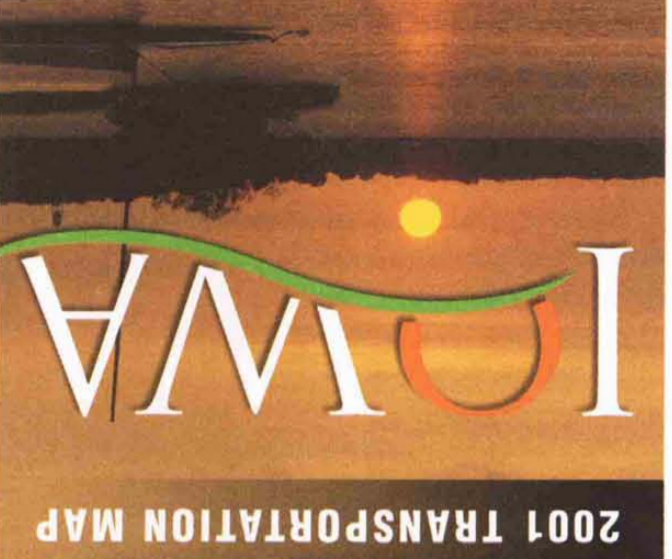
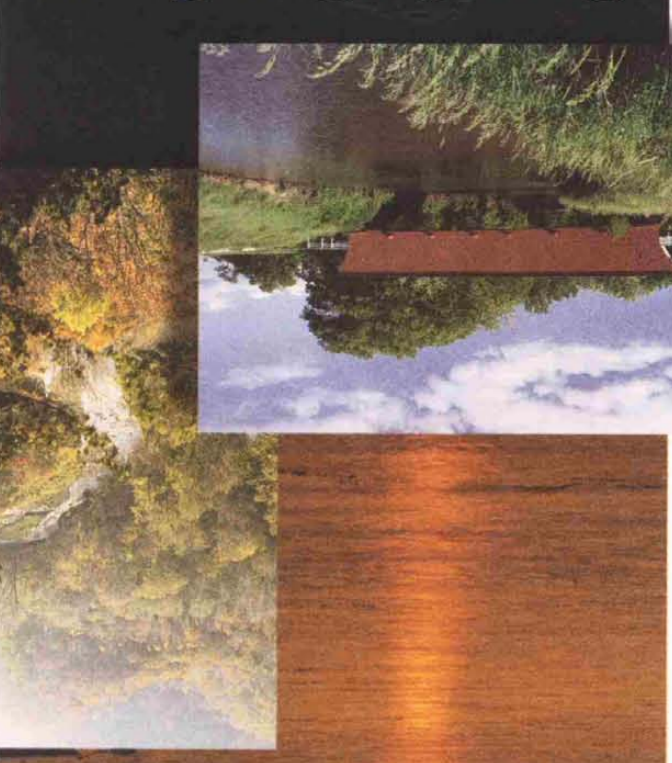


COME BE OUR GUEST



2011 TRANSPORTATION MAP



Welcome to Iowa!

Our state map is a valuable guide to Iowa's many cultural and historic attractions...

From the rocky bluffs overlooking the Missouri River, to the shore of the Mississippi, Iowa has a vast array of recreational opportunities...

During your time in Iowa, we welcome you to join us in our effort to keep our environment healthy...

Thomas J. Vilsack Governor of Iowa, Sally J. Pederson Lt. Governor of Iowa



Iowa Welcome Centers

- Amara Colonies - U.S. 151 and Iowa 220, Main Amara
Arnolds Park - 243 W. Broadway
Bloom Amara - Interstate 80, Exit 225 east of Williamsburg
Bluefield - 301 N. Washington
Burlington - 400 Front St.
Council Bluffs - Interstate 80, Exit 1B
Davis City - Interstate 35 north of Exit 4
Des Moines - Interstate 35/80 and Hickman Rd.
Dows - West Train and Depot Sts.
Dubuque - Third St. and Ice Harbor
Elk Horn - 4038 Main St.
Elkader - Iowa 13, five miles south of Elkader
Emmetsburg - 1121 Broadway St.
Lamoni - Interstate 35, Exit 4
Le Claire - 900 Eagle Ridge Road
Missouri Valley - U.S. 30, three miles east of Missouri Valley
Northwood - Interstate 35, Exit 214
Sioux City - 1000 Larson Park Road
Sioux City - Interstate 29 south of Exit 141
Wilton - Interstate 80 west of Exit 271, west of Davenport

Des Moines - Interstate 80 west of Exit 121
Underwood - Interstate 80 north of Exit 17
Victor - Interstate 80 east of Exit 205, west of Iowa City

Travel Information

For complete travel information, including the Iowa Travel Guide and Iowa Calendar of Events, contact:
Division of Tourism
Iowa Department of Economic Development
200 E. Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309
515-242-4075 or 800-345-IOWA
Web site address: www.traveliowa.com

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Environmental Stewardship

We all have a stake in the quality of our environment. Choices we make to meet our transportation needs can profoundly affect the environment...

