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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

November 15, 2013, Edition No. 106

### REPORT:

1. Bi-State: Attached is a copy of Bi-State's 2013 *Commission in Review* for your information.
2. Cemetery Steps: Attached is a copy of the information that staff has received to date on the Cemetery Steps. Also attached is a quote that Mr. Bromwell submitted.
3. Riverfront: Attached is a flier providing additional information on the Downtown and Riverfront Survey being conducted by the students involved in the University of Iowa Sustainability Program. The following link takes you to the livability survey being conducted as well: [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_2i6x0HF4whaxkdT](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2i6x0HF4whaxkdT).
4. Blue Zones: The City (as a worksite) will be submitting our packet of information to the Blue Zones team next week for review and consideration so that we may become a "Blue Zones Designated Worksite" as the Chamber, Hy-Vee, and Ellie's has recently.
5. Fire Department: Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman was awarded the "Career Individual Provider of the Year" Award during the Iowa EMS Association (IEMSA) Annual Awards Ceremony in Des Moines on November 9th, 2013. Please see the attached news release.
6. Solid waste: Quick update for Laura - The 65 gallon containers have arrived and are ready for delivery. The 35 gallon containers will arrive on Monday. Our staff will begin delivering containers on Monday, November 18th. Collection of the containers will begin the following week of November 25th. This information has been added to the front page of the website.
7. Auction: Public Works has compiled the attached list and is planning to ask the City Council to declare this list as surplus property at the November 21st meeting. IF you have any question, please let us know.
8. Leaf Pickup: Information on the extended pick up period has been added to the front page of the City's website. Here is the direct link: <http://www.muscatineiowa.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=309>



# Commission in Review

October 2013

Serving local governments in Muscatine and Scott Counties, Iowa;  
Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties, Illinois.

## NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Wed., Nov. 20, 2013  
3:30 p.m.

Scott Co. Admin Bldg.  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Room  
600 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Davenport, Iowa

## APA TRAINING SERIES

"Fiscal Impact Analysis  
as a Decision Support  
Tool"

Wed., Dec. 04, 2013  
3-4:00 p.m.

Third Floor Conf Room  
1504 Third Ave., R.I.

Call (309) 793-6302,  
Ext. 138 or e-mail  
[ppearson@bistateonline.org](mailto:ppearson@bistateonline.org)  
to register.

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### **Mission Statement:**

*To serve as a forum  
for intergovernmental  
cooperation and  
delivery of regional  
programs and to  
assist member local  
governments in  
planning and project  
development.*

## I-74 Mississippi Project Update

Bi-State staff receives many questions regarding the Interstate 74 Bridge Corridor project. Here are some of the most frequent questions:

**Is the bridge actually going to be constructed?** Yes, thanks to the over \$85 million dollars in federal funds received through our senators and congressional representatives since the mid 1990s to conduct required studies, prepare environmental documents, develop construction plans, and purchase rights-of-way.

In addition, the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation have placed the projects in their respective State Transportation Improvement Programs with \$170 million in the Illinois 2014-2019 program, and \$176 million in the Iowa 2014-2018 Program. More money will be added as the states include additional years beyond 2018/2019 in their plans.

**When will the bridge project begin?** In Fiscal Year 2018. Actual construction could start in the second half of calendar year 2017.

**How much will the project cost?** The final costs are being determined for the bridge section in the years it will be constructed. In 2015 dollars, the bridge section costs are approximately \$850 million.

**How long will the project take to construct?** The current plans show the project being constructed in five years, but there is an effort underway to determine if this time can be reduced. Reducing the construction period would likely reduce construction costs, but there will be effects on traffic. These effects are being studied.

**How high will the bridge be?** The top of the arch will be 84 feet higher than the current bridge.

**How long has the project been the #1 transportation priority of the Bi-State Regional Commission?** Since 1998, but an alternatives study began in 1995.

**Will the project really include a trail?** Yes. The trail will be 14 feet wide with a viewing area near the center of the bridge and will connect to the riverfront trails in Moline and Bettendorf. In Bettendorf there will also be an elevator in addition to the trail connection.

### **What are the next steps?**

- Public meetings will be held regarding the project timing and staging in 2014
- Final engineering plans will be completed in 2014
- Construction of roadways to connect to the bridge in Bettendorf will begin in 2015
- Construction of River Drive in Moline to accommodate proposed ramps is scheduled for construction letting in 2014
- Right-of-way acquisition in Illinois and Iowa will continue

Contact Denise Bulat at [dbulat@bistateonline.org](mailto:dbulat@bistateonline.org) with questions.



