



# Harrison County Development Corporation

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## Thoughts from the Director.....

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I'm sure you have heard about the Rural Housing Readiness Assessment. This program, presented by ISU Extension and Outreach Community Development Specialists, is well underway in Harrison County. HCDC was contacted by ISU Comm. Dev. Specialist Abbie Gaffey and asked to help choose communities for the program. We were excited about the program but wanted all 10 towns to have the opportunity to decide if they felt the program would be beneficial to them or not. We invited Harrison County Extension & Outreach to join us and in the end, 7 of the 10 towns decided to take part in the program. We have had several meetings that included the communities participating and we are now conducting a survey to get feedback from people from everywhere in the County and also from people who work here but do not live here. This is important to find out what type of housing they are interested in, the price point necessary, and the over all quality of life components that they feel are essential to living here. The link for the survey is below. Please take a few minutes to take it and please pass it along to others to take as well. Remember by working together we can accomplish great things. Let's make it happen!



## Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Survey

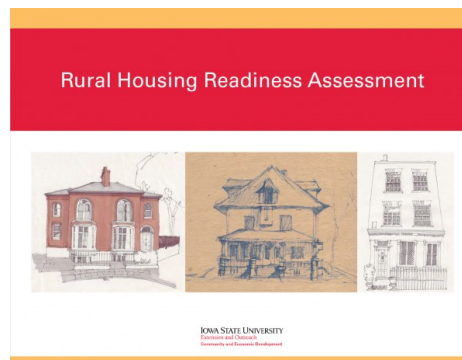
Below is the link for the Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Survey. This link is for the survey specific to Harrison County. Please take a few minutes and answer the questions. This information is anonymous and collected to give us an overall report on the housing needs, wants and amenities that are desired to live in our communities. This is important as we plan for the future needs of Harrison County. Please pass it along to others to help us get as many responses as possible. You can post it on your social media, share with co-workers and family alike. If you prefer we can also email the link to you. Just let us know.

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## Sustainable Land Use Planning—Community Infrastructure

### Creating Sustainable Communities

Land use planning impacts many aspects of a person's daily lives. The types of land use in a community impacts a variety of factors from fiscal sustainability to the health of citizens. Smart land use planning makes the most of existing infrastructure and is part of a larger regional vision of quality of life. Land use decisions should support the following sustainable community principles:

- Mix land uses
- Take advantage of compact building design
- Create housing opportunities and choices
- Create walkable communities
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Strengthen and direct development toward existing communities
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective
- Encourage community stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

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## Iowa Energy Office — Grow Sustainably

### Iowa Energy Office

The Iowa Energy Office manages a diverse mix of state, federal and utility-funded programs and initiatives that provide energy-economic benefits for Iowa's citizens, businesses and organizations.

Clean Cities Program - Increasing the adoption of alternative fuels, advanced vehicle technologies and energy efficient transportation strategies.

Green Streets - Guidance in developing and implementing sustainable practices.

### Iowa Energy Center

The Iowa Energy Center (IEC) is funded from an assessment on the intrastate revenues of Iowa's gas and electric utilities. The mission of the IEC is to support projects that align with the key focus areas of the Iowa Energy Plan including: technology-based energy research and development, energy workforce development, support for rural and underserved areas, biomass conversion, natural gas expansion, electric grid modernization and alternative fuel vehicles.

Iowa Energy Center Grant Program - Grants to eligible applicants for projects that provide a benefit to Iowa rate-payers.

Alternate Energy Revolving Loan Program - Zero interest loans for the development of alternate energy production projects.

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