

2023 APA Iowa Chapter Awards



2023 APA Upper Midwest Conference
Thursday, October 12, 2023

Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan



Plan Osky Comprehensive Plan

City of Oskaloosa
RDG Planning & Design



The Alley in Downtown offered a great space for engagement that exemplified many of the visions desired for Plan Osky



Art and cultural activities are invaluable to Osky residents and needed to be a focus of Plan Osky.



Plan Highlights:

- Focus on quality of life + arts and culture
- Market-based recommendations
- Multi-jurisdictional approach
- To the point (concise plan)
- Action oriented
- Challenges the status quo

Jury says: Good utilization of Iowa's Smart Planning Principals to focus on local pride and reviving the economic opportunities for the region.



City of Waverly Multi-Community Plan Updates & Collaborative Engagement

*City of Waverly Councilman-Hunsaker
Toole Design MSA Professional Services, Inc.*



Memorial Park
Concept Plan
City of Waverly, IA
11.2022

Plan Highlights:

- Coordinating four plans simultaneously
- Cohesive public engagement
- Planning process engagement portal (website)
- Cost savings + reduced survey fatigue
- User-friendly plan documents

Jury says: Efficient planning methods bookending the future vision to implementation ready projects. If its better to bundle home and auto, then why not bunding community plans.





ReflectDSM - The City of Des Moines Citywide Historic Preservation Plan

City of Des Moines

Kendig Keast Collaborative with Susan West Montgomery



Plan Highlights:

- Centered on equity and inclusion
- Unique public engagement approach (Outreach Coordinator Cohort - *paid community members*)

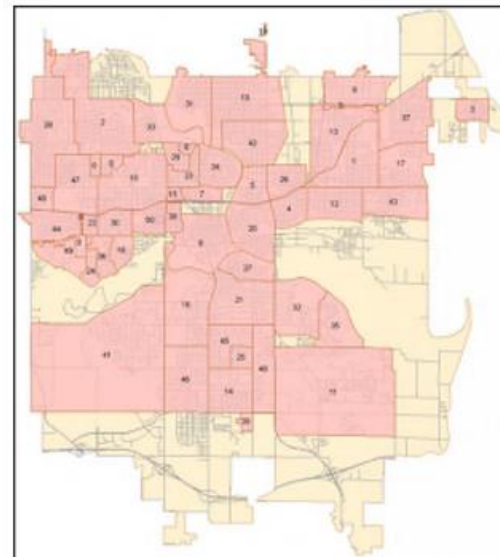


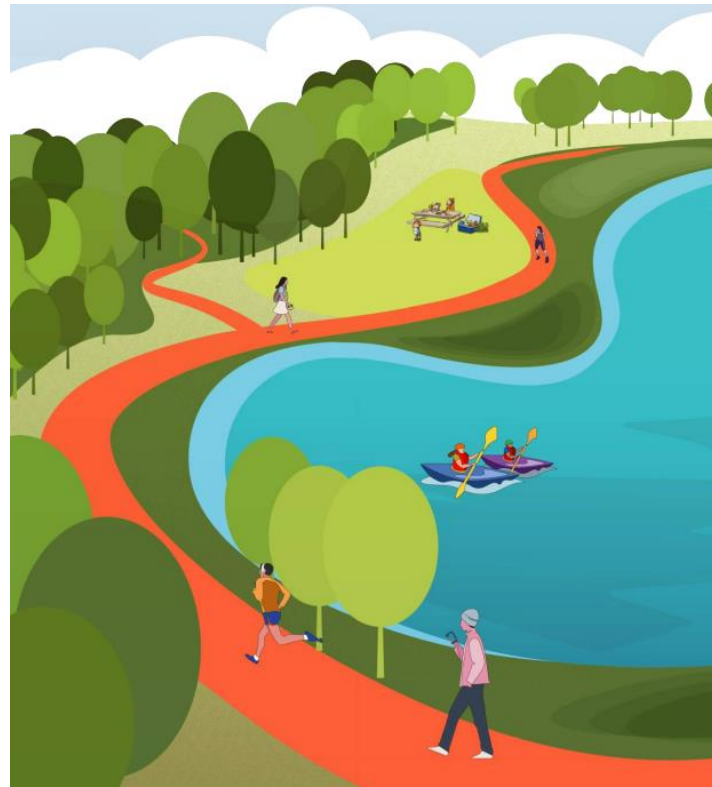
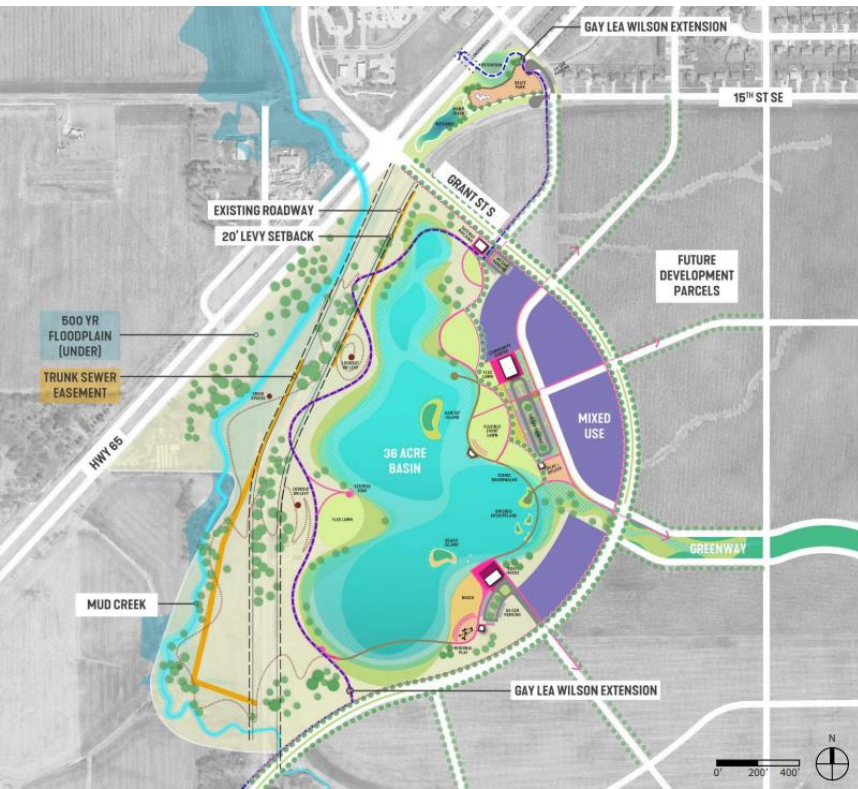
Figure 24. A map of Des Moines' 50 neighborhoods. (Source: City of Des Moines)

