



**Iowa Association of
Regional Councils**

**2010
Directory**

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Introduction

Created more than forty years ago by visionary public leaders, Iowa's Councils of Government (COGs) provide professional planning, programming, and technical assistance to Iowa's cities, counties, businesses, community organizations and Iowans of all ages.

COGs are indigenous organizations formed by cities and counties to serve local governments and their regional citizenry. Their governing boards are made up of local elected officials, business and education leaders, economic development professionals, and individual citizens.

COGs provide regional planning and technical assistance to local governments and the communities in their regions by:

- *Providing individualized assistance to cities, counties, businesses, community organizations and community members (such as a local comprehensive plan, loans to local businesses, grant-writing assistance, and housing and workforce programs);*
- *Providing planning services across multiple jurisdictions (such as a regional comprehensive solid waste management plan or long-range transportation plan); and*
- *Providing a forum that combines the elements of transportation planning, housing development, solid waste planning, land use planning, workforce development, and economic development into a comprehensive approach to regional growth and development.*

To ensure the vitality and growth of their regions, COGs actively pursue funding opportunities from a variety of local, state, and federal resources. They provide expertise to cities and counties in securing competitive state and federal grants. As Regional Planning Organizations, COGs plan for and program the distribution of federal transportation funds within their regions, including highways, transit, trails, and other enhancement programs. Most COGs also have established and administer regional revolving loan funds targeting housing and economic development. Some COGs provide direct service such as regional transit operations and workforce assistance.

For nearly forty years, COGs have been growing Iowa's communities, Iowa's businesses, Iowa's leaders, Iowa's regions, and Iowa's future. And, given the natural disasters of 2008, COGs will play a major role in helping Iowa recover.

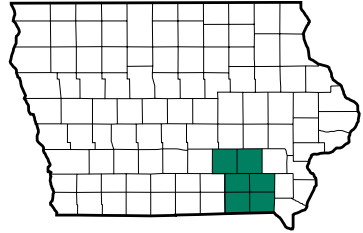
The 2010 Directory of Councils of Government (COGs) provides information on each of the Councils of Government who are members of the Iowa Association of Regional Councils across the state. The directory is designed not only to locate each regional council, but also gives background on membership, officers, and programs.

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Area 15 Regional Planning Commission

Davis County, IA Mahaska County, IA
Keokuk County, IA Van Buren County, IA
Jefferson County, IA Wapello County, IA



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Executive Director: **Ellen Foudree**
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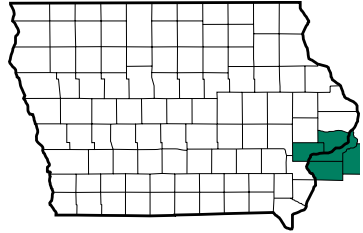
Established: 1974
Staffed: 1974
Population: 139,004
Size: 4,933 Sq. Mi.
Board Mtg: 4th Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. (except Aug. & Dec.)

Chair: Lawrence Rouw, *Mahaska County*
Vice Chair: Bryan Ziegler, *SBDC Director*
Treasurer: Steve Evans, *Davis County*

- **Business/Industry Revolving Loan Funds**
- **Home Ownership Assistance**
- **Census Data Affiliation**
- **Mapping / GIS**
- **Codification**
- **Regional Transportation Planning & Programming**
- **Community Planning & Development**
- **Trails Planning**
- **Disaster Recovery Planning**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Economic Development**
- **Grant Writing & Administration**
- **Hazardous Mitigation Planning**

Bi-State Regional Commission

Henry County, IL Rock Island County, IL
Mercer County, IL Scott County, IA
Muscatine County, IA



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Executive Director: **Denise Bulat**, AICP
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Established: October 1, 1966

Staffed: December 1, 1966

Population: 417,741

Size: 2,700 Square Miles

Board Mtg.: 4th Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. (except Nov. & Dec.- 3rd Wed.)

Chair: Don Welvaert, *City of Moline, Mayor*

Vice Chair: Mike Freemire, *City of Bettendorf, Mayor*

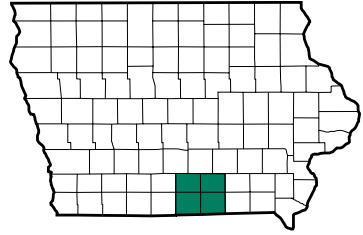
Secretary: Larry Minard, *Scott County*

Treasurer: Pat Ripperger, *Henry County*

- Business Loans (EDA RLF)
- Code Enforcement
- Community & Economic Development
- Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- Data/Graphics/Websites/Mapping/
GIS
- Drug/Alcohol Testing Consortium
- Environmental Planning
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Joint Purchasing
- Public Safety/E 9-1-1 Coordination
- Riverfront & Trail Planning
- Traffic Safety
- Transportation Planning &
Programming

Chariton Valley Planning and Development

Appanoose County, IA Monroe County, IA
Lucas County, IA Wayne County, IA



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Centerville, Iowa 52544**

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Executive Director: **Tracy Daugherty**
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Website: www.charitonvalleyplanning.com

Established: July 1, 2007

Staffed: July 1, 2007

Population: 37,889

Size: 1,886 Sq. Mi.

Board Mtg: Last Wednesday of each month, 8:30 a.m.

