

The Update



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Shenandoah Community Survey Now Open to Shape Comprehensive Plan



SHENANDOAH- SWIPCO is working with the City of Shenandoah on developing a new Comprehensive Plan. This plan will create a guide for future growth, housing, and development. In order to shape this plan a community survey is currently open to gather input from community members.

The survey is available at tinyurl.com/Shen2050 or paper copies are available at Shenandoah City Hall, Shenandoah Public Library, Shenandoah Chamber & Industry Association, or The Mill. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes and includes a mixture of multiple choice, rating scale, and fill-in answer questions. The questions range from housing, economic development, community betterment, and more.

The City of Shenandoah's Comprehensive Plan hasn't been updated in almost 20 years, making this a needed and important process.

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Shenandoah Comprehensive Plan Continued...

A committee of local residents has been involved in working with the City and SWIPCO to develop the plan but more input from the community helps gauge any trends in what residents feel are priorities.

In a recent interview with KMA, City Administrator AJ Lyman said, "We have somebody from real estate, somebody from banking, somebody from construction-things like that. Looking at that, we want some additional data from folks in the community. We in the city have assumptions on what our needs are, but hearing what the public thinks our needs are, as well, will help inform that."

City officials truly appreciate residents taking the time to share their thoughts and help shape the future of Shenandoah. The plan that is developed will provide the foundation for zoning decisions and public investments over the next 10-20 years.

Shenandoah Community Survey

Help plan Shenandoah's future!

The City of Shenandoah is updating its Comprehensive Plan —a guide for future growth, housing, and development.

Your input will help shape decisions that impact the community for years to come.

TAKE THE SURVEY (5-10 minutes)

Scan the QR Code
or visit:
tinyurl.com/Shen2050



Paper copies available at:

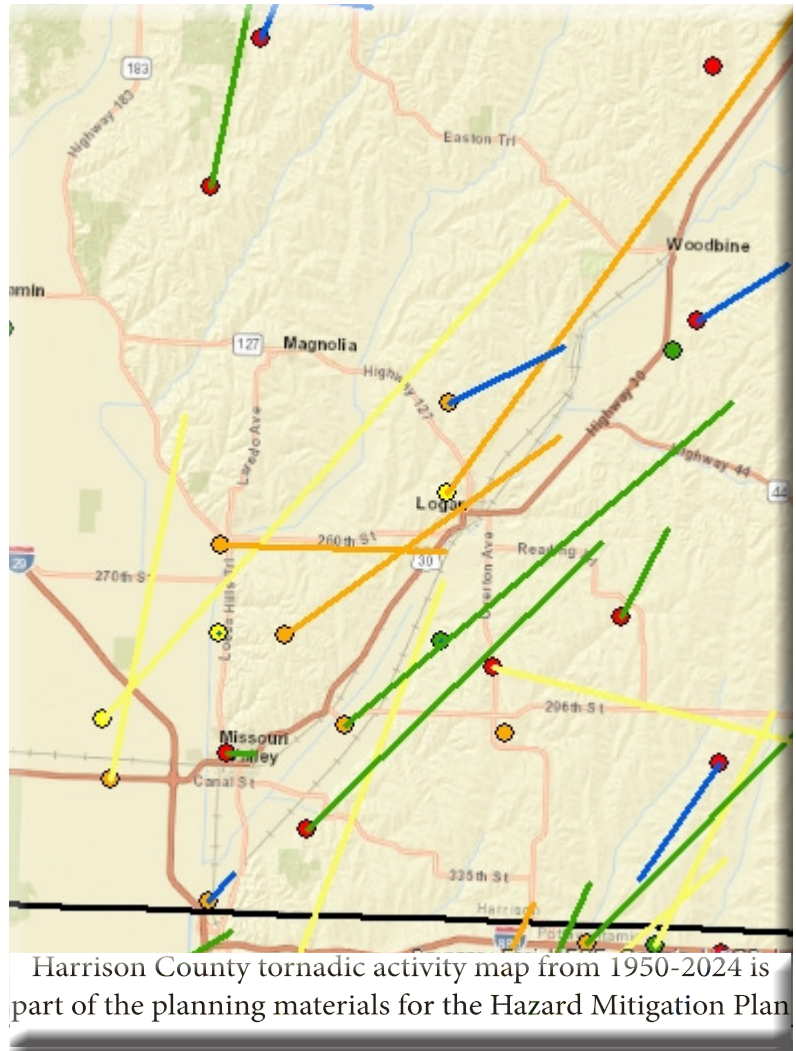
- City Hall • Shenandoah Public Library
- Chamber & Industry Association • The Mill