*I-74 Bridge - True Arch Design*



*I-74 Observation Feature*

## Bi-State Regional Commission Freight Commodity Efficiency Study/Plan

A Freight Commodity Efficiency Study/Plan will be conducted for the five-county Bi-State Region. A freight study was completed in 1989 for a subset of the region limited to the Quad Cities urbanized area. Bi-State leaders and transportation officials believe a new, broader study should be conducted for the entire region in-light of changing conditions in the economy and environment. The study will examine the region and its ability to export and import various commodities efficiently through the use of barges, trains, trucks, and air planes. Determining if the region has the needed infrastructure to economically match goods to the most appropriate mode of transportation is the goal of the project. Key transportation facility needs will be identified and integrated into regional plans for future implementation.

The proposed project will support the fine tuning of both the Bi-State Regional Commission's Long Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The study will provide information on how to address transportation choices for freight and enhance economic competitiveness. The proposed project budget will range between \$300,000 and \$500,000 depending on the availability of funding from the Army Corps of Engineers. Other funders include the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Iowa Department of Transportation, and Bi-State Regional Commission through funds reserved for transportation planning. The funding will be used to contract with a consultant to conduct the freight study.

The purpose of this work is to prepare a multimodal, intermodal freight plan for the two-state, five county Bi-State Region that enhances the mobility of both people and goods while mitigating the negative impacts on mobility, safety, environment, and quality of life. Specific objectives include:

- Collect base freight data
- Support data needs for Bi-State 2045 LRP
- Inventory, forecast, evaluate, & identify freight needs/challenges
- Develop solutions that address challenges & efficiencies
- Evaluate costs & benefits for proposed solutions
- Prioritize long, medium, and short-term improvements
- Develop regional consensus on priorities

## Revolving Loan Fund

Donna Moritz, Revolving Loan Fund Program Administrator, presented the Commission with information on the Bi-State Revolving Loan Fund Program. She stated since the inception of the program in 1986, nearly \$9.4 million has been loaned to 101 businesses in Rock Island and Scott Counties. These loans have helped generate approximately \$133 million in total investments, accessing city and state public financing programs, financial institutions, and company equity. In addition, 3,401 jobs have been created/retained in the two-county area. Ms. Moritz reviewed the 6 new loans made in the last year for over \$485,000. Four projects were fixed asset loans and the other two were for working capital needs. Five businesses were expanding and one was a start-up endeavor. Two companies were industrial, two were service, one was retail, and one was a retail/ manufacturing combination. Currently, there is approximately \$176,000 available to loan with the repayment loan pool growing by \$10,000 each month.

Mark D. Hunt, Economic Development and Public Safety Manager, provided a brief summary of the Mercer/Muscatine County Revolving Loan Fund. The fund has been in existence since 2010 and made its first loan in August 2012. The initial loan of \$150,000 leveraged \$650,000 private investment and created 25 jobs. Currently, there is \$850,000 available to loan. Bi-State staff continues to market the program and has meeting with lenders in Muscatine and Aledo on November 5 and 6.

If you know of potential projects that will create new jobs and needs public loan assistance to supplement conventional financing, please contact your local government's economic development staff or Donna Moritz at [dmoritz@bistateonline.org](mailto:dmoritz@bistateonline.org) or (309) 793-6302 ext. 128, or Mark Hunt at [mhunt@bistateonline.org](mailto:mhunt@bistateonline.org) or (309) 793-6302 ext. 131.

**BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**  
**FY 2013-14 Program Budget Status Report**  
**Through Month of September – 25% of Year**

<b>ADOPTED BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$2,057,347.00</b>	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>
<b>EXPENDED THROUGH AUGUST:</b>	<b>\$503,756.54 (24.5%)</b>	
<b>STAFF LEVEL BUDGETED:</b>	<b>25.25 F.T.E.</b>	
<b>STAFF LEVEL MAINTAINED:</b>	<b>23.75 F.T.E.</b>	

**MEMBER GOVERNMENTS SERVED DIRECTLY AND ACTIVITIES DURING SEPTEMBER**

**ALEDO** – MERGO Participation; Website Support; RLF Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Economic Develop. Strategic Plan Presentation

**ALPHA** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

**ANDALUSIA** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

**ANDOVER** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning

**ATKINSON** – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

**BETTENDORF** – Joint Purchasing; Scott Co. Housing Council; IAQC Transit Planner Coord. & Transit Issues; Transit Certification Review; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; I-74 Bridge Coord.; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort.; RLF Loan Admin./Marketing; Trail Coord.; DOJ Interoperability; Air Quality Asst.; NSBP/EDA Apps;; Trails Counting Asst.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; RDA/SCRA Grant Asst.; STP & TAP Inquiries; IADOT/City Qtrly Mtg.