Featured here are some of the ways the employees of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), its contractors, and the Iowa Transportation Commission are acting as good citizens and stewards of our environment.

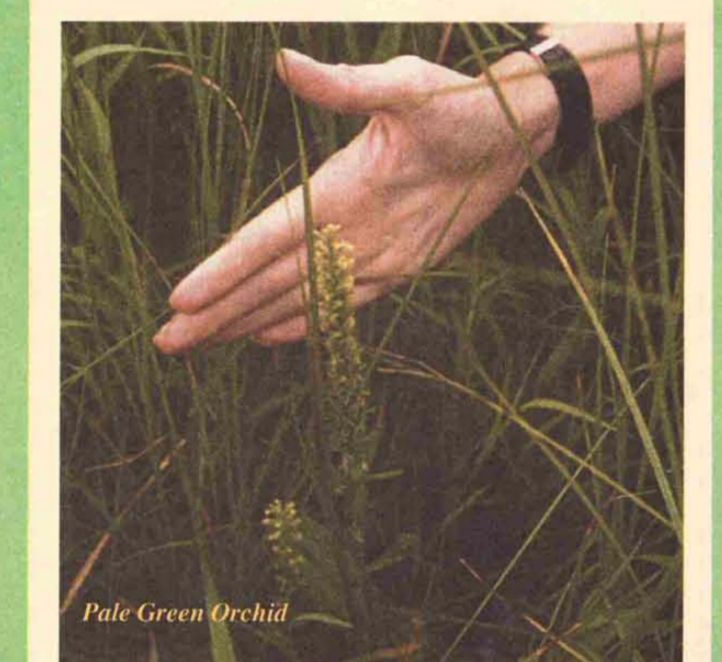
Protecting Iowa's Endangered and Threatened Species

Did you know that 13 wildlife and plant species in Iowa are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act? Making the list are eight animal species including the Indiana Bat, Bald Eagle, Least Tern and Piping Plover birds...

Besides the species covered under the federal act, dozens of others are protected under Iowa's Endangered Plants and Wildlife Law.

"Endangered Species" means any species of fish, plant life, or wildlife which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range.

In cooperation with federal and state agencies, the DOT works toward the conservation, protection and artificial propagation of endangered and threatened species.



Pale Green Orchid

Waste Management

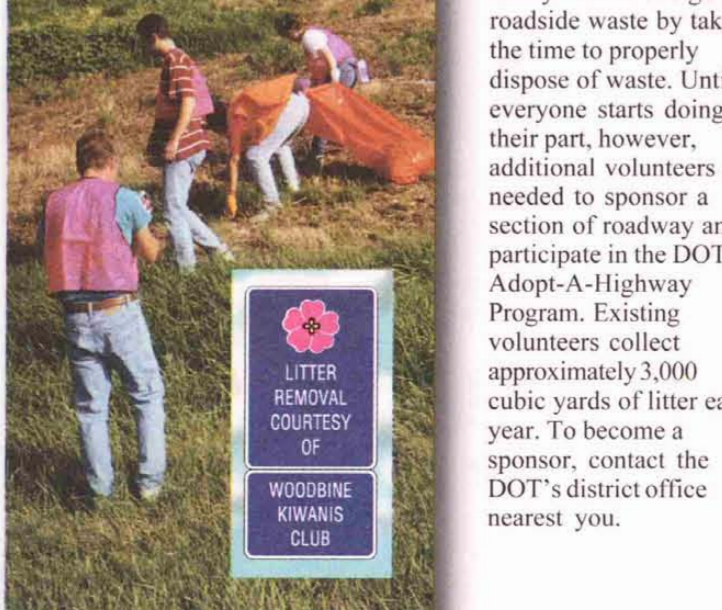
Consumers and business produce tons of waste each year. Common wastes include cans, paper, plastic bottles, etc. Some waste is hazardous and is corrosive, flammable, reactive or toxic...

