Muscatine Pearls of Progress Project

This joint project of the City of Muscatine and Muscatine County, will make Muscatine a more attractive place to live, work, play, visit and do business.

This project is composed of four critical components for enriching the vitality of our community for its residents of all ages: the Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center, the Westside Trail, the Community Dog Park, and the Deep Lakes Park Cabins. These four components of the project have been bundled together in order to leverage the impact of contributions.

The total cost of the Pearls of Progress Project is $8.09 million. More than 88% of the funding needed for this project has already been contributed by local businesses, local philanthropic foundations, the City, the County, the Federal government, and donations from private individuals. A $500,000 Community Attraction and Tourism grant from the State of Iowa has been awarded contingent on the remaining fundraising gap being closed by November 15, 2017, leaving $420,000 still needed to make this project a reality. The Kent Corporation Foundation committed Oct. 9 to matching dollar for dollar all contributions to the Pearls of Progress Project. This means approximately $210,000 must be raised from the community by November 15, or else the $500,000 awarded in CAT grant will be revoked.

How Can I Help?

Your contribution of any size is needed to close this $210,000 gap and make the project happen. The leveraged approach of this project maximizes the impact of every dollar donated, as the $210,000 that is being sought will result in more than $8.09 million of improvements to the community.

All donations are tax deductible, and will be matched by the Kent Corporation Foundation.

Muscatine Community Improvement Project

- Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center
- Westside Trail
- Community Dog Park
- Deep Lakes Park Cabins

How Will My Gift be Recognized?

A Benefactors Recognition Wall will be designed and installed in a public place. Identification of the donor can be in the name of a company or organization, as a family recognition, or as a memorial or honorarium.

Benefactor Commitment Levels

(May be made in 3 annual installments)

- □ $10,000 or more
- □ $5,000 - $9,999
- □ $2,500 - $4,999
- □ $1,000 - $2,499
- □ $100 - $999
- □ Under $100

Direct my Donation to just one of the component projects (OPTIONAL)

- □ Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center
- □ Westside Trail
- □ Dog Park
- □ Deep Lakes Park Cabins

Name: ______________________________
Address: ____________________________
Phone: ______________________________

How do you want benefactor recognition to appear (donations of $100 or more):

Method of Payment

- □ Check—Make payable to City of Muscatine
- □ Bill me: $________
- □ Bill me—3 annual installments $________
- □ Credit Card (By Telephone)

Tax deductible donations of stocks, appreciated securities and IRA rollovers can also be made to support the project. Please contact Shelly Maharry at the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine at (563) 264-3863 to learn more about these type of donations.

Return to:
Pearls of Progress Project
c/o City of Muscatine
215 Sycamore Street
Muscatine, IA 52761

Phone: 563.264.1550
Fax: 563.264.0750
Musser Public Library & HNI Community Center

- Repurpose the former HNI Headquarters into a state of the art public library/community center.
- Estimated cost: $6,160,500
- Currently pledged: $5,837,242
- 25% Larger than current facility
- 109 off street parking spaces
- Will offer multiple meeting rooms for organizations, non-profit groups, and individuals to collaborate.
- Will serve as a gateway to Downtown Muscatine that will enhance the vitality of the downtown by providing gathering and collaborative spaces, free activities, events, and life-long learning opportunities.

Westside Trail

- An approximately 1.75-mile trail from Kent-Stein Park to Discovery Park.
- Estimated cost: $795,758
- Currently pledged: $625,000
- Will link existing trails to form a continuous trail network of over 15 miles connecting all of the Muscatine area major recreational amenities.
- Will significantly increase bike and pedestrian mobility.

Community Dog Park

- A dog park composed of a 0.5 acre senior dog area, a 1.5 acre small dog area, and a 3 acre large dog area.
- Estimated cost: $134,329
- Currently pledged: $112,268
- The Muscatine area’s first off-leash dog park.
- Will also function as a major trailhead on the Muscatine trail network.

Deep Lakes Park Cabins

- Construction of 4 rentable cabins at Deep Lakes Park
- Estimated cost: $1,000,000
- Currently pledged: $500,000
- Cabins will sleep 6 to 8 and would be available for rent all year.
- Will be the first rentable cabins in Muscatine County.
- A major step in the ongoing development of Deep Lakes Park.

Site of Future Community Center & Library

Proposed Cabin Design