**BLUE GRASS** – Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; SCRA & HMGP Grants Applications

**BUFFALO** – Trail Planning and RFP Asst.; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; RDA Grant Application.

**CAMBRIDGE** – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

**CARBON CLIFF** – RICWMA Staffing; Joint Purchasing; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**COAL VALLEY** – Joint Purchasing; RICWMA Staffing; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**COLONA** – Grants Inquiries; Joint Purchasing; GIS/Mapping Asst. – Utilities, Zoning, Indian Trails Resort; Census Count Question Resolution

**CORDOVA** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council & Riverfront Planning; Website Support; Mapping Asst..

**DAVENPORT** – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council, RiverVision; Drug/Alcohol Testing Consort.; Scott Co. Housing Council; Solid Waste Coord.; RLF Loan Admin.; Transit Funding & NTD Asst.; IAQC Transit Planner Coord. and Transit Issues; Transit Certification Review; QCICNET Interoperability Project; BRAC/OEA Coord.; Air Quality Asst.; Davenport Schools Hazard Mitigation Plan; Trail Planning (Goose Creek scope revision); Legislative Priorities Asst.; IMCP/EDA Grant with QC Chamber; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; IADOT/City Qtrly Mtg.

**EAST MOLINE** – IL QC Intergov. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; RICWMA Staffing; RMS Coord.; Riverfront Cncl.; Interoperability Project; RLF Admin.; MUNICES; Air Quality Asst.; Trail Planning;; Consol. Disp. Study Asst.; QCICNet; Econ. Dev. Strategic Plan; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**ELDRIDGE** – Solid Waste Coord.; Drug & Alcohol Consort.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**FRUITLAND** – Region 9 Transportation Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.

**GALVA** – Broadband Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; HCEDP.

**GENESEO** – HCEDP Part.; Website Support; Trails Planning; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; TIF District Mapping Asst.;

**HAMPTON** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; Website Support.

**HENRY COUNTY** – Joint Purch.; HCEDP Part.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Plan; Trail Coord.; Zoning Reviews; Workforce Dev. Board; Legislative Priorities Asst.; Comp. Plan & Zoning Mapping/GIS; EDA/USDA Grant; Evac. Plan; Fact Sheet Update, Illinois Grants for Local Gvts.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**KEWANEE** – Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

**LECLAIRE** – Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**LONG GROVE** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**MCCAUSLAND** – Reg. 9 Trans. Coord., Solid Waste Coord.; Stormwater Meeting; Comprehensive Plan;.

**MILAN** – Joint Purchasing.; RICWMA Staffing; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; RMS Coord.; RLF Admin.; Interoperability Project; MUNICES Coord.; Cons. Dispatch Study Asst.; QCICNet.

**MOLINE** – MUNICES Coord.; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purch.; I-74 Bridge Coord & Southern Sec.; RICWMA Staff.; RMS Coord.; Riverfront Cncl./RiverVision; RLF Loan Admin.; Trails Coord.; Interop. Proj.; Rail Coord.; Air Qual. Asst.; Park/Rec Plan.; Cons. Disp. Study Asst.; QCICNet.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**MUSCATINE CITY** – Trail Planning; Reg. 9 Transportation Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Joint Purchasing; Air Quality Asst.; RLF Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.;

**MUSCATINE COUNTY** – Trails Planning; Website Support/Development/Redesign; Reg. 9 Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Joint Purch.; Transit Mobility Coord.; Hazard Mitigation Plan; Air Quality Asst.; OEA Grant Coord.; EDA RLF Coord.; Comprehensive Plan; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**NEW BOSTON** – MERGO Participation; Website Support; Grant Research;

**OAK GROVE** – E9-1-1 Coord.; Consolidated Dispatch Study.

**ORION** – HCEDP Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Water System Map Update.

**PORT BYRON** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council; ED Strategy;; Zoning administration inquiry

**PRINCETON** – Riverfront Council; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Planning; Economic Development Presentation; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**RAPIDS CITY** – RICWMA Staffing; Riverfront Council.

**RIVERDALE** – Riverfront Council; Trail Coord & TEAP Traffic Counting Asst.; TAP Candidate Project Review; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Haz Mit Plan.

**ROCK ISLAND CITY** – IL QC Intrgv. Comm.; E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; Riverfront Council; RiverVision; RICWMA Stfg.; MUNICES Coord.; RMS Coord.; RLF Loan Adm.; Interop. Proj.; Air Quality Asst.; Workforce Dev. Bd.; Consol. Dispatch Study App; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; TAP Candidate Project Review; Comp Plan Public Input Process; Status of EDP Appl.