Chair: Dean Kaster, *Appanoose County*

Vice Chair: Larry Davis, *Lucas County*

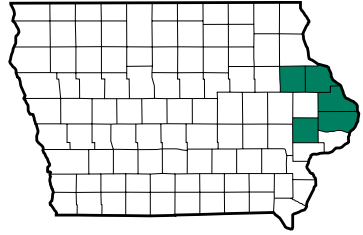
Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis Ryan, *Monroe County*

- **Biofuels Planning**
- **Community Development**
- **Community and Regional Planning**
- **Economic Development**
- **GIS**
- **Grant Writing and Administration**
- **Housing Development**
- **Land Use Planning**
- **Natural Resources Management**
- **Public Information and Outreach**
- **Solid Waste Planning**
- **Recreation and Tourism Development**
- **Transportation Planning**
- **Scenic Byway and Corridor Management**

East Central Intergovernmental Association

Cedar County, IA
Clinton County, IA
Delaware County, IA

Dubuque County, IA
Jackson County, IA



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Executive Director: **Kelley H. Deutmeyer**
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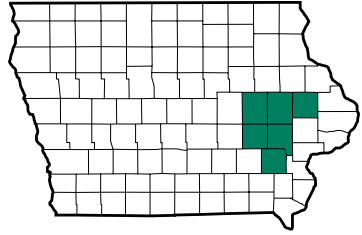
Established: May, 1974
Staffed: September 1, 1974
Population: 196,179
Size: 3,105 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Chair: Bud Smock, *EIRHA Representative*
Vice Chair: Rodger Holm, *City of Clinton, Mayor*
Secretary : Kelley Deutmeyer, *ECIA Exec.Dir., (Ex Officio)*
Treasurer: Roy Buol, *City of Dubuque, Mayor*

- Community Development
- Economic Development - SBA 504 Program and RLF Programs
- Grant Writing And Administration
- Transportation Planning
- Transit Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Comprehensive Planning
- Regional Transit Authority
- Mapping/GIS
- Employment and Training Programs (WIA, PJ, USDA)
- Housing Authority - Section 8 and Public Housing, USDA: LIHTC, Home Ownership
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Technical Assistance
- Small Cities Utility Billing Program
- Census Data Information Center
- Building Code Inspection and Enforcement Program
- Codification
- Disaster Recovery Coordination and Planning
- Rural Utility Services

East Central Iowa Council of Governments

Benton County, IA Jones County, IA
Iowa County, IA Linn County, IA
Johnson County, IA Washington County, IA



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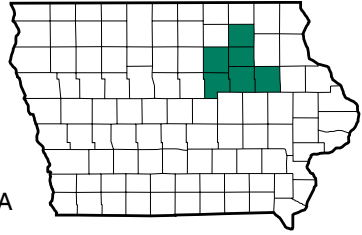
Established: July 1, 1973
Staffed: June 17, 1974
Population: 385,384
Size: 3,799 Square Miles
Board Mtg: Last Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Chair: Henry Herwig, *Coralville City Council*
Vice Chair: Leo Cook, *Jones County*
Secretary/Treasurer: *Ed Raber, Washington County*

- Business Assistance Revolving Loan Fund
- Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- Disaster Recovery Coordination
- East Central Iowa Transit
- Grant Writing & Administration
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Housing Development & Rehabilitation
- Housing Fund for Linn County RLF
- Iowa Waste Exchange
- Land Use Planning & Zoning
- Lead Risk Assessment
- Mapping & GIS Services
- Mobility Management
- Region 10 RPA Planning and Programming
- Solid Waste Planning
- Solid Waste Educational Programming
- Strategic Planning & Facilitation
- Technical Assistance

Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments

Black Hawk County, IA Butler County, IA
Bremer County, IA Chickasaw County, IA
Buchanan County, IA Grundy County, IA



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Established: January 1, 1973
Staffed: January 1, 1973
Population: 213,199
Size: 3,163 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 4th Thursday, Noon (except in Nov.& Dec.)

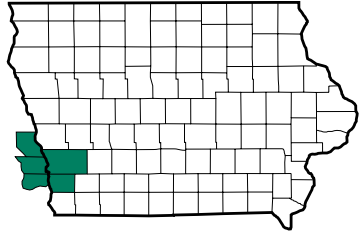
Chair: Mark Schildroth, *Grundy County*
Vice Chair: Maurice Welsh, *City of Fairbank, Mayor*
Secretary: Darwin Sittig, *City of New Hampton, Mayor*
Treasurer: John Crews, *City of Cedar Falls, Mayor*

- Cedar Valley Lakes Administration
- Codification
- Community and Economic Development
- Environmental Planning
- FEMA - Emergency Assistance
- Grants Preparation and Administration
- Graphic Services
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Housing Program
- Human Resources
- Iowa Waste Exchange
- Land Use/Comprehensive/Housing Plans
- GIS
- Regional Transit Commission
- Safety/OSHA Program
- Technical Assistance
- Transit Planning
- Transportation Planning (MPO & RTA)

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Douglas County, NE
Mills County, IA
Pottawattamie County, IA
Sarpy County, NE
Washington County, NE

30 other private
and public entities
and associates



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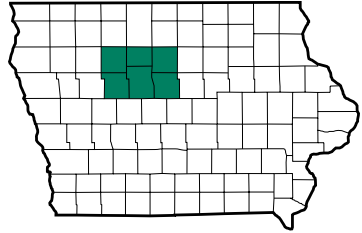
Established: May, 1967
Staffed: August 1, 1967
Population: 768,720
Size: 1,382 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: Last Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Chair: John Abbott, *Blair, NE City Council*
Vice Chair: Ron Kohn, *Mills County*
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathleen Kelley, *Douglas County CAO*

- Business Assistance Programs
- Census Data Affiliate
- Community Planning
- Comprehensive Planning
- Demographic and Transportation Information
- Economic Development Administration (EDA) Program Assistance
- GIS & Mapping Services
- Grant Writing and Project Administration
- Hazardous Mitigation Planning
- Metro! Rideshare Carpooling Program
- Public Involvement/Information
- Regional Assistance
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Transportation Planning
- Intergovernmental Review

MIDAS Council of Governments

Calhoun County, IA Pocahontas County, IA
Hamilton County, IA Webster County, IA
Humboldt County, IA Wright County, IA



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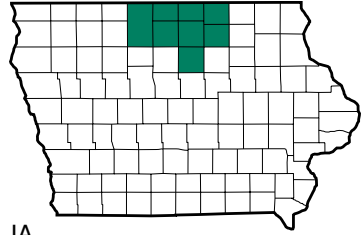
Executive Director: **Cliff Weldon**
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Website: www.midascog.net