The DOT's waste management efforts include waste prevention, collection of materials for recycling, and buying of recycled products. The DOT also follows, and ensures motor carriers abide by, specific regulatory requirements for handling, discarding and transporting hazardous wastes.

In addition, there are several uses for recycled materials in construction and maintenance of Iowa roadways. Waste and reclaimed materials are used by the DOT and its contractors in asphalt and Portland cement concrete pavements...

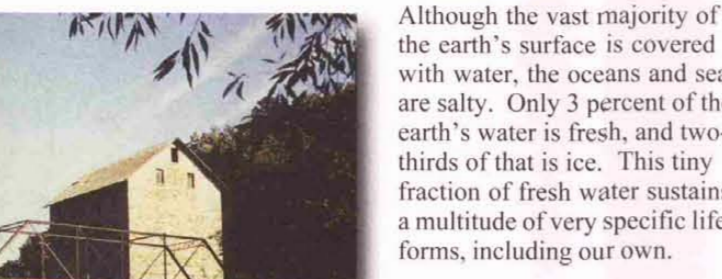
When it comes to solid waste, each of us is part of the problem, as well as the solution. From gum wrappers to used furniture, we exert our personal choices in what we purchase, how we use the product, and how we dispose of the waste.

You can do your part! Travelers can significantly reduce unsightly roadside waste by taking the time to properly dispose of waste. Until everyone starts doing their part, however, additional volunteers are needed to sponsor a section of roadway and participate in the DOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program.



Adopt-A-Highway volunteers

Surface and Ground Water Protection



This fact makes Iowa's ground water an extremely valuable resource. More than 95 percent of our rural population gets its household water supply from underground sources. Yet Iowa's ground water resources are often taken for granted because they are not visible and contamination can often go undetected for many years.

The DOT has taken many steps to protect this valuable resource and control water pollution by ensuring contaminants harmful to human health and aquatic life are not discharged or allowed to seep into the ground water system.

Wetlands occupy a specialized niche between land and surface water where plants and animals abound. All wetlands are important wildlife habitats, breeding grounds and nurseries. Fish, crustacea, insects and other animals form complex food chains in these valuable ecosystems.

Iowa's Natural Geological Wonders

Iowa's landscape is as diverse as the people and wildlife that live here. Iowa's unique formations and habitats include caves, upland forests and woodlands, prairies, rivers and small streams, wetlands, sand dunes, the Loess Hills of western Iowa, limestone outcroppings along the Mississippi River, bluffs along the Missouri River, rock outcrops or palisades lining the Upper Iowa River valley, cold water springs, and the oldest bedrock formation in Iowa (1.6 billion years old), which is in the Gitchie Manitou State Preserve in Lyon County.

Beneath Iowa's rich surface is our state's valuable underground water resources and a plethora of mineralogical sources, including rocks and gravel, fossil, peat, ore, clays, coal, and high quality soil available to support Iowa's agriculture.

When it comes to the environmental well-being of the state, the DOT understands there is a finite limit to these resources, they are not uniformly distributed in quantity or quality in the state, and many sensitive environments exist.



Entrance to Maquoketa Cave

Flora and Fauna

Traveling across Iowa it's difficult to miss the ever-increasing abundance of beautiful trees, woody plants, wildflowers and native prairie grasses along our roadways. Contributing to this increase are the many initiatives funded by the Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF). Since 1989 nearly 700 projects have been supported by the LRTF, including: gateway plantings; native grass, forb seed, tree and shrub plantings; and research and education programs.

Another important roadside vegetation program is the DOT/DNR Roadside Planting Program. A cooperative effort between the departments of Transportation and Natural Resources, this program has played a significant role in the reversal of the depletion of Iowa's forests, with more than one million trees planted to date.

If it's enchanting wildlife that you enjoy, then you'll want to learn more about Iowa's American Kestrel Nest Box Program and Trumpeter Swan restoration project. Hundreds of American Kestrel (formerly known as the Sparrow Hawk) nest boxes have been attached to the back of highway signs, providing a predator-proof refuge and perch for the birds. If you want to establish and monitor a nest box in your area, contact your local DOT district office.

In cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and local conservation groups, the DOT is also helping with Iowa's Trumpeter Swan restoration by providing suitable habitat for the swans. Once driven to extinction in Iowa, this magnificent waterfowl was reintroduced to the state in 1994.