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY** – E9-1-1 Coord.; LEPC Committee; IL QC Intergov. Comm.; RICWMA Stfg.; Electronic Collection Event & Website Support; Joint Purchasing; Trail Coord.; WIB Part.; RMS Coord.; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Passenger Rail; Air Quality Asst.; Legislative Priorities Asst.; QCICNet; Evacuation Plan; Forest Preserve Planning & Map; Hazard Mitigation Png. Appl.; QC Health Initiative

**SCOTT COUNTY** – Financial Management - Scott Co. KIDS; Scott Co. Hsg. Cncl.; Joint Purchasing; I-74 Brgd. Coord.; Trail Png.; RLF Admin.; Reg. 9 Transportation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Interop. Project; Goals Booklet; OEA; Passenger Rail; Housing Assessment; Budget Report; Air Quality Coord.; Solid Waste Coord.; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; QC Health Initiative.

**SHERRARD** – MERGO Participation; Website Support; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Joint Purchasing Council Info..

**SILVIS** – E9-1-1 Coord.; Joint Purchasing; IL Intergov. Comm. Coord.; RICWMA Stfg.; RMS Coord.; CDAP Grant Admin.; Trail Planning; Consol. Dispatch Study App.; QCICNet; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.; Sisters Park; TIF/Enterprise Zone & Utilities GIS/Mapping Asst.; Existing/Projected Traffic Counts.

**VIOLA** – MERGO Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Logo Development;

**WALCOTT** – Reg. 9 Transportation; Solid Waste Coord.; Trail Coord.; RLF Marketing; Aerial Photo Coord. Asst.

**WEST LIBERTY** – Reg. 9 Transportation; Solid Waste Coord.; Website Support; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; Air Quality Coord.

**WILTON** – Reg. 9 Transportation; Solid Waste Coord.; Muscatine Co. Haz Mit Plan; EDA Application; Air Quality Coord.; Water/Sewer System Maps.

**WINDSOR** – HCDEP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning; Zoning Inquiry;

**WOODHULL** – HCEDP Participation; Transit Mobility/HSTP Planning.

## **Bi-State Report – September**

**COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Attended Henry County Economic Development Partnership (HCEDP) meetings. Continued administration of EDA/USDA Rural Jobs and Innovation Challenge Grant Program on behalf of multiple member governments in Henry, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties. Attended IA RELAT meetings. Assisted with economic development funding program information for legislative efforts. Attended Iowa Regional Council, Illinois Regional Council, Northwest Municipal Association, QCCVB Annual and Quad City Health Initiatives-NPAW Panel meetings. Assisted members with legislative priorities. Printed 2013 CEDS Progress Report. Held 2013-14 APA audio-conference training for planning commissioners/planners/citizen planners. . Continued coordination with QC Chamber on EDA's Investing in Manufacturing Community Partnership Grant;

### **DATA/GRAPHICS/MAPPING/ON-LINE SERVICES:**

**Data Center:** Staff responded to approximately 15 data and map requests in September 2013 including 6 from local governments, 2 from media, 2 from non-profits, 2 from private citizens, 1 from academic, 1 from business, and 1 from other. The data section of the Bi-State website had 667 page views. The data warehouse site ([www.greaterqcregion.org](http://www.greaterqcregion.org)) had 279 visits and 476 page views. Staff began work on the community profile chapter for the Henry County Comprehensive Plan. New U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) data was released, 2012 1-year estimates for geographies 65,000+.

**Graphics/Mapping:** 2013 QC Street Map Update (Folded & Wall Versions) and Distribution of 2008-09 Edition; 2014 Aerial Photo Flyover Coordination; 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Coordination; Crash Study Data and Mapping; IL Counties Evacuation Plan Mapping; QC Chamber Certified Sites GIS/Mapping Asst.; QC Marathon Mapping; Travel Model Data and GIS Assistance; Update/Maintain GIS Data for Street Centerlines, Traffic Counts, Federal Functional Class Routes, Corporate Limits, Landmarks, Rail, Trails, and other layers.

**www.bistateonline.org.** Top files downloaded and pages viewed for September 2013 include: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2013 (8,262); BSRC Home Page (3,121); Scott County Evacuation Plan, Final (888); Quad Cities Metro Area Street Map (591); BSRC Grants & Funding Resources – Public Facilities (401) & Contact Page (315); QCTransit.com (294); 2008-09 Quad Cities Fact Sheet (255); and The Loop Rider's Guide Insert (238).