Established: March 4, 1971
Staffed: March 2, 1972
Population: 101,165
Size: 3,459 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Jack DeWolf, *Pocahontas County*
Vice Chair: Bob Singer, *Webster County*
Secretary: Dennis Bowman, *Wright County Economic Development*
Treasurer: Catherine Bergman, *Hamilton Co. Economic Development*

- **Census Data Affiliate**
- **Codification**
- **Comprehensive Land Use Plans**
- **Disaster Recovery Planning**
- **Economic Development**
- **Grant Writing and Administration**
- **Hazardous Mitigation Planning**
- **Job Descriptions**
- **Local Planning**
- **Ordinance Preparation/Codification**
- **Personnel Manuals**
- **Public Transportation**
- **Regional Planning/Coordination**
- **Revolving Loan Fund Management**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Transportation Planning**
- **GIS**

North Iowa Area Council of Governments



Cerro Gordo County, IA
Floyd County, IA
Franklin County, IA
Hancock County, IA

Kossuth County, IA
Mitchell County, IA
Winnebago County, IA
Worth County, IA

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Mason City, Iowa 50401**

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Director: **Joe Myhre**

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Established: April 12, 1973

Staffed: September 1, 1973

Population: 133,820

Size: 4,482 Square Miles

Board Mtg.: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m. (every other month
starting in January)

Chair: Arlin Enabnit, *Floyd County*

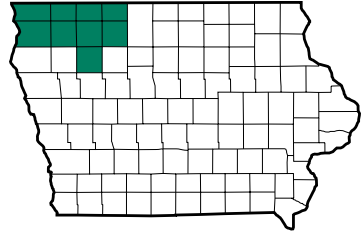
Vice Chair: James Erb, *Charles City, Mayor*

Secretary: Dennis May, *Worth County*

Treasurer: Ned Wicker, *Private Sector Representative*

- **Census Data Affiliate**
- **Codification**
- **Community and Economic Development**
- **Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Planning**
- **GIS**
- **Grant Writing and Administration**
- **Hazmat**
- **Housing Rehabilitation and Development**
- **Land Use Planning**
- **Region 2 Transit System**
- **Regional Economic Development RLF**
- **Regional Housing Revolving Loan Fund**
- **Regional Safety Program**
- **Transportation Planning**

Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission



Buena Vista County, IA
Clay County, IA
Dickinson County, IA
Emmet County, IA

Lyon County, IA
O'Brien County, IA
Osceola County, IA
Palo Alto County, IA

Sioux County, IA

**217 W. Fifth Street, P. O. Box 1493
Spencer, Iowa 51301**

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Executive Director: **Ted Kourousis**
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Website: www.nwipdc.org

Established: June 26, 1973
Staffed: November 1, 1973
Population: 140,838
Size: 4,804 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 3rd Thursday, 1:05 p.m.

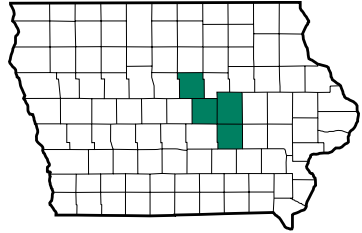
Chair: Rich Haack, *O'Brien County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Jackie Huckfelt, (*Ex-Officio*) *COG Staff Member*

- Census Information / Clearing-house
- Economic Development
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Housing Trust Fund
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Regional Planning Affiliation for SAFTEA-LU Program
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Local Emergency Management Agencies Planning Committee
- Disaster Recovery and Planning
- GIS
- Personnel Policies / Job Description
- Land Use / Comprehensive Planning
- Technical Assistance
- School to Work Coordination
- Zoning and Subdivision Control
- Ordinance Preparation / Codification
- WIA-Promise Jobs-Project Success

Region 6 Planning Commission

Hardin County, IA
Marshall County, IA
Poweshiek County, IA
Tama County, IA



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Marshalltown, Iowa 50158**

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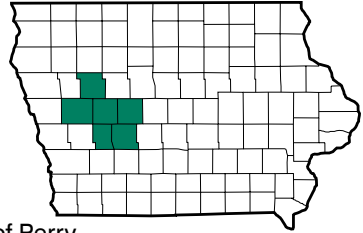
Executive Director: **Marty Wymore**
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Website: www.region6planning.org

Established: July 1, 1974
Staffed: August 1, 1974
Population: 95,041
Size: 2,457 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: Last Monday, 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Jim Johnson, *Hardin County*
Vice Chairperson: Gordon Canfield, *City of Grinnell, Mayor*
Secretary/Treasurer: Patrick Brooks, *Marshall County*

- **Business Revolving Loan Funds**
- **Community & Economic Development**
- **Comprehensive Planning**
- **Hazard Mitigation Planning**
- **Transportation Planning & Programming**
- **Grant Writing & Administration**
- **Regional Transit Authority**
- **Lead Risk Assessment**
- **Codification**
- **Census Data Affiliate**
- **Technical Assistance**

Region XII Council of Governments



Audubon County, IA Guthrie County, IA
Carroll County, IA Sac County, IA
Crawford County, IA Dallas County, IA - City of Perry,
Greene County, IA City of Redfield, City of Linden, City of Minburn

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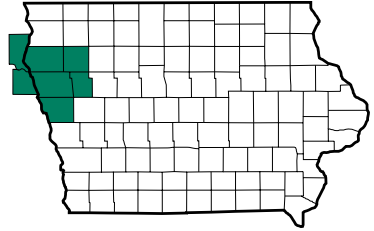
Executive Director: **Rick Hunsaker**
E-Mail: rhunsaker@region12cog.org
Website: www.region12cog.org

Established: July 17, 1973
Staffed: October 1, 1973
Population: 78,441
Size: 3,465 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: Second Thursday of each month, 12:30 p.m.

