



Urbandale Adopts Complete Streets Policy

The Urbandale City Council approved a Complete Streets Policy last month. The policy is expected to encourage development of streets that accommodate all modes of transportation, including: walking, bicycling, driving or riding public transit. Features of Complete Streets can include sidewalks, recreation trails, shared lane markings, bike lanes, paved shoulders, pedestrian crossings and signals, signs, street furniture and transit facilities. This policy has the potential to enhance current and future business corridors to allow greater flexibility for Urbandale employees to travel to and from work and throughout the Metro. To view Urbandale's Complete Streets policy, [follow this link](#).

Provide Your Thoughts on the Region's Development

Urbandale is an integral part of the vibrant Des Moines Metro Area. The businesses that have invested here, the outstanding workforce and the community's residents make a very important contribution to the region's success. Capital Crossroads is offering the opportunity for you to share your thoughts on shaping the future of the Central Iowa region. [Please visit this link](#) to learn more about the next generation of the Capital Crossroads vision and to take a brief survey.

Unique Urbandale Arboretum Opens to the Public

The Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap Park and Arboretum officially opened on June 7. The twelve-acre park located at 3040 Sherry Lane was a gift from Jackaline and Paul Dunlap. The park features a four-acre mature arboretum with a variety of native and foreign trees and plants. The park also connects to nearby trails and

includes an open air shelter. To view aerial footage of the Park and Arboretum, watch the first minute of [this video](#). To reserve the shelter, contact the Parks and Recreation department at 515-278-3963.

Approved, Issued, Opened in Urbandale

Urbandale provides many opportunities for commercial and residential investment. Below are some recent projects:

Open(ing): [Caribou Coffee](#), [Fresh Fit Meals](#), [Five Star Nutrition](#) and [Jimmy John's](#) will open in the 16,000 square foot Heritage Park Retail Center at the northeast quadrant of Hickman Road and I-35/80.

Opened: Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity purchased and renovated an approximately 25,000 square foot building at 4033 NW Urbandale Drive, establishing its second [Habitat ReStore](#) location in the Des Moines Metro.

Opened: [MudBum](#) leased approximately 1,400 feet at 3894 NW Urbandale Drive.

Site Plan Approved to remove approximately 2,830 square feet of building at Urban Town Center, located at the southeast corner of 86th and Douglas Avenue. This demolition creates two separate buildings and will allow for better parking and access onsite. To see a rendering of the concept for the revised building layout, [follow this link](#).

Site Plan Approved for construction of an approximately 47,000 square foot, two-story building addition at [Des Moines Christian School](#). The building will house an 800-seat performance arts center, gymnasium, classrooms and a concessions area. The second floor will feature music rooms and other amenities.

Final Plat Approved for three commercial lots totaling 30.5 acres at the northeast corner of 100th Street and Plum Drive.

Zoning Amendment Approved to allow multi-family residential development on 7.25 acres at the southwest corner of 86th Street and Plum Drive.

Urbandale Among Most Successful Iowa Cities

Career website [Zippia](#) has placed Urbandale in its top ten most successful cities in Iowa based on the community's median household income, unemployment rate and poverty level. For more resources on successfully investing in Urbandale, please visit the [Economic Development Department website](#).

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