**ENVIRONMENTAL, RECREATION, RIVERFRONT SERVICES:** Responded to inquiries & assisted with trail/recreation project funding assistance/grants. Served RICWMA with coordination of meetings, oversight and management of waste disposal and recycling programs, reporting, and overall agency administration. Responded to RICWMA telephone inquiries from general public & media concerning solid waste and recycling issues. Held electronic recycling event. Attended River Action meetings. Continued coordination of issues related to Bi-State Region Clean Air Partnership and strategies for emission reduction. Continuing "Make Air Quality Visible" strategic plan update process. Continued multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning. Organized bi-monthly meeting of Quad City Riverfront Council. Participated in Upper Mississippi River and Urban Waterfront Conferences.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUMS AND REGIONAL SERVICES:** Continued assistance to the Joint Purchasing Council (JPC). Worked on the following bids: 2014 Office Calendars; Ice Melt, Fall Printer Supplies; Fall Copier & Plotter Paper; Fall Printer Supplies. Staffed Quad Cities Area intergovernmental forums and meetings of area recreation directors, managers and administrators, and chief elected officials. Continued coordination and planning for the awarded DOJ interoperability grant. Assisted with Rock Island Arsenal issues.

**REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF):** Administered Bi-State RLF Program: Prepared meeting cancelation and financial summary report. Provided information to potential applicants. Continued receiving job creation information from active companies. Administered Mercer/Muscatine RLF Program: Provided information to potential applicants.

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT:** Attended related meetings, presented information, and continued staff coordination of river crossing issues. Conducted outreach for household survey and continued travel model enhancements project with consultant team. Worked on urban 2045 LRTP travel model development. Continued IL Region evacuation planning effort. Coordinated traffic & trails analyses, and data requests. Completed urban crash intersection report. Participated in Iowa-Illinois interdisciplinary traffic safety team meeting. Monitored status of MAP-21 implementation. Held urban Technical and Policy Committees and Region 9 Technical Committee meetings. Completed urban and Region 9 Transportation Alternatives Program project selection process and took receipt of Region 9 STP candidate projects. . Prepared monthly reports of federal transportation programs, coordinated related funding/reporting. Continued air quality emission reduction efforts and organized bi-monthly meetings of Air Quality Task Force. Worked on connections of American Discovery Trail (ADT)/Grand Illinois Trail and MRT, and attended related meetings, as well as other trail planning and grant assistance. Organized bi-monthly meeting of the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee. Coordinated Bi-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium and continued random testing program. Monitored urban and Iowa Region 9 FY14 Transportation Planning Work Program and FFY14-17 TIPs, and need for data entry in Iowa TPMS as part of transportation improvement programming. Administered IAQC and Illinois Region 2 transit coordinator positions. Participated in Iowa QC transit systems certification and IL rural 5311 compliance reviews. Facilitated MAP-21 transit funding issues and suballocations and assisted with NTD data analysis. Served inquiries and assisted with transportation funding programs and transportation information for legislative efforts. Participated in ILDOT/MPO Fall Planning Conference, NADO RTPO national transportation policy advisory committee, freight workshop; ILDOT Bike Plan & 5-Yr. Program and MPO Directors meetings. Participated in transportation webinars on transit & transit oriented development, urban mobility, travel data, travel demand modeling, MPOs, and infrastructure financing.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator  
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation  
DATE: November 12, 2013  
SUBJECT: Revised – Cemetery Steps Quotes

Attached and listed below you will find the results of the quotes from contractors to repair and/or replace the Cemetery steps. Please note that several of the contractors have expressed the need for an engineers report with plans and specifications.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Repair</u>	<u>Replace</u>
1. All American Concrete	No Response	
2. BMW Builders	Not Interested	
3. C + C Contractors		\$57,000.00 – No Hand Rail Quote
4. Heuer	No Response	
5. Muscatine Bridge	\$150,000.00 to \$200,000.00	
6. Hagerty Earthworks	\$85,000.00	\$165,000.00
7. Hy-Brand	No Response	
8. Hackett Construction	Not Interested	
9. Eller Construction	No Response	

The contractors of Eller Construction and Hy-Brand have said they will provide a quote but after several phone calls and two weeks we have received nothing from them.

# HAGERTY EARTHWORKS, LLC

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John Hagerty

To: City of Muscatine  
215 Sycamore St  
Muscatine Iowa 52761

Attn: Rich Klimes

Re: Repair of Greenwood Cemetery stairs.