Chair: Jack Bensley, *Sac County*
Vice Chair: Marty Danzer, *Carroll County*
Secretary: Vernon Venteicher, *Audubon County*
Treasurer: Guy Richardson, *Greene County*

- **Census Data Affiliate**
- **Disaster Recovery & Planning**
- **Economic Development**
- **Family Self-Sufficiency Counseling**
- **GIS/Mapping**
- **Grant Writing and Administration**
- **Housing Development**
- **Iowa Waste Exchange/Recycling**
- **Infrastructure Planning, Development and Financing**
- **Jobjet Commuter Service**
- **Land Use Planning**
- **Local Government Assistance**
- **Regional Marketing (Western Iowa Advantage)**
- **Transportation Planning**
- **Western Iowa Transit System**
- **Workforce Investment Act and Promise Jobs Administration**

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council



Cherokee County, IA Plymouth County, IA
Dakota County, NE Union County, SD
Ida County, IA Woodbury County, IA
Monona County, IA 60 private and public entities

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Co-Executive Directors: **Jane Gilbert, Dwight Lang**

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Established: March 11, 1965

Staffed: March 11, 1965

Population: 178,792

Size: 3,435 Square Miles

Board Mtg.: 2nd Thursday, 12:00 noon

Chair: Dale Petersen, *City of Sergeant Bluff, Mayor*

President: William Merrill, *City of North Sioux City*

Vice Chair: William I. McLarty, *Dakota County*

Vice President: Harold Higman, *City of Akron, Mayor*

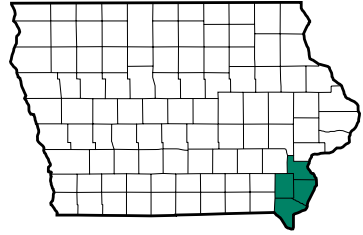
Secretary: Ronald Rapp, *City of South Sioux City*

- Code Enforcement
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- GIS/Mapping
- Grant Writing
- Hazard Mitigation
- Homeland Security
- Housing Market Studies
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Metro Transportation Planning
- NE Nebraska Joint Housing Agency
- Rural Transportation Planning
- Siouxland Regional Transit System

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission

Des Moines County, IA
Henry County, IA

Lee County, IA
Louisa County, IA



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Established: February 1, 1973
Staffed: September 1, 1973
Population: 112,922
Size: 1,174 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 4th Thursday, 12:00 p.m.

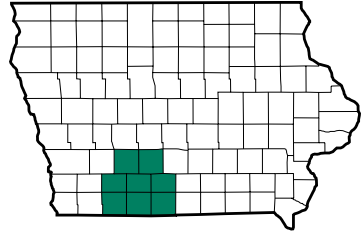
Chair: Brent Schleisman, *City of Mt. Pleasant*
Vice Chair: Sue Frice, *Workforce Representative*
Secretary: Jim Howell, *Private Sector*
Treasurer: Hans Trousil, *City of West Burlington*
Gary Fallou, *Lee County*

- Economic Development Database
- Economic Development Planning
- Fort Madison Revolving Loan Fund
- Grant writing and Administration
- Hazard Mitigation
- Homeland Security
- Housing Development and Rehabilitation
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Intergovernmental Review
- Intermediary Relending Program
- Local Planning Assistance
- Mapping and Graphics
- Ordinance Preparation/Codification
- Outreach Marketing & Technical Assistance
- Regional Transit Planning
- Transportation Planning
- U.S. Census Data Information Service

Southern Iowa Council of Governments

Adair County, IA
Adams County, IA
Carke County, IA
Decatur County, IA

Madison County, IA
Ringgold County, IA
Taylor County, IA
Union County, IA



3 Associate Members

**101 East Montgomery Street
Creston, Iowa 50801-0102**

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Executive Director: **Timothy J Ostroski**
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Website: www.sicog.com

Established: May 10, 1972

Staffed: May 10, 1972

Population: 69,302

Size: 4,010 Square Miles

Board Mtg.: 1st Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

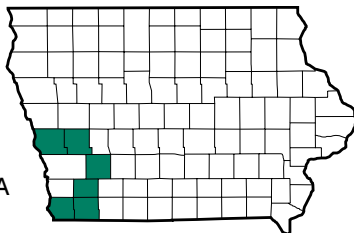
Chair: Mike King, *Union County*
Vice Chair: Amy Lampe, *Clark County*
Secretary: Dave Ferris, *Taylor County*
Treasurer: Mark Olive, *Adams County*

- **Census Data Affiliate**
- **Community Development**
- **Community Revolving Loan**
- **Disaster Mitigation Planning**
- **Economic Development**
- **Environmental Planning**
- **Foundation Funding**
- **Grant Writing & Administration**
- **Housing Assessments**
- **Housing Rehabilitation**
- **Housing Revolving Loan Fund**
- **Housing Trust Fund**
- **Industrial Revolving Loan**
- **Lead Reduction Programs**
- **Planning**
- **Recreation**
- **Technical Assistance**
- **Transportation Planning**
- **U.S. Census Data Information**

Southwest Iowa Planning Council

Cass County, IA
Fremont County, IA
Harrison County, IA
Mills County, IA

Montgomery County, IA
Page County, IA
Pottawattamie County, IA
Shelby County, IA



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Executive Director: **MJ Broomfield**

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Website: www.swipco.org

Established: September 1975

Staffed: November 1975

Population: 182,531

Size: 4,732 Square Miles

Board Mtg.: 4th Thursday, (except Nov. & Dec.) 1:30 p.m.

