



City of
Urbandale
Iowa

Economic Development Newsletter

Perspectives on Future Urban Loop Development Areas Ready to be Shared

The City of Urbandale worked with Snyder & Associates to create six perspectives on future development in the Urban Loop. The four aerial and two street-level images are available on the City of Urbandale [Economic Development Department website](#). The images are only concepts, but are based on existing development, current zoning and future land use for the 700-acre, interstate-served Urban Loop development area. The images can be downloaded for use in presentations, brochures, websites and any other application in which a three-dimensional rendering of the area adds value.

Construction Updates: Urban Loop 86th Street and Meredith Drive Interchanges and Iowa 141 Flyover

Construction continues on the west side ramps of the 86th Street Interchange as crews reconstruct the eastbound-off, westbound-on ramps to meet the wider alignment of the mainline interstate. That [project](#) is expected to be completed by the first week of July. The Meredith Drive half-diamond interchange on the south side of Meredith Drive is under construction and expected to be completed late 2020. The Iowa 141 Flyover Ramp is also under construction and slated for late 2020 completion, as well. View a quick 90-second video tour of the work in progress on the [City's LinkedIn page!](#)

Are Complete Streets a Priority to You or Your Business?

Access to walking and biking trails and lanes has become an important competitive asset for economic development in Urbandale. To guide investments, the City is working with a consultant to create a Complete Streets Master Plan. *What does this mean for you?* Please consider joining a community workshop on **Thursday, June 13 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Giovannetti Community Shelter in Walker Johnston Park (8900 Douglas Avenue)**. For context, visit our website for project background, an online survey, and an interactive map: <https://www.urbandale.org/718/Complete-Streets>

Assistant Director to Join the City of Urbandale Economic Development Team in July

[Aaron DeJong](#) (dee-YOUNG) will join the City of Urbandale team as Assistant Director of Economic Development next month. A native of Newton, Aaron attended the University of Northern Iowa and graduate school at the University of Iowa. Aaron began his career with the cities of Coralville and Dubuque. In Dubuque, he led efforts to redevelop and revitalize historic districts and buildings downtown which helped support the successful investment and job creation of IBM in that city. Aaron returns to Iowa from the City of Louisville, Colorado where he led the economic development activities of that growing suburban city. Aaron will begin his work on July 22.

Urbandale Seeking Proposals to Purchase City-Owned Land

The City of Urbandale is seeking proposals for an offer to purchase a five acre vacant parcel addressed as 15808 Meredith Drive. The City purchased the property in April 2017 in conjunction with the street reconstruction project for Meredith Drive. The land is well-situated for residential development and the City is seeking competitive proposals from developers to purchase and develop the parcel. Full information is available on the City website.

End the Work Week with a Party in the Park!

Gather your colleagues, friends and neighbors and stop by Urbandale's *Party in the Park* on Friday, June 14 from 5 – 10 PM at Walker Johnston Park. Enjoy music from the Damon Dotson band, food trucks and a beer truck. There will also be free activities for the kids, including: bounce houses, laser tag, crafts, games, painting and more. Start your summer off right in Urbandale! More information on the City of Urbandale Parks and Recreation [Facebook page](#).

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