**Quote #1**

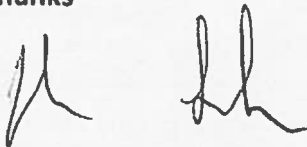
Rehab stairs, add culvert and replace handrail - \$85,000.00

**Quote # 2**

Replace stairs to new specs and add new handrail - \$165,000.00

These are quotes for budgeting only and is an estimate of approximate cost to do the work.  
Without a set of complete plans and specs we cannot give a bid to actually do the work.

Thanks



John Schafer

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Hagerty Earthworks LLC – 300 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St – Suite 304 – Muscatine Iowa 52761  
Phone: 563-260-0607 – Fax: 563-259-7292 – Email: hagertyearthworksllic@gmail.com





Klimes, Richard <rklimes@muscatineiowa.gov>

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## Steps and Rails

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**Terry Kirchner** <thcc@machlink.com>  
To: rklimes@muscatineiowa.gov

Mon, Oct 28, 2013 at 4:25 PM

Mr. Klimes,

We will not have time in the near future to get you an estimated price for the project that you called about last week.

Thanks,

Terry Kirchner

Todd Hackett Construction

2925 Cedar St. Suite 1

Muscatine, IA 52761

(P) 563-264-1539 Ext. 6

(F) 563-288-2553



C & C CONTRACTORS. LLC

2481 33RD STREET  
MUSCATINE, IA 52761

Date	Estimate #
7/8/2013	1616

Name / Address
CITY OF MUSCATINE

Terms	Project
Net 30	BUDGET NUMBER...

		Total
STEPS	(STEPS) 203- 3'X16"X7" STEPS, 12- 5'X3'X6" SIDEWALK, 1- 8'X3'X6" SIDEWALK- 30 YDS 4000 PSI CONCRETE, REBAR, FORMS, LUMBER, STAKES, EXPANSION & GLUE, 35 TON ROCK FOR FILL, MISC., PUMP TRUCK, DUMP TRUCK, LOADER, MINI-EXCAVATOR, LABOR, TREE WORK.  THIS IS A BUDGET NUMBER  <i>*Not interested in a repair project *</i>	57,000.00

ALL TAXES INCLUDED. NOW ACCEPTING VISA & MASTERCARD

**Total** \$57,000.00

Phone #	Fax #	E-mail
563-263-2361	563-264-8752	scromer@machlink.com

Web Site
www.CromerConcrete.com



# MUSCATINE BRIDGE Co., Inc.

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October 18, 2013

Les Dennis  
Parks & Recreation Dept.

RE: Greenwood Cemetery Steps

Les,

You had asked for an estimate to repair/replace the Greenwood steps to meet the City code. After looking at the site, this is much more than your typical stair repair or replacement. The stairs vary in width from 48" to 36" in width and I do not know if 36" wide will be acceptable by City code. The handrail appears to have been completely removed from the East side and the West handrail is too damaged to be reused. About half way up the hill the stairs are leaning to the West at a cross slope that is beyond acceptable. This appears to be a result of a spring coming from the East hillside and may be causing the hill to slide or push to the West. If the existing stairs above and beyond the middle stretch could be repaired and accepted by the City, the middle will still need removed and replaced. To gain access, a 12' wide clearing starting at the top will have to be made down to the lowest area of reconstruction. This hillside is sloped greater than a 1:1 most of the entire length. Removing all of the trees and vegetation that is holding the hillside could potentially cause uncontrollable erosion or the hillside may break free and slide. The spring coming to the surface and running across the steps is definitely an area of major concern. It may require the hill being sloped back to the East away from the stairs to reduce the side pressure against a new stairway. These considerations are all well beyond my abilities and would require this project to be designed by an engineer and soils expert.

I will include for you just a few budget numbers to help you understand the magnitude of replacing the stairs. This is only to get to the middle area and replace the center section.

Clearing and grubbing enough to gain access alongside the stairs to be able to bring in machinery to remove the existing stairs and pour new. \$16,000.00

Erosion control measures & seeding \$ 6,000.00

Removal of the existing stairway \$18,000.00

Replacement of the middle section 48" wide     \$31,000.00

An engineer would have to decide what will be required for the hillside. If the hill needs sloped back, that material would most likely have to come down the hill requiring the remainder of the hill to be cleared all the way to Hershey. Now you have something that resembles a high line power easement cleared all the way up the hill. Double the clearing number along with adding cost for removing and replacing the wall and sidewalk on Hershey. Dirt excavation could be in the \$12-\$14/cy range cut the slope back away from the stairs. I have no estimate on how many cy that may require.