Chair: Richard Crouch, *Mills County*

Vice Chair: Terry Arentson, *Shelby County*

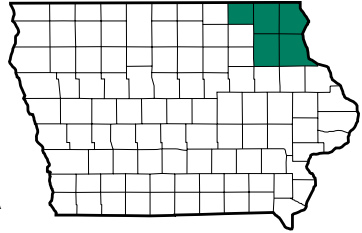
Secretary: Sherman Struble, *Montgomery County*

Treasurer: Earl Hendrickson, *Fremont County*

- Business/Industry Revolving Loan Funds
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- Community & Regional Planning
- Disaster Mitigation Planning
- Disaster Recovery
- Economic Development
- Grant Writing & Administration
- Home Ownership Assistance
- Housing Development
- Housing Rehabilitation and Repair
- Housing Revolving Loan Fund
- Local Housing Trust Fund
- Region 13 Public Transit
- Region 4 HSEM Administration
- Technical Assistance
- Trails Planning
- RPA 13 Regional Transportation and Transit Planning and Programming

Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission

Allamakee County, IA Howard County, IA
Clayton County, IA Winneshiek County, IA
Fayette County, IA



**134 West Greene Street, P. O. Box 219
Postville, Iowa 52162**

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Staffed: February 5, 1973
Population: 86,603
Size: 3,304 Square Miles
Board Mtg.: 3rd Thurs (Jan., Apr., Jul., Oct.), 6:00 p.m.

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Vice Chair: Jan McGovern, *Howard County*
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- Business and Industrial Grant and Loan Packaging
- Community Development
- CPS Fiscal Agent
- Data Information Center
- Economic Development
- Region 1 Employment and Training
- Regional Revolving Loan Fund and IRP Loan Program
- Regional Housing Authority
- Safety/OSHA Program
- RPA 1 Transportation Planning
- Grant Writing and Administration
- Business Assistance Revolving Loan Fund
- Disaster Recovery Coordination
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund
- Land Use Planning and Zoning
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- Region 1 RPA Planning and Programming
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- Strategic Planning and Facilitation
- Technical Assistance

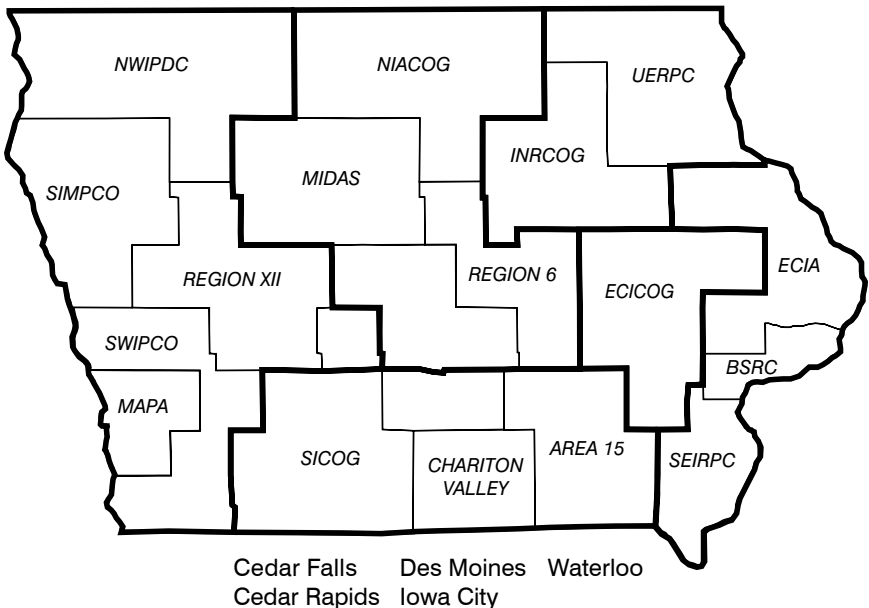
Iowa's COGs are helping Iowa recover...

Reprising a role they fulfilled after the floods of 1993, Iowa's COGs are assisting homeowners, businesses and communities in recovering from the natural disasters of the summer of 2008. In partnership with the Rebuild Iowa Office, the Iowa Department of Economic Development, the Iowa Finance Authority, the federal Economic Development Administration, and local governments, COGs are providing a statewide network for the administration and distribution of the Jumpstart Housing Assistance and Small Business Assistance programs.

Eleven **Disaster Recovery Areas** have been designated for purposes of distributing Jumpstart funds (see map). Five recovery areas are cities of population over 50,000, five areas are a combination of two or more COG regions, and one area is a single COG region.

Iowa's COGs are also helping Iowa recover through existing, expanding, and new regional programs. The expanded availability of business assistance revolving loan funds is just one example. For more information on flood recovery programs and how your COG may assist your community, consult the contact information in this directory.

Disaster Recovery Areas and Recipient Cities



Iowa's COGs are growing Iowa's communities...

Each year, on average, Iowa's COGs secure **\$40 million** in grants for communities in their regions. These grants leverage an additional **\$70 million** each year!

More than **300 projects** in over **200 communities** receive funding **each year** as a result of the expertise and assistance provided by Iowa's COGs.

In 2001, the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) completed a Housing Needs Assessment for the City of St. Ansgar. The results of the assessment indicated an overwhelming need for affordable new rental construction. The last new rental construction activity occurred in 1976.

With several local business expansions and the construction of a new ethanol facility nearby, the timing was perfect to add new rental units into the marketplace. The county's economic development office brought local developers and civic and community leaders to the table, and the COG bought its expertise in housing and funding. The combination brought two local contractors who were willing to take a risk in constructing ten new rental units in a community of 1,031 people.

A new company known as Common Ground Duplexes, LLC, was formed around the concept of constructing new affordable apartment units on a site recently acquired on the east side of St Ansgar. Following further market analysis and the willingness of their local banker to help finance the project, NIACOG prepared a funding application in the fall of 2006 to the Iowa Department of Economic Development (IDED) Housing Fund program, seeking \$500,000 to assist with the construction



Common Ground Duplexes' first project site.

of five twin homes on the newly acquired site. In March of 2007, IDED fully funded the project. Less than one year later, July 17, 2008, the tenth and final unit was completed. By October, the project was completely occupied.

The tenants at Common Ground Duplexes say they are "astounded" with the amenities they now enjoy – 1,196 square feet of floor space all on one level, an attached garage, lower density twin home living – all at a very affordable rental rate, made possible by Housing Fund assistance. In fact, it is fast becoming its own community within a community.

