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Iowa Architectural Foundation Helps Redesign County

Council Bluffs, IA – Pottawattamie County is taking steps toward a Main Street facelift as the *Community Design Program*, administered by the Iowa Architectural Foundation, sets up shop there for the next three years. Rural communities in the county will be eligible to participate in the *Community Design Program* thanks to a \$70,000 grant from the Iowa West Foundation, a community-based foundation that awards grants for southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska projects.

This project will allow communities to work with design professionals during an intense three day weekend of exchange, visioning, and goal setting. Considerable time is devoted to preparing for the workshop and following-up on ideas generated afterward.

The Iowa West Foundation and Iowa Architectural Foundation are pleased to provide numerous communities with the tools needed to enhance and preserve their communities. “Rural communities often do not have access to planning and design services, but this grant should assist them in convening their local leaders with design experts to develop community plans,” said Todd Graham, executive director of the Iowa West Foundation.

Community representatives are invited to an orientation session where they will learn how to prepare to apply and consequently go through the *Community Design Program*. The orientation will take place on September 7, 2005 at the Council Bluffs Public Library, starting at 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact the Iowa Architectural Foundation at 515-244-1888 or visit www.iowaarchfoundation.org/cdp.

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