Stair handrail for the entire length: I couldn't reach the fabricator for quoting, but single rail was quoted early in the year for stairs on another project at \$70 per lf fabricated. For a quantity of 410' per side I would think maybe down around \$50/lf might not be out of line. That will be \$20k per side uninstalled. Add another \$12k to install depending on what type of installation is specified.

This entire project could easily be pass \$150-\$200K once you commit to accessing the hillside with equipment. An engineering firm would be required once the idea of trying to create access for equipment is considered as well as what would need to be done near the spring. This budget is only to repair the center section where the spring and hillside are pushing the existing stairway to the West and add new handrails. If the City will not accept the remainder of the stairs per code then the cost start going higher.

Pat Fox  
MBCo



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11/12/2013

Mr. Bob Bromwell (263-4640 or 299-0720)  
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## **Estimate**

This estimate is for the repair and replacement of damaged stairs at Greenwood Cemetery. The top stairs, measuring approximately 18 linear feet were previously removed by The City of Muscatine.

- These stairs will be formed and poured to extend the existing stairs to the top of the hill similar to the previous stairs. The new stairs will have a broom finish and will be backfilled with dirt.
- A second damaged section of the staircase measuring 16 linear feet will be removed and the soil excavated. New stairs will then be formed, and gravel fill will be compacted as a base. The stairs will be poured and have a broom finish, then the area will be backfilled with dirt.
- A third damaged section of the staircase measuring 18 linear feet will be removed and the soil excavated. This area has a natural spring presenting itself in the area. A minimum of 8" of gravel will be compacted in this area, and drain tiles will be installed under the new stairs to move the spring under the stairs. New stairs will then be formed, poured, and have a broom finish. The area will then be backfilled with dirt.
- A fourth damaged section of the staircase measuring 9 linear feet will be removed and the soil excavated. New stairs will then be formed, and gravel fill will be compacted as a base. The stairs will be poured and have a broom finish, then the area will be backfilled with dirt.

- The concrete stairs connecting the Greenwood staircase to the adjacent property will be removed along with 2 linear feet of sidewalk. This area will have gravel compacted and be formed. New concrete will be poured and have a broom finish.
- The remaining stairs have 22 stair nosing's that are damaged and will require a masonry repair. These nosing's will be cleaned and prepared, then have a repair compound applied. This repair compound will be finished to match the surface of the existing stair as closely as possible.
- The existing pipe handrail will be cut and removed. When necessary to accommodate the new handrail, the concrete footings will be removed and hauled away. New concrete footings will be poured approximately every 10' with a concrete cap poured to allow the attachment of the new handrail. The new handrail will be constructed of 1-3/4" galvanized steel tubing and will be bolted to the concrete footings. All welds will be ground smooth and have galvanizing paint applied. The handrail will consist of posts approximately every 10' and a single, continuous, top rail.

The City of Muscatine will be responsible for clearing all down trees and brush away from the stairs before construction begins. It is recommended that standing trees leaning over the stairs be removed prior to the installation of the new handrail.

**Total \$35,650.00**

As an option, a second handrail can be installed on the opposite side of the stairs. New concrete footings will be poured approximately every 10' with a concrete cap poured to allow the attachment of the new handrail. The new handrail will be constructed of 1-3/4" galvanized steel tubing and will be bolted to the concrete footings. All welds will be ground smooth and have galvanizing paint applied. The handrail will consist of posts approximately every 10' and a single, continuous, top rail.

**Total \$17,350.00**

All material, labor, and disposal are included in this estimate. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at (563) 262-9099.



# RIVERFRONT AND DOWNTOWN AREA SURVEY

Mississippi Riverfront Student Group, University of Iowa School of Urban & Regional Planning

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our group has been tasked with creating a plan for strategic growth along the Mississippi Riverfront. The city has already achieved many of its major redevelopment goals to create the park we see today. Our plan will build on what's already been done to create a vision for the park and its connection with the downtown as Muscatine moves into the future.

## WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

The Riverfront and Downtown Survey can give you the chance to share your opinion about the Riverfront and Downtown area.

### What is the survey about?

This survey will help us understand the community's vision for Riverside Park and its connection to Downtown.

### What will be done with the results?

The results will be used by a student group from the University of Iowa to create a strategic growth plan for the Riverside Park and Downtown area.