The success of this project was extremely rewarding to all involved, and has become a new best practices model for other potential projects in the region.

Iowa's COGs are growing Iowa's businesses...

Many of Iowa's COGs administer regional revolving loan funds that provide direct financial assistance and help local businesses leverage funds to expand and maintain employment opportunities.

Iowa's COGs provide **\$4 million** in grants and loans to local businesses each year. They also secure an additional **\$10 million** from other granting sources. These funds combine to leverage an additional **\$100 million each year** to assist Iowa businesses and business owners.

Through its subsidiary E.C.I.A. Business Growth, Inc., ECIA set a record in assistance to local businesses in 2007. With the approval of \$1.9 million in EDA loans, ECIA Business Growth increased the total amount of funds loaned to area businesses to \$6.6 million. ECIA's programs include:

- EDA Revolving Loan Fund
- Jackson County Revolving Loan Fund
- Dubuque County Intermediary Revolving Loan Fund
- ECIA Regional Revolving Loan Fund



ECIA assisted Mi-T-M Corp. of Peosta, with a loan

The programs provide similar benefits in providing gap financing for businesses. These loan programs create jobs and wealth, stimulate and diversify the local economy, and assist with the creation of spin-off businesses. Program funds meet local match requirements for IDED funding.

In November 2009, the Iowa Department of Economic Development approved funding to ECIA to recapitalize its regional business revolving loan fund. State funds will be used to expand loan funds available to local businesses creating new job opportunities in the region. The Economic Development Board awarded \$133,000 to ECIA through the State's Grow Iowa Values Fund. This award will leverage \$433,000 in federal and local funding to assist with economic development efforts in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson counties.

Iowa's COGs are growing Iowa's regions...

Transportation, workforce development, solid waste management planning, public housing, and public transit are just some of the areas for which COGs have programmatic and administrative responsibility.

Regional coordination and administration of these services avoids duplication of effort, provides costs savings to Iowa's governments, and ensures more efficient service for Iowans.

In 2004, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) planning staff was looking for a new way to reach tomorrow's recyclers. The answer was to partner with libraries in the six-county region by creating a solid waste education program that would complement the libraries' summer reading programs. As a result, Kristin Simon, ECICOG solid waste planner, has traveled to an average of thirty-four libraries in the region for each of the past four summers, and made more than 140 presentations to nearly 4,000 adults and children.

Each year, the State Library of Iowa selects a theme, and provides a summer reading program to public libraries. Based on the selected theme, Simon creates an original solid waste education program, which also features a theme-appropriate published children's book. For example, the 2007 theme



was "Get a Clue," for which Simon created a program that featured recycled-content products. The program was built around the book, *The Treasure Hunt*, by Richard Scarry. Generally, each program includes a book reading, a waste reduction lesson, and a fun activity to reinforce the lesson. In addition, each participating library is provided with a copy of the featured book for its collection.

Coordinating with the summer reading program is just one of the ways that Simon is able to carry the message of reducing waste to the regional citizenry. In the past four years, ECICOG has reached more than 6,500 persons through similar programs presented at such diverse

Locations, such as county fairs and 4-H programs, trade shows, community organizations, teacher workshops and conferences, and day cares throughout the region.

Iowa's COGs are growing Iowa's future...

Iowa's COGs recognize that Iowa's future depends on a growing population. Each year, Iowa's COGs secure \$6 million to help expand cultural and recreational opportunities. These efforts assist in attracting new residents and retaining Iowa graduates.

August 2004 was a turning point for the Burlington area when local officials learned an effort called Great River Gateway and was awarded \$5.25 million in state Vision Iowa grant funding for **\$27 million** worth of area projects.

The grant award became a reality because city and county officials decided to work together and go after the funding, according to Dennis Hinkle, vice president of economic development for Grow Greater Burlington.

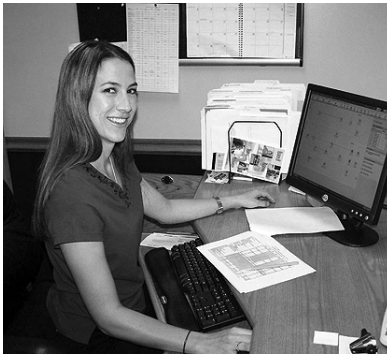
The idea to bundle the projects into a Vision Iowa application was the brainchild of Brian Tapp, executive director of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, who had already been working with officials for some of the projects.

"This will be a tremendous project for our area," Hinkle said. "It's an outstanding mix and blend of activities, including cultural, educational, entertainment and recreational, and a great group of people have worked together to make this happen. This is probably the most outstanding example that I can testify to of working together and cooperating."



Iowa's COGs are growing Iowa's leaders...

Local direction and regional collaboration are at the heart of, and drive the missions of Iowa's COGs. Through their governance, programming, and planning activities, COGs provide a forum for the identification of local leaders and the coordination of local and regional efforts.



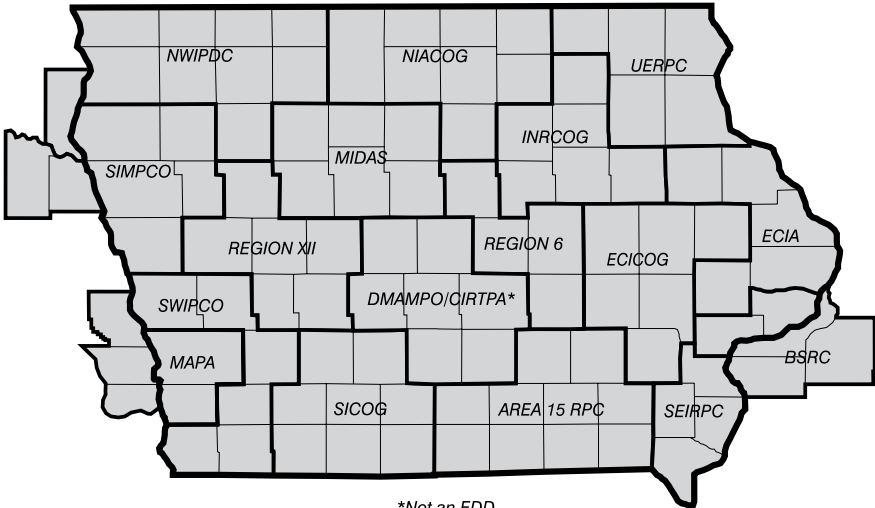
*Iowa's COGs employ more than **200** professionals in areas such as planning, information systems and GIS, graphic design, public administration, and workforce training and development. Through coordination with Iowa's regents institutions, Iowa's COGs provide employment opportunities for Iowa graduates in these diverse fields.*

