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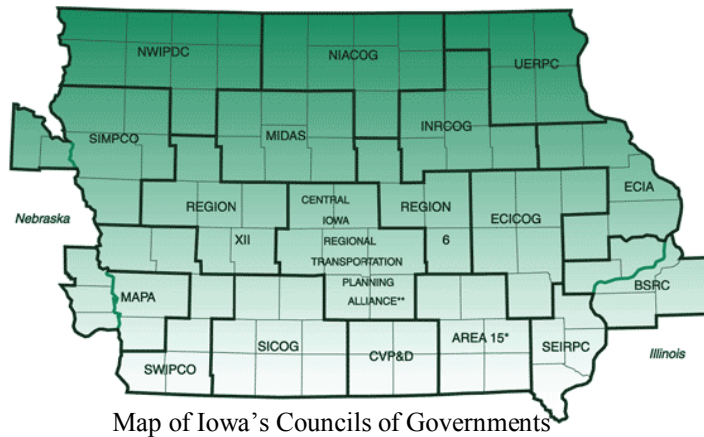
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Chariton Valley Becomes Iowa's Newest Council of Governments

On July 1st, Chariton Valley Planning and Development takes over as the council of governments for the counties and cities in Appanoose, Lucas, Monroe and Wayne counties.

The change, authorized by the 2007 Legislature and signed into law by Iowa Governor Chet Culver, provides greater attention to the needs of local governments in the Chariton Valley/Rathbun Lake area.



Map of Iowa's Councils of Governments

Services similar to those that had been provided by Area 15 Regional Planning Commission will now be provided through Chariton Valley including but not limited to: grant writing,

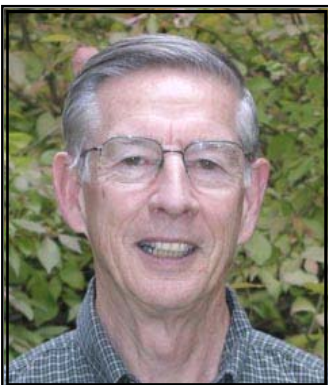
administration, project development, transportation planning, comprehensive and strategic planning, infrastructure planning, and economic development support. With the transition, cities and counties will no longer pay membership dues to a councils of government as services will be delivered on a demand-response basis.

Regional Retail Gets Boost From Nationally Renowned Economist, Kenneth Stone

Chariton Valley Planning and Development will host a one day workshop, "Money! Ripe for the picking." Dr. Kenneth Stone, former Professor of Emeritus of Economics at Iowa State University will serve as workshop speaker and present new ideas on how rural communities can profit from a visitor-based economy.

Learning objectives include the availability of the market, attracting visitors, and principles that will grow sales. The workshop will be held on **June 19, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa, Iowa.**

The specialized workshop focuses on tourism and retail. Dr Stone's work has been cited in most national newspapers. He has been profiled in the New York Times and has also been quoted in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News* and the *Wall Street Journal*. Most recently, he appeared in a CNBC documentary on Wal-Mart. The workshop is open to the public with a focus toward small businesses and the tourism industry. Registration is required and must be submitted by **June 15, 2007**. The registration form can be found online at www.CharitonValleyPlanning.com or telephone at (641)437-4359.



Dr. Kenneth Stone

Johnson, Moore Join Chariton Valley Office

Chariton Valley Planning and Development has the pleasure of introducing its latest office additions.

Lacey Johnson hails from Unionville, MO and comes to the organization from having most recently worked with the federal Government Services Agency (GSA)-Kansas City, MO office. While with GSA, Johnson's responsibilities included federal real estate acquisitions and contract monitoring for Iowa. Johnson completes her Masters of Business Administration in August having branched a 4.0 GPA during her last semester and looks forward to applying her business and marketing expertise for the purpose of southern Iowa business expansions.



Lacey Johnson

Nichole Moore, originally from the Moulton, IA area, works for Chariton Valley Rural Economic Development and assists Chariton Valley Planning and Development with multiple projects and programs. With a degree in Education from Graceland University, Moore applies her credentials to research, part-

ner coordination, and management of transportation related programs through US Department of Transportation including Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration.



Nichole Moore

Historic Hills' Sign Construction Starts

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) has awarded a contract for construction of the Historic Hills common entry signs to Smith Seeding, Inc. with installation having been initiated on May 15th.

Hall Engineering of Centerville is serving as the construction engineering firm for the project and will oversee Smith Seeding's work during construction. Nancy Huisman, PE, will serve as the principal engineer and may be contacted at 641-437-4477 with general inquiries during the construction phase. The contractor has 180 days to complete the construction and landscaping elements of the project thus placing November 30, 2007 as the end date.

Installation sequencing (which signs are installed first) is at the discretion of the contractor. However, the project engineer and contractor will work collaboratively to estimate installation schedules and then communicate anticipated timelines to the jurisdictions in which the signs will be erected.

The Historic Hills Corridor is sponsored by the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation with support from the Iowa Departments of Cultural Affairs, Economic Development, and Transportation and the US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority. Chariton Valley Planning and Development provides assistance to the Historic Hills Corridor including the counties and development corporations of Appanoose, Clarke, Davis, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne, Wapello, and Van Buren and the City of Donnellson.

Mission Statement

Incorporated in May 2004, Chariton Valley Planning and Development enhances 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.