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*Ultimately, this survey will help us to write a plan that reflects what Muscatine residents want to see in the riverfront & downtown area.*

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## HOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY

### 1. Online

English version: <http://tinyurl.com/RiverfrontSurveyENG>

Versión en español: <http://tinyurl.com/RiverfrontSurveyESP>

### 2. Paper copies available in English and en Español at:

The Musser Public Library near the checkout desk

City Hall, Room 220, Community Development



English



Español





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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

# Press Release

**November 15, 2013**

## **RE: Assistant Chief Mike Hartman receives Career Individual Provider of the Year Award**

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hartman was awarded the "Career Individual Provider of the Year" Award during the Iowa EMS Association (IEMSA) Annual Awards Ceremony in Des Moines on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He joins four other Muscatine Fire Department members who have been recognized with this honor.

Mike began his career with the Muscatine Fire Department in 1994, but began his EMS career by volunteering for Eldora EMS in Eldora, Iowa.

Hartman earned his Paramedic certification in 1995, Bachelor's degree in 1999, Master's degree in 2007, and Executive Fire Officer designation in 2012.

Mike credits the many people for providing the basis for this recognition. First and foremost is his supportive wife and children who have dealt with odd working hours and on call responses. The City Council, Staff, and Fire Chief have provided support, both in terms of fiscal support and policy support, without which the EMS improvements would not have been possible. Perhaps most importantly, the actual implementation of the life changing programs has been done by the paramedics and EMTs of the department. It is their daily actions that make the difference to those who need medical treatment. Some of the new programs include utilization of technology for better dispatching and communication, implementation of a cardiac event transport destination program matching patient needs to facility capabilities, telemetry usage on cardiac monitors to give receiving hospitals better information prior to arrival, and cutting edge treatments such as hypothermia treatments and in-field cardiac enzyme testing.

This award reflects the continuing commitment of your fire department to providing high quality service, with an eye to constant improvement and a consistent focus on patient care.

Jerry Ewers, Fire Chief

Muscatine Fire Department

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any  
on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**



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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**TO:** Randall E. Hill, Public Works Director

**FROM:** Gale M. Fry, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor

**RE:** Auction Items

**DATE:** November 8, 2013

Listed below is a list of items to be declared as surplus at the November 21, 2013 City Council meeting.

7625.7625 - #31 – 2005 Ford Crown Victoria – runs good, used as a travel car – miles – 112,488  
2 – 5 gallon oil drain pans

1000.1311 – Three (3) partitions from old squads including Remington 870 shotgun mount fitting Ford Crown Victoria (police package)

DS53 Vertical Base  
Qadj-Upper-M Upper Adjustable Pole  
DS-Clevis Motion Attachment  
NP-Pandock CF30 dock no RF

#719 – 2007 Ford Crown Victoria – miles – 104,805 - good condition.

#716 – 2009 Ford Crown Victoria – miles – 106,600 – good condition

1000.1151 – Conference room chairs

1000.1621 – Manitowoc Series 1300 cooler – 120 volt – works

HP 9800 Design Jet - Printer with ink cartridges – black works, color does not with cartridges

5451.5451 – Irrigation parts

1000.1321 - Fire Department –  
Two drawer metal file cabinet – 3'w x 3'h x 2' deep  
4 drawer file cabinet – 1 white, 1 brown (worn) 1 black  
Metal Army Bed Frame x 6  
2 drawer file cabinet (worn)  
Small table – 2' x 4'  
Desk – 3' x 6'  
Bulletin Board cork  
Folding table – 3' x 10'  
Shelf made of 2 x 4's (2 pieces)  
2 door cabinet  
3 shelf metal cabinet

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AUCTION MEMO (continued)

Metal medicine cabinet  
2 drawer file cabinet x 2 (one bent gray, one white)  
Army green metal locker  
Double wide locker  
5 drawer metal file cabinet x 6  
Large two door locker with attached shelves  
4 tires – 245/70R17  
Cleaning supplies – brooms, mop, mop handles, mop bucket  
Chalk board – large – 6’h x 10’w  
Stove  
Air compressor (unknown if it works)  
Air compressor – broken wheel (unknown if it works)  
Round charcoal grille  
Desk White – 2 drawer  
Small desk – 3 drawer  
Charbroil gas grill  
2 red office chairs  
Grey office chair  
Blue office chair  
Tall narrow pantry shelf  
Wood tv stand  
Inline bench press  
Lat pull bar and work out bench  
Red wood podium  
58 Student Desks  
Chalk board – 6’x 6’  
Trash cart  
Green office chair  
City of Muscatine sign and Station 2 Sign  
4 shelf wooden book shelf  
Metal desk one drawer small  
Shelf book shelf – wood  
Metal wheeled table  
2 drawer desk - large  
2 drawer wide file cabinet – white  
Tall wooden entertainment center  
Metal cabinet gray  
Stereo cabinet  
Wood table  
Small white desk  
Office chair blue

If you have any questions, please let me know.