



IOWA GREAT PLACES

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Quarterly Meeting

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Agenda



Department Overview



Program Overview



Case Studies

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Iowa Arts Council

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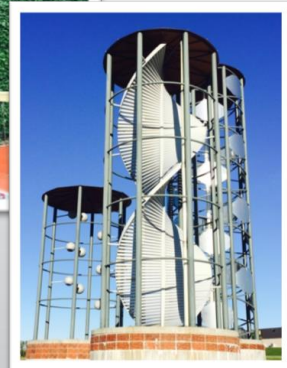
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Iowa Great Places



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Iowa Great Places

- Initiated in 2005
- Community Vision
- Specific Strategies
- Partnership & Collaboration
- Development of Local Assets:
 - Arts & Culture
 - Architecture
 - Diversity
 - Entrepreneurial Incentives for Business Development
 - Historic Fabric
 - Housing Options
 - Natural Environment
 - Amenities

“...recognize communities that take action to enhance their local places while staying true to what makes them unique.”

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Iowa Great Places

- 5 year Designation Cycle
- Visioning & Community Participation
- Networking
- Technical Assistance
- Professional Development
- Mentorship
- Additional State Consideration



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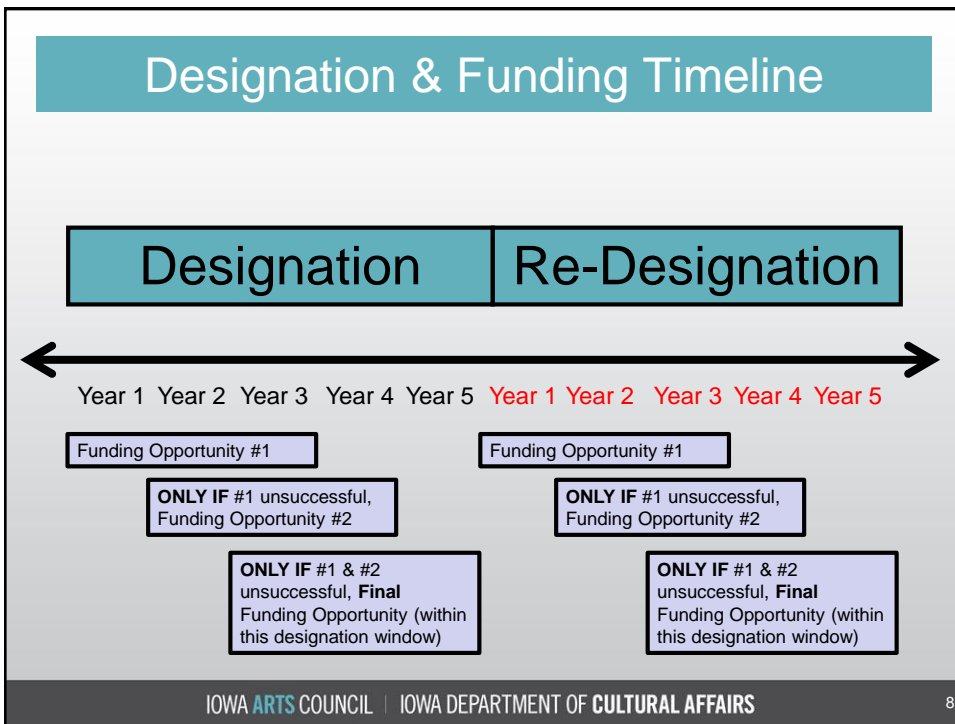