Enviro-Explorers Kids' Club

Energy Conservation

All forms of transportation - walking, riding a bus, riding your bike, or driving a car - use energy. However, some forms use "nonrenewable" energy, and others use "renewable" energy. Nonrenewable resources include minerals and fossil fuels. They exist in limited quantities and once they're gone, they're gone forever.

Besides the use of recycled materials and alternative fuels, the DOT conserves energy by purchasing and using the most energy-efficient equipment. Buildings also are designed and retrofitted to use the most economical lighting, heating and cooling systems.

Iowa's Clean Air

There are many creative ways to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect Iowa's air quality. Actions include the use of transportation alternatives such as transit, bicycling, walking and ride-sharing. In addition, automobile users can reduce harmful emissions by using ethanol and switching to lower carbon-content fuels.

The DOT strives each year to improve Iowa's air quality and comply with the federal Clean Air Act by supporting transportation improvement measures through Iowa's Clean Air Attainment Program. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, air attainment programs on a national level are reducing harmful auto emissions by nearly 450,890 tons per year.

Another measure that helps improve Iowa's air quality is the joint effort between the departments of Transportation and Natural Resources, and the Trees Forever organization, that results in the ongoing planting of trees, grasses and plants that absorb excess carbon dioxide from the air.

Clean, Renewable and Alternative Energy Products

Using clean, renewable and alternative energy products is good for Iowa's economy and energy security!

Clean fuels - also called alternative fuels - produce less hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, sulfur and other pollutants. An alternative fuel is any vehicle fuel that is not gasoline or diesel. Examples of alternate fuels are biodiesel, electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, methanol, natural gas and propane.

Besides being cleaner, these fuels help to diversify our energy sources. Instead of being dependent on imported petroleum for our transportation system, we can use locally available materials (such as waste cooking oils, corn and soybeans) and energy sources (such as solar, wind, hydropower or biomass).

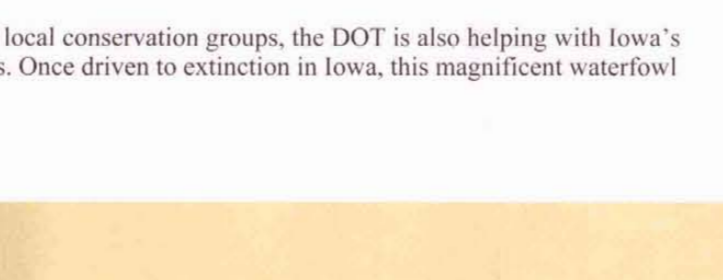
Home-grown in Iowa, agricultural-based products such as biodiesel fuel (made from soybeans) and ethanol (from corn) support Iowa's agricultural industry. It also keeps dollars in our state, creates new jobs, and contributes to a healthy state economy.

A combination of renewable energy products is used in the DOT's fleet of vehicles and equipment. In addition, other agricultural-based products are used in the department's operations. Agricultural-related products include soy-based oil, grease, ink, diesel and concrete sealer, and corn-based 10 percent ethanol blended fuel, some E85 blend (85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) in vehicles that can use it, and liquid anti-icers and deicers used on roadways.

Iowa's "patchwork quilt-type" heritage is something to preserve and remember. Before any highway project begins, the DOT conducts historical, cultural and archaeological studies. Where warranted, archaeological dig is conducted. Some of the most sensitive historical and cultural sites are left untouched. Other historical and cultural remnants are relocated so they can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

One way for travelers to experience Iowa's beauty, history, and culture is to travel one of the state's nine scenic byways or three historic routes. Iowa's scenic routes include the Driftless Area Scenic Byway in extreme northeast, River Bluffs Scenic Byway in Fayette and Clayton counties, Grant Wood Scenic Byway in the east, Iowa Valley Scenic Byway in east-central Iowa, Woodlands Scenic Byway in the southwest, Western Skies Scenic Byway in the west, Old O'Brien Glacial Trail in the north-west, and Iowa's two nationally-designated scenic byways - the Loess Hills Scenic Byway in the west and Great River Road in the east.

To retrace the historic steps of some of America's most famous journeys, you may also want to take a tour of one of Iowa's historic routes including the Mormon Trail, Dragon Trail, or Lewis and Clark Trail.



Enviro-Explorers Kids' Club

It's never too early to begin learning about protecting and preserving Iowa's environment. A great way to get started is to become a member of the Enviro-Explorers Kids' Club. Becoming an Explorer is absolutely FREE. Just go to Enviro-Explorers.com for lots of fun environmental activities, animal profiles, educational materials, and parent and teacher resources. To learn more about the DOT's environmental programs for young Iowans, call 515-239-1372, or write: Enviro-Explorers, Office of Media and Marketing Services, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, IA 50010.