*More than **450** Iowans provide leadership to Iowa's COGs through their service on the agencies' boards of directors. An additional **1,300** Iowans serve on advisory committees, task forces, policy boards, and various bodies assembled by Iowa's COGs.*



Economic Development Districts (EDDs)

The COGs also serve as forums for regional economic development, and many are Economic Development Districts (EDDs) as designated by the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). (See map below.) In addition, many COGs have established and administer regional revolving loan funds (RLFs) targeting housing and economic development. In Iowa's EDA designated districts, RLFs have created or retained over **7,500 jobs** and over **350 businesses** have been assisted.



Many of Iowa's COGs administer regional revolving loan funds, which provide direct financial assistance and help local businesses leverage funds to expand and maintain employment opportunities. Iowa's COGs provide **\$4 million** in grants and loans to local businesses **each year**. They also secure an additional **\$10 million** from other granting sources. These funds combine to leverage an additional **\$100 million each year** to assist Iowa businesses and business owners.

Each year, Iowa's COGs help businesses create or retain more than 2,000 jobs across the state of Iowa.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are designated by the Governor of the State of Iowa to carry out requirements of federal transportation planning and programming in urbanized areas. The COGs also serve as MPOs in Council Bluffs, Dubuque, the Quad Cities, Sioux City and Waterloo/Cedar Falls. Separate MPO's are designated for Ames, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Iowa City. A directory is listed below.

Ames Area MPO

Ames Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)
515 Clark Avenue, P.O. Box 811
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: (515) 239-5160
Fax: (515) 239-5404
Website: www.city.ames.ia.us
E-mail: jjoiner@city.ames.ia.us
Contact: John Joiner, City of Ames Public Works Director

Cedar Rapids MPO

The Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization
City Hall, Sixth Floor
50 Second Avenue Bridge
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
Phone: (319) 286-5041
Fax: (319) 286-5141
Website: www.cedar-rapids.org/rpc
E-mail: c.butterfield@cedar-rapids.org
Contact: Christine Butterfield, Executive Director

Council Bluffs MPO

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA)
2222 Cuming St.
Omaha, NE 68102
Phone: (402) 444-6866
Fax: (402) 342-0949
Website: www.mapacog.org
E-mail: paul_mullen@mapacog.org
Contact: Paul Mullen, Executive Director

Davenport MPO (Quad Cities)

Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC)
1504 Third Avenue
P.O. Box 3368
Rock Island, IL 61204-3368
Phone: (309) 793-6300
Fax: (309) 793-6305
Website: www.bistateonline.org

Des Moines Area MPO (DMAMPO/CIRTPA)

Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMAMPO)
Merle Hay Centre
6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300 West
Urbandale, IA 50322-2866
Phone: (515) 334-0075
Fax: (515) 334-0098
Website: www.dmampo.org
E-mail: tjkane@dmampo.org
Contact: Tom Kane, Executive Director

Dubuque MPO

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS)
East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA)
7600 Commerce Park
Dubuque, IA 52002
Phone: (563) 556-4166
Fax: (563) 556-0348
Website: www.ecia.org

Iowa City MPO

Johnson County Council of Governments (JCCOG)
410 East Washington Street
Iowa City, IA 52240
Phone: (319) 356-5230
Fax: (319) 356-5009
Website: www.iowa-city.org
E-mail: john-yapp@iowa-city.org
Contact: John Yapp, Executive Director

Sioux City MPO

Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO)
1122 Pierce Street
P.O. Box 1077
Sioux City, IA 51102
Phone: (712) 279-6286
Fax: (712) 279-6920
Website: www.simpco.org
E-mail: jjilbert@simpco.org

Waterloo MPO

Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG)
229 E. Park Avenue
Waterloo, IA 50703
Phone: (319) 235-0311
Fax: (319) 235-2891
Website: www.inrcog.org

Each year, Iowa's COGs provide more than 1.6 million rides through public transit systems.

Iowa's COGs program more than \$85 million in federal transportation funds for highway and other transportation system improvements. These federal funds leverage an additional \$42.5 million each year.

Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs)

Below is a list of Regional Planning Affiliations (RPAs) as recognized by the Iowa Department of Transportation to facilitate regional transportation planning efforts in areas of the State that are not recognized as metropolitan areas of 50,000 population or more.

