



Bellevue's Bridge to the Future

On Wednesday, October 25th, the Bellevue Bridge to the Future was officially opened. This bridge links the Felderman Park on the city's southern edge to the Bellevue State Park and the Dubuque Mines of Spain State Recreation Area. Thanks to Iowa's Parks to People program, projects like this and many others are being completed.

The Grant Wood Loop, which includes Dubuque, Jackson, and Jones counties, is the pilot for the program, with the counties' stakeholders required to match by 5 to 1 the state's investment of \$1.9 million. Over the past 3 years, however, officials have done even better and secured \$52 million, or about 25 to 1, of funding for dozens of projects.

EIRHA Receives TBRA Grant

The Eastern Iowa Regional Housing Authority (EIRHA), was awarded \$503,025 on October 4th for a one year Tenant Based Rental Assistance Grant from the Iowa Finance Authority. This grant is projected to assist 80 families with housing assistance payments (HAP) and 35 families with security deposit assistance. This was a two year grant previously that will continue to have funding for another year. This grant also provides funding for staff support.

IISC Partnership Still Going Strong

With the start of a new academic year, the IISC (Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities) program has started a new round of projects. Projects for this year are underway in Clinton, Delmar, DeWitt, Lake Delhi, Maquoketa, along with a few others. The projects will consist of creating public art in Clinton, planning activities in Delmar, a referral center and new zoning regulations in DeWitt, wastewater improvements at Lake Delhi, and a bicycle and pedestrian plan and a farmer's market awareness campaign in Maquoketa.

By the end of the academic year, UI student teams will have completed more than 20 projects and contributed roughly 20,000 hours of work in these communities.



Manchester Receives REAP Grant

The city of Manchester has received a REAP grant of \$100,000 to be used in a riverfront improvement project. The project will be located adjacent to the newly developed Manchester Whitewater Park and when it is completed, it will contribute to the overall whitewater and river experience. A shelter/restroom facility will be available and easily accessible for whitewater park users, including downtown and riverfront visitors.



ECICA Meeting Event

All City Clerks in the ECIA region are invited to attend the Fall ECICA meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm in the ECIA Large Conference Room. Topics include "Small Town Turnaround – Nuisance Properties and Abatement" presented by Mickey Shields of the Iowa League of Cities, "Green Iowa AmeriCorps - Weatherization Audits" by Nolan Miller, and "Cyber Security and Social Media" presented by Kevin Lynch, Owner, Net Smart.

Here is your chance to learn how to communicate with your citizens through Facebook, get information on home weatherization audits and even network with your fellow city clerks while earning 4.25 IMFOA credits. Please RSVP to Marla Quinn at mquinn@ecia.org or call 563-690-5703 by November 15, 2017.

Healthy Habits in Preston

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that in Iowa approximately 14.6% of children are overweight and 13.6% are obese, a combined total of 28.2%. The community of Preston has implemented "Healthy Preston," with a goal of generating community momentum to get people moving. Healthy Preston was designed to address: nutrition, physical activity, and community health sustainability. Four initial projects were chosen to get the program moving:

- 1) Play areas along Copper Trail
- 2) Connect the West Side Park to sidewalks
- 3) Add playground equipment to Twogood Park
- 4) Create a community garden at Easton Valley High School

ECDC Receives ESG Grant

The East Central Development Corporation (ECDC), ECIA's non profit division, was awarded \$150,000 for a one year Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) to provide rapid response rental and deposit assistance as well as street outreach for homeless households in Dubuque and Delaware Counties.

This is a new program for ECIA and is a one year grant. The program will complement the funding and activities of the United Way funding and Special Needs Assistance Programs assisting the homeless in Dubuque and Delaware Counties.



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