Hazard Mitigation Plans Being Developed for Harrison and Cass Counties

CASS & HARRISON COUNTIES- South-west Iowa Planning Council is currently working with Cass and Harrison County officials to update their Hazard Mitigation Plans. These plans are necessary for grant assistance and aid greatly in dealing with natural hazards. Hazard Mitigation Plans focus on reducing long-term risks of damage or threats to public health and safety caused by natural hazards and their effects.

In 2010, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management began to recommend cities and counties work together, through leadership of emergency management agencies, in the establishment of multi-jurisdictional plans, rather than individual planning efforts. These plans recommend structural solutions to reduce existing vulnerabilities, but also go further to include local policies on growth and development, incentives tied to natural resource protection, and public awareness and outreach activities. Emergency planning helps to prepare for hazards and is executed through emergency management training and exercises, flood risk reduction studies, flood plain management, drought management planning, and dam inundation mapping.



These updated plans will help check a number of boxes:

- Comply with both Federal and State Hazard Mitigation plan requirements;
- Provide a comprehensive hazard analysis/risk assessment that best defines the hazards most likely to impact (Named County);
- Quantify the monetary value of hazard mitigation activities, which would lessen or eliminate the effects of the identified hazards;
- Outline a strategy for the implementation of hazard mitigation projects and;
- Replace the current FEMA approved hazard mitigation plans for County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This new plan will bring the Hazard Mitigation Plan into FEMA compliance.

If your county or community has questions or interest in Hazard Mitigation Planning, please contact Dani Briggs, SWIPCO Lead Planner, at 712-243-4196 ext. 219 or danielle.briggs@swipco.org.

SWITA

WORKFORCE TRANSPORTATION

SWITA offers workforce transportation for employers throughout the region. Increase production hours by providing reliable, safe transportation for employees.

We have 20-40 passenger vehicles, can operate 24-7, and will work to accommodate your needs.

SWITA also can arrange vanpool options for smaller groups through our partnership with Enterprise.



If your business would like to learn more about workforce transportation options with SWITA, please contact Mark Lander, Transit Director 712-243-2518 or 800-842-8065 mark.lander@swipco.org

www.swita.com



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Kersten Abild

Transit Scheduler II
5 Years of Service



Mark Lander

Transit Director
Birthday Month



Teresa Wright

Finance Specialist
Birthday Month



John McCurdy

Executive Director
13 Years of Service



Kyle Rock

Maintenance Assistant
Birthday Month



SWITA by the Numbers

	March 2026	YTD (Since July 1)
Total Miles	168,164	1,481,248
Total Hours	9,506	81,971
Total Rides	45,773	390,986

March Rides by Service		March Rides by Demographic	
Workforce Rides	8,730	Disabled	21,355
Taxi Rides	5,207	Elderly	2,758
Student Rides	7,795	Other Gen. Public	21,660
Other	24,041		

Upcoming Grant

Information:

- Community Attraction and Tourism Program (CAT) Spring - until funds exhausted.
- Iowa DOT State Recreational Trails Program July 1, 2026
- Iowa DNR Solid Waste Alternative Program July 1, 2026
- Iowa DNR Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Program August 15, 2026
- Small Business Energy Audit Program May 1, 2029 (Ongoing, first-come basis until funds exhausted)



LEAD REDUCTION GRANT



- Do you own a home or rental property in Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, or Shelby County, or do you rent in these counties?
 - Was the property constructed before 1978?
 - Are there children under age 6 that reside or spend a significant amount of time in the property?
- or
- Are the rental units currently vacant?

If yes, you could be eligible for improvements involving lead-based paint removal and other repairs! Projects have averaged \$30,000 to \$50,000 in repairs!

SCAN THE APPROPRIATE QR CODE AND TAKE THE SURVEY TO SEE IF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM OR CALL 712-243-4196

MORE PROGRAM INFO AVAILABLE ON WWW.SWIPCO.ORG

Homeowners



Rental Owners or Renters



Before and After photos from a previous lead reduction project in Villisca.



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