Regional Planning Agency 1

Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
134 West Greene Street
P. O. Box 219
Postville, Iowa 52162
Phone: 563.864.7551
Fax: 563.864.7535
Website: www.uerpc.org
E-mail: uerpc@uerpc.org
Contact: Wendy Mihm-Herald, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 2

North Iowa Area Council of Governments
525 Sixth Street S. W.
Mason City, Iowa 50401
Phone: 641.423.0491
Fax: 641.423.1637
Website: <http://www.niacog.org>
E-mail: jmyhre@niacog.org
Contact: Joe Myhre, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 3

Northwest Iowa Planning & Development Commission
217 W. Fifth Street
P. O. Box 1493
Spencer, Iowa 51301
Phone: 712.262.7225
Website: www.nwipdc.org
E-mail: tkourousis@nwidpc.org
Contact: Ted Kourousis, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 4

Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association
1122 Pierce Street
P. O. Box 1077
Sioux City, Iowa 51102
Phone: 712.279.6286
Fax: 712.279.6920
Website: www.simpco.org
E-mail: jgilbert@simpco.org
Contact: Jane Gilbert, *Co-Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 5

MIDAS Council of Governments
602 First Avenue South
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
Phone: 515.576.7183
Website: www.midascog.net
E-mail: cweldon-midas@prairieinet.net
Contact: Cliff Weldon, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 6

Region Six Planning Commission
905 E. Main Street, Suite A
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158
Phone: 641.752.0717
Fax: 641.752.9857
Website: www.region6planning.org
E-mail: mwymore@region6planning.org
Contact: Marty Wymore, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 7

Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority – INRCOG
229 E. Park Avenue
Waterloo, Iowa 50703
Phone: 319.235.0311
Fax: 319.235.2891
Website: www.inrcog.org
E-mail: Sjuon@inrcog.org
Contact: Sharon Juon, *Executive Director*



RPAs (continued)

Regional Planning Agency 8

Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study — DMATS
East Central Intergovernmental Association
7600 Commerce Park
Dubuque, Iowa 52002
Phone: 563.556.4166
Fax: 563.556.0348
website: www.ecia.org
E-mail: kdeutmeyer@ecia.org
Contact: Kelley Deutmeyer, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 9

Bi-State Regional Commission
P.O. Box 3368
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois 61204-3368
Phone: 309.793.6300
Fax: 309.793.6305
Website: www.bistateonline.org
E-mail: dbulat@bistateonline.org
Contact: Denise Bulat, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 10

East Central Iowa Council of Governments
700 16th Street NE, Suite 301
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402
Phone: 319.365.9941
Fax: 319.365.9981
Website: www.ecicog.org
E-mail: doug.elliott@ecicog.org
Contact: Douglas Elliott, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 11

Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance
6200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300 West
Urbandale, Iowa 50322-2866
Phone: 515.334.0075
Fax: 515.334.0098
Website: www.dmampo.org/cirtpa
E-mail: tjkane@dmampo.org
Contact: Tom Kane, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 12

Region XII Council of Governments
1009 East Anthony Street
P. O. Box 768
Carroll, Iowa 51401
Phone: 712.792.9914
Fax: 712.792.1751
Website: www.region12cog.org
E-mail: rhunsaker@region12cog.org
Contact: Rick Hunsaker, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 13

Southwest Iowa Planning Council
1501 S.W. Seventh Street
Atlantic, Iowa 50022
Phone: 712.243.4196
Fax: 712.243.3458
Website: www.swipco.org
E-mail: swipco@swipco.org
Contact: MJ Broomfield, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 14

ATURA Transportation Planning Affiliation
101 East Montgomery Street
Creston, Iowa 50801-0102
Phone: 641.782.8491
Fax: 641.782.8492
Website: www.sicog.com
E-mail: nardy@sicog.com
Contact: Becky Nardy, *Transportation Planner*

Regional Planning Agency 15

Area 15 Regional Planning Commission
P. O. Box 1110
Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
Phone: 641.684.6551
Fax: 641.684.4894
Website: www.area15rpc.com
E-mail: efoudree@indianhills.edu
Contact: Ellen Foudree, *Executive Director*

RPAs (continued)

Regional Planning Agency 16

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning
Commission
200 Front Street, Suite 400
P. O. Box 397
Burlington, Iowa 52601
Phone: 319.753.5107
Fax: 319.754.4763
Website: www.seirpc.com
E-mail: btapp@seirpc.com
Contact: Brian Tapp, *Executive Director*

Regional Planning Agency 18

Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
2222 Cuming Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68012
Phone: 402.444.6866
Fax: 402.342.0949
E-mail: paul_mullen@mapacog.org
Website: www.mapacog.org
Contact: Paul Mullen, *Executive Director*

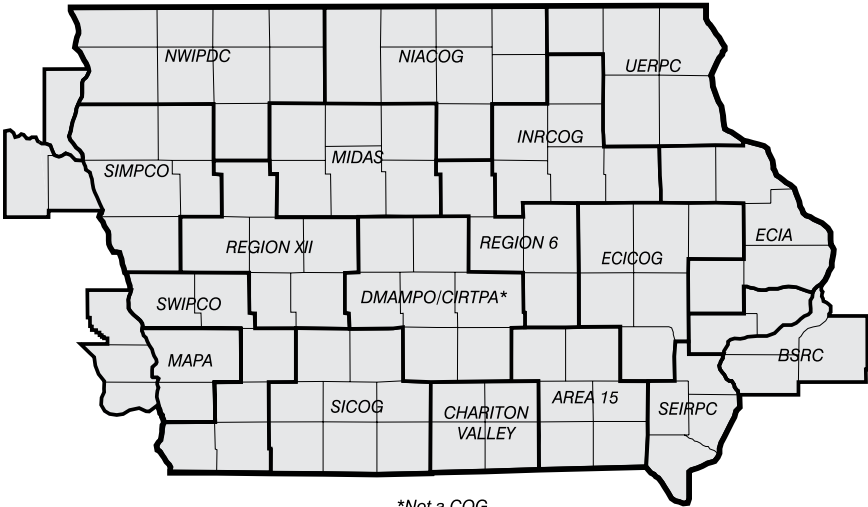
Regional Planning Agency 17

Chariton Valley Transportation Planning
Affiliation
Historic Courthouse District
205 ½ N. 13th Street
Centerville, Iowa 52544
Phone: 641.437.4359
Fax: 641.437.1161
Website: www.charitonvalleyplanning.com
E-mail: tdaugherty@charitonvalleyplanning.com
Contact: Tracy Daugherty, *Executive Director*



IOWA COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Location Map



Our Mission:

To serve as the recognized provider of services within our respective regions and throughout the State of Iowa in assisting the community and economic activities that improve the quality of life for Iowa residents.

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