



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
Corridor Management Plan Meeting
Clinton County Area**

**April 17, 2015
Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton**

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now? What are your community's assets for travelers?

- Alternative to I-80
- Historic bridges
- Bluffs
- Lincoln Highway-Mississippi River-Great River Road connections
- Keyster Hill
- River town look of Clinton
- Wapsie Oaks
- Two cemeteries close to Lincoln Highway
- Train depots
- Ancestors tied to buildings and cemeteries
- Lincoln Highway travels through small towns in area
- Early travelers stayed in churches
- Bike path follows the river and Lincoln Highway to Camanche
- Clinton is the first town in Iowa as you travel from the east. Hotels and motels are concentrated along the Lincoln Highway

What could the Lincoln Highway mean to your community in the future? What ideas do you have?

- Potential for Great Race as Great River Road has done
- Visuals - each community develops its own (for example, gas station with silo)
- More planned landscaping - the back of a property or farm is the front of the Lincoln Highway
- Marker on historic buildings - what they were originally and info on fields, crops, barges, ships
- Digital integration - places to eat, visit, etc.
- List of National Register of Historic Places locations
- Geocaching
- Interpretation along Wapsie
- Focus on agriculture types and history
- Wheatland - bridge, different routes the road took, cemeteries
- Grand Mound - remains of an old motor court, original buildings in backyards, tourist cabins
- West of Cedar Rapids are remains of a haunted gas station, before the turn to Belle Plaine
- Young people interested in apps, geocaching
- Work with Scouts
- Old newspapers on microfilm, look for the 1928 marker dates, Lincoln Highway dedication dates

Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:

- Original Lincoln Highway marker at Highway 30 and Highway 67

Natural:

- Wapsie
- Agricultural land
- Eagle Point Park
- Riverfront area the Lincoln Highway crosses
- Bickelhaupt Arboretum

Cultural:

- Historic churches
- Every town has a town celebration

Scenic:

- Sign where “MUD” begins and ends - Cedar County was the last county to pave in Iowa
- Wheatland coffee group had a discussion about the routes - came to the library to get a book to find the answer

Archaeological:

- Dig by Sabula
- Dig by casino
- Maps - old routes with the new roads would be useful

Recreational:

- River activities
- DeWitt - swimming pool and park