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Iowa Lakes RC&D receives National Scenic Byway Grant For the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway

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Spencer, IA – The Iowa Lakes RC&D received a National Scenic Byway Grant for the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway to complete a Corridor Management Plan (CMP). The grant is for \$61,680 from the National Scenic Byways Program; the total project is estimated at about \$77,000. The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway (GTSB) is a 36-mile loop that travels through Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, and O’Brien Counties.

The plan will identify the intrinsic qualities that draw visitors to the area, develop strategies for enhancing and protecting those intrinsic qualities, will incorporate larger transportation and community planning efforts that improve mobility within and among the byway communities; and increase the livability of the communities on the byway. The CMP development will involve working cooperatively with the byway council, community leaders and residents. The plan will inventory, evaluate and offer direction for management of the byway.

Overall, the Corridor Management Plan will serve as the guiding document for the byway community, and allow steering committee members and stakeholders to effectively manage the byway with the travelers’ enjoyment in mind. It is an essential component in raising public awareness and support for the byway.

The Glacial Trail Scenic Byway was designated an Iowa State Scenic Byway in 1998. In 2008, formal efforts were made to organize the byway community. A project manager was hired, stakeholder meetings have been held, and a byway steering committee meets regularly.

For more information or to become involved with the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway efforts please contact Sheriffa Jones at (712) 262-2083, sjones@iowalakesrcd.org, www.iowalakesrcd.org/GlacialTrailScenicByway.htm, or find the Glacial Trail Scenic Byway on Facebook.

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