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### IT'S A GIRL!

Mary Carmel McCurdy  
March 1, 2006  
7 pounds, 13 ounces

Proud Parents  
John and Ann  
McCurdy



### Chariton Valley Transportation Planning & Development receives \$500 to promote Appanoose County

The Appanoose County Tourism Grant Fund selection committee notified Chariton Valley Planning & Development that it has awarded the organization a \$500 grant to aid in its promotion of Appanoose County.

Appanoose County is

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## IDED awards the cities of Centerville and Plano storm water and sewer project grants

### Centerville award—\$510,000

The city of Centerville received good news at an Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) award ceremony in Grinnell on Friday, March 3 - the city is to receive a \$510,000 Community Development Block Grant to fund the city's storm water sewer project.

The grant is the second largest awarded through the program this year.

Centerville Mayor Greg Fenton and Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller attended the awards ceremony and were on hand as the announcement was made.

"The funding announcement is great news for Centerville," says Daugherty Miller, who assisted the city with the CDBG grant application. Hall Engineering completed the engineering portion of the application process.

"Iowa DED hasn't been known to fund many storm water sewer projects in the past, so to receive one of the top dollar awards is especially gratifying," she explains.

A team of engineers confirmed that storm water system conditions and hazards in the northern and central areas of the city require immediate attention.

Centerville Mayor, Greg Fenton, says thin, vitrified clay pipes and brick intakes have abruptly collapsed in recent years due to climate conditions, precipitation, and poor quality control conditions that existed when the pipes and bricks were manufactured in the 1930s.

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County.

Appanoose County is one of nine southern Iowa counties that comprises the Historic Hills Corridor, which also includes the counties of Davis, Decatur, Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Van Buren, Wayne, and Wapello.

For the past five years, Appanoose County has been a part of all Historic Hills marketing efforts.

Grant funds will be used to expand the Historic Hills website, print exhibits for events which promote Appanoose County through Historic Hills such as the CITR Bank Club Marketplace, Legislative Showcase, and tourism related events.



"Without CDBG funds, the city may have had to assess user fees and surtaxes to residents and businesses to secure funding needed to make the urgently needed replacements," Fenton says.

Replacement of 6,467 lineal feet of storm sewer pipe and 22 intakes will be constructed in the vicinity of the city park and Howar Junior High School.

The project is sponsored by the City of Centerville, Iowa. The Centerville Public Works Department will oversee engineers and contractors constructing the infrastructure and will monitor the storm water system.



L-R: Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Director, Mary Lawyer; Centerville Mayor, Greg Fenton; Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller; and IDED staff member Dan Narber.

### *Plano award—\$60,000*

At the invitation of the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED), Plano Mayor, Richard Gorden, Plano City Clerk, Marilyn Gorden, and Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller were present as the announcement was made that the city of Plano was chosen as a successful applicant to receive a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award.

The announcement was made Friday morning at an awards ceremony in Grinnell. Residents of Plano and ADLM Public Facilities Management will receive \$60,000 to assist in the construction of a \$641,600 sewer system.

The city of Plano submitted the CDBG application with assistance from Chariton Valley Planning

process," says Daugherty Miller. The grant award will be used jointly with funding from USDA Rural Development.

A considerable amount of time and planning went into the project with major roles from ADLM, USDA Rural Development, Mayor Gorden, and Garden and Associates of Oskaloosa who completed the application's engineering study.

"Chariton Valley Planning and Development staff has worked with a number of communities in southern Iowa on funding applications for wastewater improvements.

The grant funds will allow Plano to remedy standing wastewater violations as cited by the Iowa Department of Natural

The city of Plano submitted the CDBG application with assistance from Chariton Valley Planning and Development in Centerville.

"I am thrilled that Chariton Valley Planning and Development was able to assist the city of Plano and ADLM Public Facilities Management with the application

Plano to remedy standing wastewater violations as cited by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources," she explains.

ADLM public Facilities Management will own and operate the facility. Following the bid letting in February of next year, construction is slated to begin in November 2007.



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## Chariton Valley Planning & Development host Iowa DOT meeting

Transportation planners representing nearly 80 counties from five southern Iowa Regional Planning Affiliations and five northern Missouri Regional Planning Councils converged in Centerville last week to share with each other successful transportation planning strategies.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development hosted the event at the request of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT).

for other areas of the state," says Plazak.

Chariton Valley Planning and Development Executive Director, Tracy Daugherty Miller and Appanoose County Engineer, Jim Armstrong shared unique transportation strategies currently underway in the Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliation seven county area.

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Amanda Martin, transportation planner with IDOT's Office of

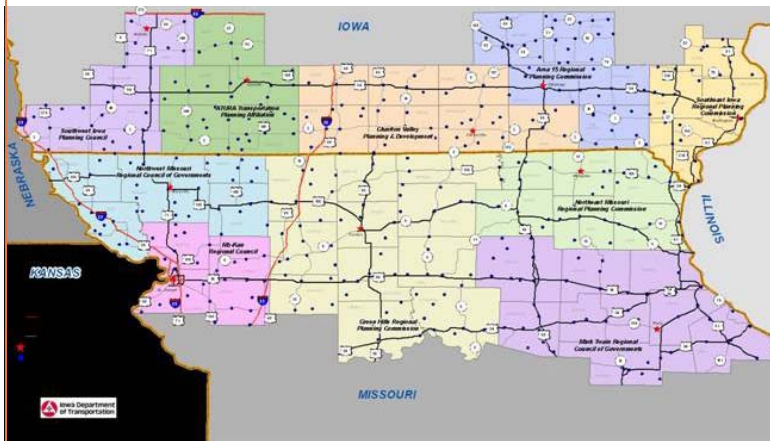


Amanda Martin, transportation planner with IDOT's Office of Systems Planning says the peer review far exceeded her expectations.

"I believe both states benefited from the peer sharing and that each participant left with a better understanding of how each state approaches the regional transportation planning process."

The event was facilitated by Dave Plazak with the Iowa State University Transportation Research Department. Plazak said since this event was the first of it's kind that he has participated in, he wasn't sure what to expect but was extremely pleased with the outcome.

"Hopefully, this becomes an annual event as what took place here today could serve as model



The map above shows the Missouri and Iowa regions represented at the peer review.

the event varied, the primary objective of each represented area was identifying priorities.

"You find out real quick the importance of identifying priorities when you have \$186 million worth of needs and only \$3 million in funds," Armstrong says.

For more information, contact Chariton Valley Planning and Development, 641.437.4359.



Tracy Daugherty Miller welcomes representatives from nearly 80 counties from five southern Iowa Regional Planning Affiliations and five northern Missouri Regional Planning Councils at a recent Missouri/Iowa Peer Review.