Dunbar/Jones Landscape Architecture met recently in Chariton to discuss the status of the Historic Hills Corridor entrance sign project with members of the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation Policy Board and Technical Committee, Historic Hills Advisory committee, city administrators, and county engineers within the nine county corridor.

Tom Dunbar presented updated sign installation timelines and relayed to the group that while the anticipated installation has been moved from this fall to the spring of 2006, it looks like all cities and counties are close to completing the necessary steps to move forward.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Community Development Planner, John McCurdy says with the exception of a few communities that still need to obtain easements or complete paperwork, the project is progressing.

Advisory committee members

in each county have worked hard together on the sign project and should be commended for their efforts, says McCurdy.

Considering how many levels of government have been involved with the process—city, county, state, and federal—the project has come a long way.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) requires a IDOT registered landscape architect to submit the construction documents.

"Dunbar/Jones was hired to complete the construction documents. Right now, we are in line with the IDOT project submission time table and are looking at an early spring bid letting," he adds.

For more information contact [John McCurdy](#) at Chariton Valley Planning and Development, 641.437.4359.



Tom Dunbar of Dunbar/Jones Landscape Architects.

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.

Historic Hills responds to Governor's initiative

In response to an initiative set forth by Governor Vilsack, the Historic Hills Advisory Committee delivered an invitation to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs to illustrate their desire to participate in [Iowa Great Places](#).

Community Development Planner, John McCurdy, who oversees the Historic Hills Corridor project, says the hope is that the Historic Hills Corridor will be one of the three great places chosen from the substantial number of invitations the state anticipates it will receive.

The program, which is designed to assist three great places complete their project goals, is segmented into the following steps, with the first two steps already completed by the Historic Hills Advisory Committee:

Step one: Attend one of several forums held throughout the state to learn more about the initiative. Historic Hills Corridor representatives participated in a forum held in Pella.

Step two: Submit an invitation to participate in Iowa Great Places.

Visit www.historichills.com



Step three: Work with the coaching team that the state assigns to assist in preparing for the official presentation to be made in September.

Step four: A citizen's advisory council appointed by Governor Vilsack will serve as the selection committee to determine which three projects will receive the nod for further help from the state.

The Historic Hills Advisory Committee is hopeful that they will be one of the three selected places as it has worked together as a region for the past three to four years, which places it in a high state of readiness.

For more information regarding [Great Iowa Places](#), contact [John McCurdy](#) at Chariton Valley Planning and Development, 641.437.4359.



CITR appoint CVP&D staff

Tracy Daugherty Miller, Chariton Valley Planning and Development (CVP&D) Executive Director and Kathleen Chester, CVP&D Marketing and Design attended recently in Tama, Iowa, the annual meeting for the [Central Iowa Tourism Region](#).

At the meeting, Miller was appointed

a position on the Grant Program Guidelines Committee.

Chester agreed to serve on the Brochure Overview Committee. CITR develops marketing materials, provides grant opportunities, and creates networking opportunities with those associated with tourism activities in central Iowa.