Ways You Can Personally Protect Iowa's Environment

- Look for goods with less packaging.
Adopt a section of roadway to keep it free of litter.
Reduce your use of hazardous household products.
Recycle glass, paper, plastic, cardboard and other materials.
Use alternative fuels such as ethanol.
Plant shrubs, trees and other plants.
Walk, bike or take a bus instead of using a car.
Plant a garden at home or at your school grounds to attract wildlife, birds and butterflies.
Build homes for bats and birds.

Many other ideas are available from the departments of Transportation and Natural Resources, environmental groups and civic organizations. The time to get started is NOW!

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CONTACTING THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

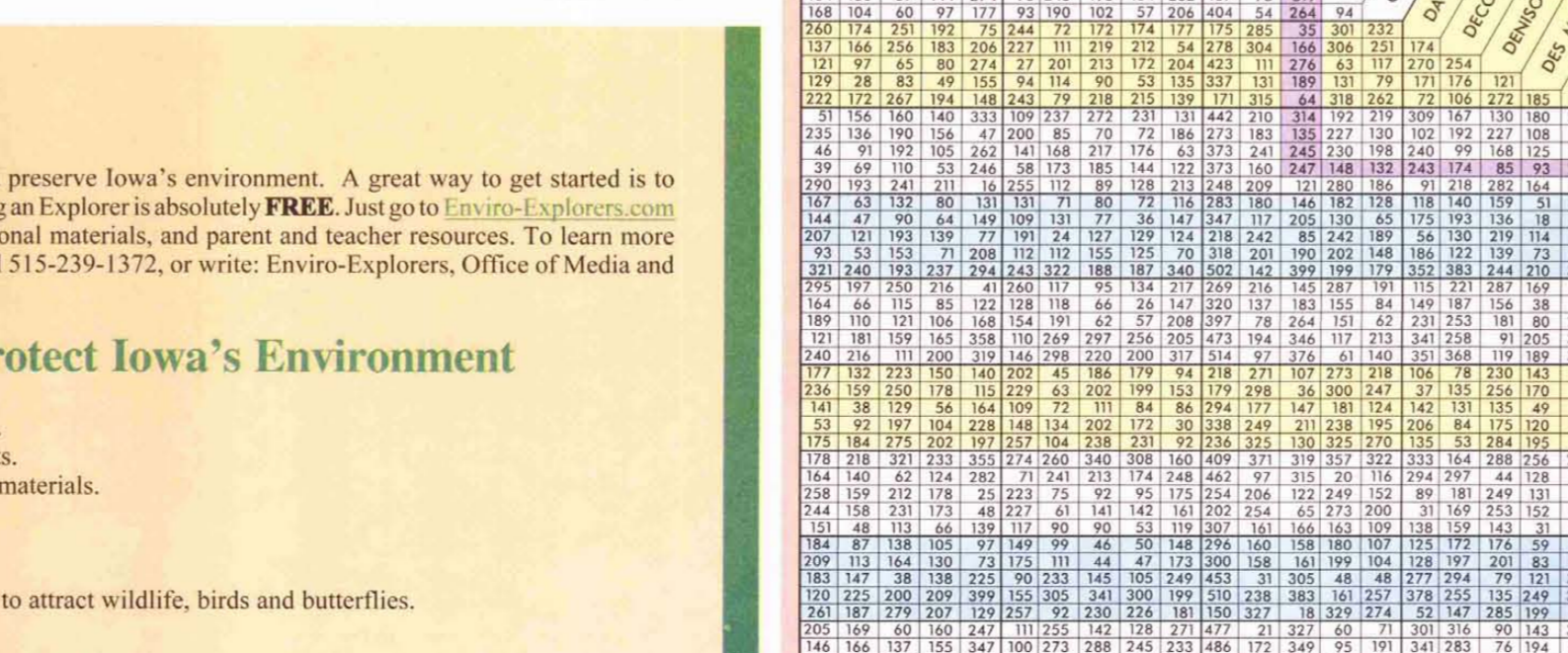
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IOWA DOT WEB SITE ADDRESS

