



**Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway
Corridor Management Plan Meeting
East Marshall County Area**

**July 14, 2015
Marshalltown Public Library**

Meeting Notes and Community Member Input

How has the Lincoln Highway enhanced your community up until now?

- Henry Osterman died in accident east of Montour in a Packard- early tour across US
- People from Switzerland traveling to Chicago wanted to drive the Lincoln Highway. People from other countries know more about the Lincoln than some Iowa residents.
- Wrote a book about Shady Oaks- it was originally called Rock Valley and had a café and gas station

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

- Develop river front at Riverview Park- beautified and more access.
- Interpretation - DOT's Blue sign program- signage from #30, I80, and I35 to the Lincoln Highway
- Develop an app to show Lincoln Highway and attractions
- Henry Joy Auto Tour passed right by Shady Oaks- need to partner with trip planners and identify attractions
- Develop key exit points from #30 to the Lincoln Highway
- The DOT Blue sign program- could it include a LH byway sign as an icon?
- Arrange for open air bus with a tour guide- perhaps from Marshalltown to Tama, etc.
- Put a picture of old Rainbow bridge on interpretive sign, even though the bridge is no longer there.
- Get Belle Plaine to open up Preston's Garage
- Maintain infrastructure- bridges, etc.

Intrinsic Qualities Identified

Historic:

- Marengo to Fort Dodge stagecoach road (Shady Oaks)
- Courthouse (feel it is prettiest in the state)
- Orpheum Theater
- Packing Plant - beautiful when lit up at night
- Marshalltown had one of the first canneries built in Iowa (Iowa Choice Harvest located here now)
- Rock Valley Mill- had a circle drive where the wagons waited to grind corn
- Veteran's Home
- 7 Railroad lines in early years (Cedar Rapids & Missouri, Iowa Central [a north/south route], Chicago Northwestern, Union Pacific)
- The Union Pacific has an office in town today. The old RR office burned down a few years ago
- Gym in town is an old Roundhouse

Natural:

- Iowa River
- Shady Oaks
- Grimes Farm- observation deck and prairie
- Alliant has a prairie/wetland at new plants and trails
- Devil's Anvil- large rock. Quarry sites
- Non-harvested land outside Ferguson
- Green Castle Prairie Rec Area, Marietta Sand Prairie Preserve, Wehrman Prairie Preserve, etc.

Cultural:

- Famous Artist/Art
- Jean Seberg- actress
- Orpheum Theater
- Marshalltown Community College

- Award winning Library
- BBQ Event
- Oktoberfest
- Linn Creek Art Festival
- Meskwaki Powwow (casino, restaurant, hotel)
- Theatre group

Scenic:

- Old mansions on Main Street
- Courthouse
- Grimes Farm observatory
- Road east of Vets Home- can see Iowa Valley area
- Modern power plant lit up
- Windmill farms at #330. Can see them all at one point- good place for interpretation
- Tama view of Iowa River
- Iowa Historic Barns

Archaeological:

- Quarry area- rare finds
- Three old bridges
- Indian artifacts found on a farm
- Library has good examples

Recreational:

- Trails
- Aquatic center
- Grimes Farm
- The "Y"
- Four golf courses- par 3 course and Harvester
- Frisbee golf course
- Camping access at Riverside
- Dog park
- Skate park
- Ball Diamonds