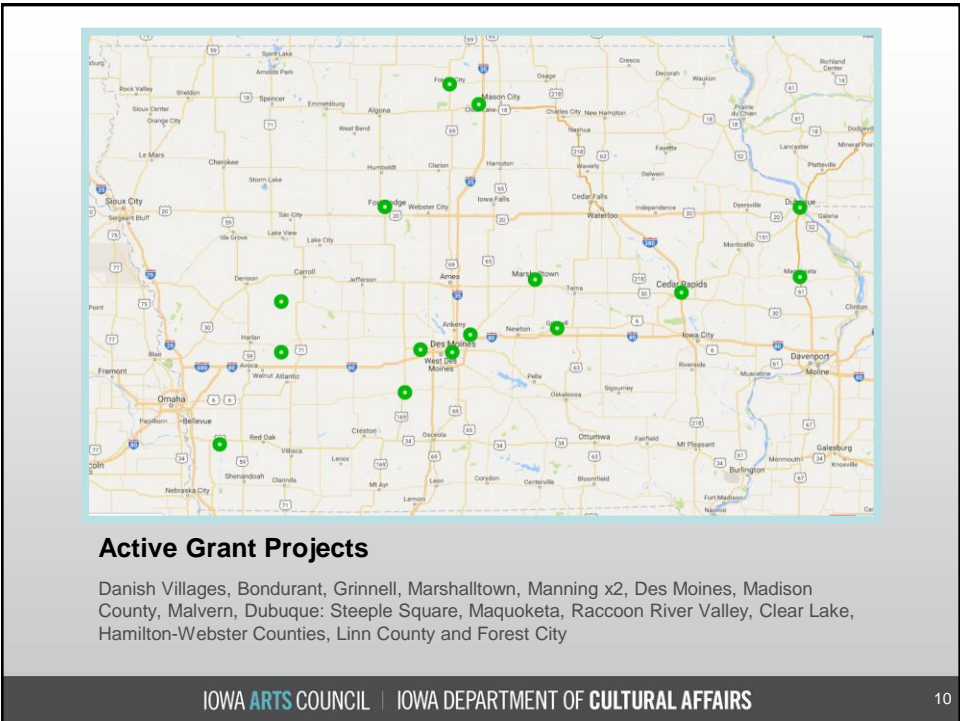
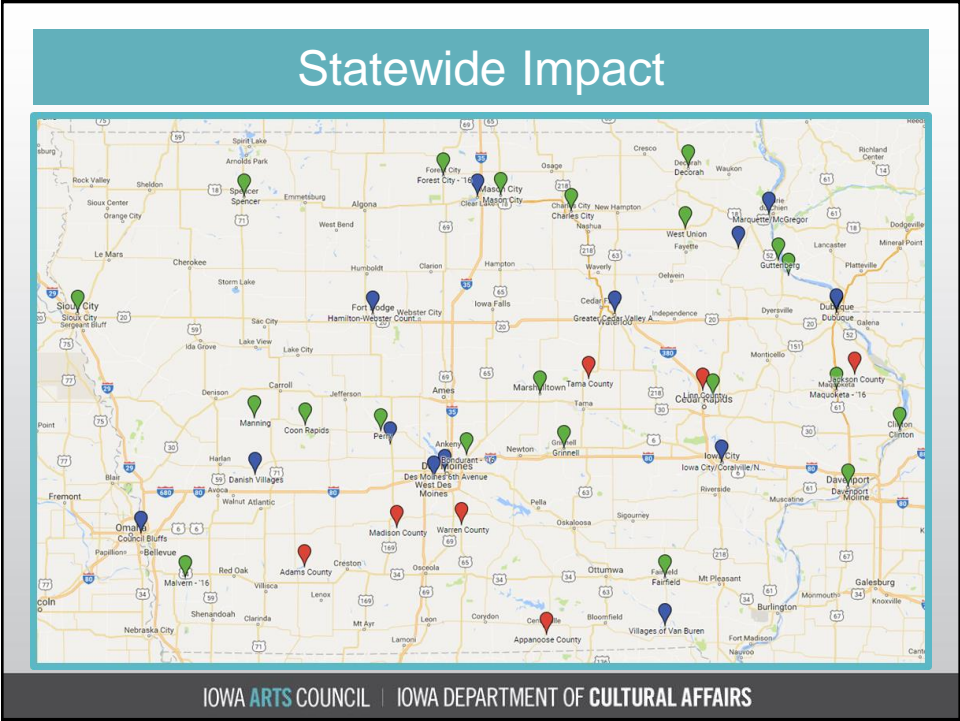
Designation Priorities

Vision Plans

- highlight local cultural assets
- contain identifiable goals and actionable objectives
- have broad community input and support
- will clearly enhance the vitality of the community
- demonstrate bold thought and innovation
- foster a sense of place and identity

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Current Great Places

- Adams County, 2006
- Appanoose County, 2007
- Bondurant, 2016
- Cedar Valley, 2009
- Cedar-Wapsi Recreational Corridor, 2014
- Charles City, 2007
- Clear Lake, 2014
- Clinton, 2005
- Coon Rapids, 2005
- Council Bluffs, 2007
- Danish Villages, 2010
- Davenport, 2007
- Decorah, 2007
- Des Moines 6th Avenue, 2015
- Dubuque, 2006
- Dubuque: Steeple Square, 2016
- Fairfield, 2006
- Forest City, 2016
- Guttenberg, 2006
- Hamilton-Webster Counties
- Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty
- Jackson County, 2006
- Madison County, 2014
- Malvern, 2016
- Manning, 2014
- Maquoketa, 2016
- Marion, 2009
- Marquette-McGregor Counties
- Marshalltown, 2014
- Mason City, 2006
- Perry, 2007
- Raccoon River Valley Trail, 2014
- Sioux City, 2005
- Spencer, 2008
- Tama County, 2009
- Turkey River Recreational Corridor, 2009
- Valley Junction, 2007
- Villages of Van Buren, 2009
- Warren County, 2008
- West Union, 2008

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Active Projects

- **Danish Villages:** Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Phase 3
- **Grinnell:** Central Park Improvements & Downtown Entrance Enhancements
- **Marshalltown:** Roundhouse Renovations & 13th Street Renovations
- **Manning:** Trails, Amenities, Trail Connector, Public Art
- **Clear Lake:** Clear Lake's Surf Project
- **Hamilton-Webster Counties:** Fort Dodge Historic Downtown Gateway Features
- **Des Moines:** 6th Ave Corridor Streetscape Project, Part I
- **Raccoon River Valley:** Raccoon River Valley Trail Public Art & Cultural Corridor Initiative
- **Linn County:** Amazing Space
- **Madison County:** John Wayne Birthplace Museum and Trail
- **Maquoketa:** Main Street Pedestrian Enhancements
- **Manning:** Trestle Park Expansion and Trail
- **Malvern:** Downtown Streetscaping & Public Art Transformation
- **Forest City:** Expanding Arts and Opportunities
- **Dubuque:** Steeple Square Community Revitalization
- **Bondurant:** Gateway to Chichaqua

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Dubuque (2006)

Helped fund:

- Bi-Lingual Curriculum & Integrated Trail Signage
- Expansion of the Mississippi River Museum Campus
- Carnegie Stout Library Renovation
- Historic Millwork District: Streetscaping & Placemaking Features



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Villages of Van Buren (2010)

Helped fund:

- Rehabilitation of The Stone Building, a historic structure built in 1854, located along a Scenic and Historic Byway
- Renovations of facilities at Morris Park and Lacey Keosauqua State Park, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources



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Raccoon River Valley Trail, 2014

Helped Fund:

- Trail-wide regional initiative for all communities and counties on the trail, including 6 communities participating in the initial uniformed public art effort
- Waukee Trailhead as first public art installation project



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