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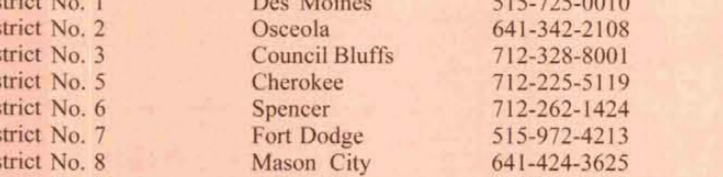
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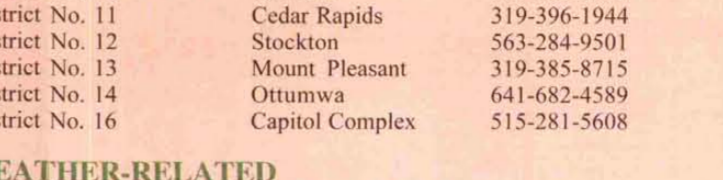
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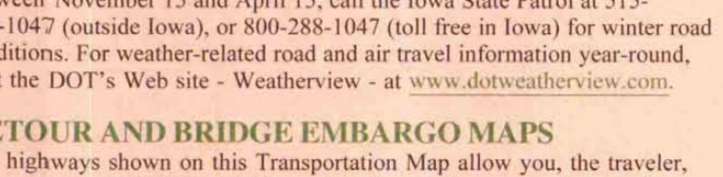
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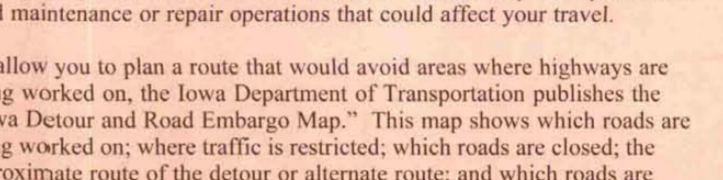
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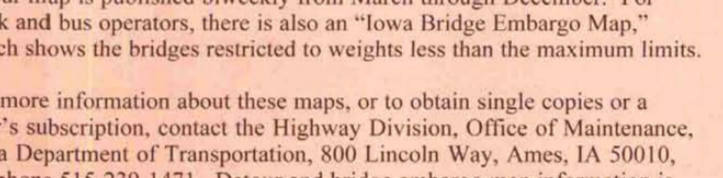
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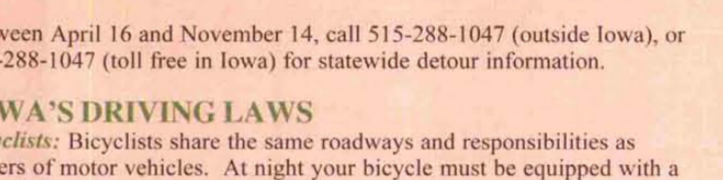
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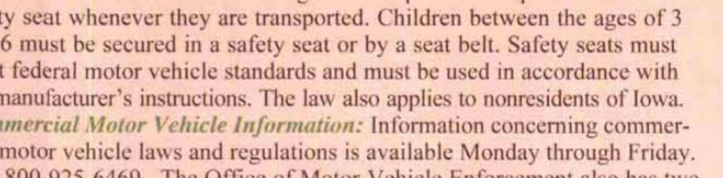
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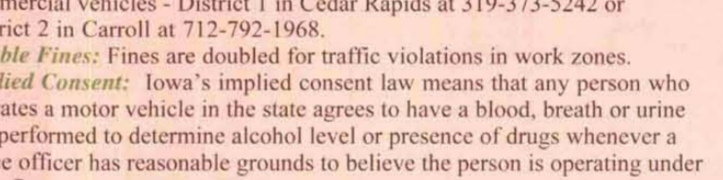
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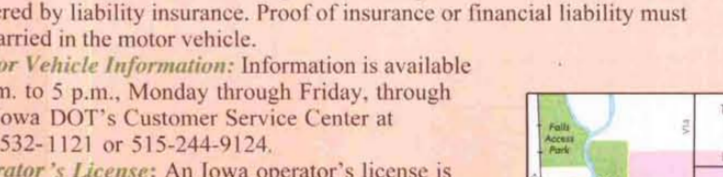
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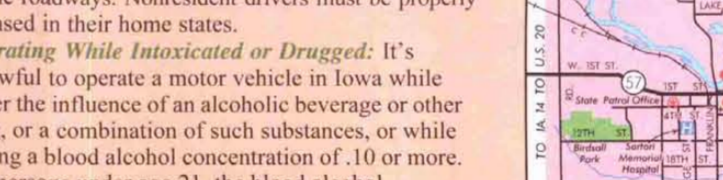
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