

Administration

(Special Projects, Budget / Finance, Community Development and Human Resources)

Planning Alternative Wastewater and Wetland Research Park

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and Communications:

This project has not been started, however, there has been much public interest in the area of green development, alternative wastewater treatment, and wetland banking / credits. Although, the city had to abandon its pursuit of an Alternative wastewater treatment process as its primary treatment system there are still interest in examining educational, research, and natural recreation opportunities that involve these green alternatives.

The process will start with town meetings and small task groups to gauge the viability of such a future project. It will conclude with a presentation to the City Council with next steps and/or recommendations.

Renew Building Incentive Program

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

The West Branch Building Incentive Program was approved by the City Council on May 4, 2015 and revised on February 19, 2019. The program was developed by a group of builders, realtors, bankers, and associated professionals who reside and work within the West Branch community. The program was revisited and restructured this year to have separate incentives for the builders and homeowners. The building incentive program is now scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021.

Splash Pad Funding / Contributions

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

At this time the project is not funded. Staff will be looking for grant and other fund raising opportunities.

Wayfinding Signage for the Industrial Park

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

This project is a partnership with the Community Development Group. It is anticipated to have a presentation to the Industrial Park business to get feedback regarding potential Gateway and wayfinding signage in the Industrial Park. Marketing and Naming are expected to be among the topics. September 17th is expected to be the kick off date with a business afterhours meeting at Brown's Auto Dealership.

Overlay One Alley (Terror Trail Solution)

Project Status

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Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

This has long been a problem area for access by resident(s) and by city staff during snow removal events. Over the years a neighbor has grown trees in the city right of way. The trees have grown to the point that it has been a barrier for neighbors to access their property. The plan is to pull the trees and roots out of the alley replace with gravel and/or black top / cold patch.

Downtown East Redevelopment

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

The City of West Branch is very interested in hearing from qualified developers (individuals or firms) interested in presenting a viable design and development concept for a mixed-use development on 3.450 acres of real estate located in Downtown West Branch, Iowa, owned by the City of West Branch. The site has recently been used as concrete ready-mix plant. Using existing grain elevators... the city is looking for a creative approach to development that accommodates entertainment venues such as a city market, hotel, housing, brewery and/or other significant mixed-used developments on the site (all ideas will get considerable review and investigation). The following documents are intended to provide interested developers and investors with background information that could assist their research and value propitiation processes.

This process will be on-going with many opportunities for city council feedback. A RFP process in expected, demolition, and other pre-develop work is expected over the next fiscal year.

Solid Waste Service Contract (New / Renewal)

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

Currently working with the City Attorney to review RFP processes from other communities. It is intended that a Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications will commence 6 months prior to the city current solid waste service contract expires next year. The samples in the city hall lobby are intended to get feedback from the citizens and rate payers. Despite who we contract with it is expected that we will be moving away from the current garbage sticker system.

I-80 Utility Relocation

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

Veenstra & Kimm are working on this project as the city's engineers. Working with the Iowa Department of Transportation the project is expected to be designed and constructed as a pass through or 100% reimbursable project. Despite, having previously agreed to pay for these expenses, the Iowa Department of Transportation amended their position of splitting the cost and agreed to pay 100% of the expenses relating to this project. This was due to timeline expectations and the city's limited financial resources.

Town Hall Improvements

Project Status

Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

Project / Program Remarks, Updates, and communications:

The town hall has been a priority to place more attention to its maintenance schedule.

Capital Improvement Reserve Levy

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Complete In-progress Not started No longer an objective

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This item will be on the November Ballot. Public Information efforts are expected.