Jury says: Excellent and very comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan



Central District Stormwater Improvements Master Plan

City of Bondurant SmithGroup Veenstra & Kimm



Plan Highlights:

- Multi-plan integration
- Robust public engagement
- Bundles the need for a street realignment, flood prevention, water quality improvements, and public space

Jury says: Inclusive of all parties with interest in the central business district and created bold solutions for the flood prevention and enhance public amenities.



Civic Campus Master Plan

City of Bondurant SVPA Architects
Confluence Kirkham Michael



Plan Highlights:

- Plan addresses municipal facilities and public spaces
- Includes a focus on pedestrian connectivity, traffic safety, landscaping, buffering, and regional stormwater detention

Jury says: Excellent use of creating a sense of place in a multi purpose civic campus to create a functional and an aesthetically pleasing place





Downtown Des Moines: Future Forward Vision & Action Plan

*City of Des Moines Greater Des Moines Partnership
Polk County RDG Planning & Design*

DOWNTOWN DSM VISION:

AN ASPIRATIONAL STATEMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN



Plan Highlights:

- A detailed guide geared for multiple organizations for a unified approach for Downtown
- 6 primary innovations
- 11 funding partners
- Targeted public outreach

Jury says: Excellent use of plan integration and inclusion of all downtown interests





Liberty Square Master Plan

University of Iowa School of Planning and Public Affairs



Plan Highlights:

- Incorporates sustainability, collaboration, diversity, and community character into urban development
- 3D renderings to convey concepts
- Includes funding and zoning for implementation

Jury says: Nice use of graphics and 3D images to engage the public's desires for the plan area



Student Poster Contest Winners



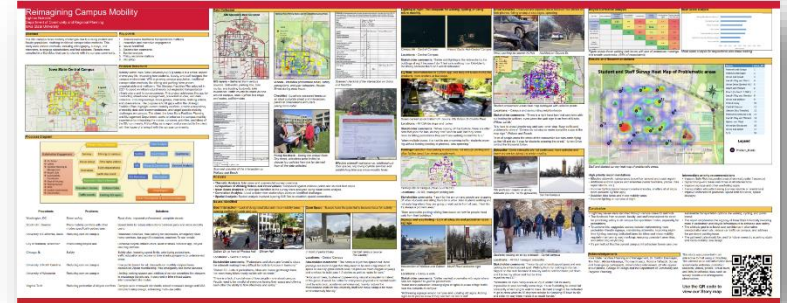
1st Place: Liberty Square Master Plan

Farnaz Fatahi, University of Iowa
Sepehr Yadollahi, University of Iowa



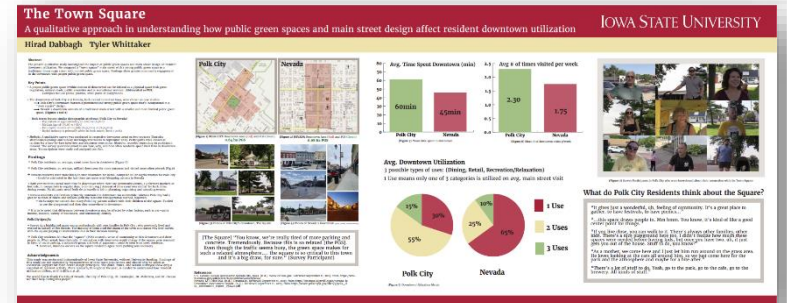
2nd Place: Reimagining Campus Mobility

Lighton Nakidde, Iowa State University



3rd Place: The Town Square

Hirad Dabbagh, Iowa State University
Tyler Whittaker, Iowa State University



Students Poster Presentations - today at 1:45 pm

2022 CPC Karen B. Smith Chapter Award for “Outstanding Outreach”

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Kyra Troendle



APA Iowa Chapter DEI Student Scholarship Winners



Carina Nolasco - Iowa State University

Gabriel Fordjour – University of Iowa



Distinguished Service Awards



Liesl Seabert, AICP

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Distinguished Service Awards



- **Lucie Laurian - University of Iowa Representative**
- **Alexsis Fleener, AICP - APA Iowa Chapter Conference Chair**
- **Haley Boyd - University of Iowa Graduate Student Rep**
- **Keegan Haines - Iowa State University Undergraduate Student Rep**
- **Andre Lafontant - Iowa State University Graduate Student Rep**



Distinguished Leadership Award



David Wilwerding, AICP

