



River Town of the Year Nomination Form

Deadline: September 1, 2022

Award Announced: September 2022

Award Presented: November 2022

PURPOSE: The *River Town of the Year Award* celebrates the many vibrant river communities across Iowa reclaiming riverfronts as anchors for economic development, recreation, ecological practices, and improving the safety and quality of Iowa's rivers. Iowa Rivers Revival is a statewide non-profit leading Iowans to protect, restore, and enjoy our rivers.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any Iowa city or town can apply. Organizations are also encouraged to provide a nomination on behalf of any Iowa city or town. **Nomination deadline is Thursday, September 1, 2022.**

AWARD: One Iowa river town will receive the *River Town of the Year Award* in the spring of 2021 at a reception hosted by Iowa Rivers Revival in the award-winning town. Local, regional, and statewide recognition is earned through media and public awareness efforts. Applicants must demonstrate community commitment and involvement in protecting and maintaining river quality and promoting the river as an asset to the town.

NAME OF RIVER CITY/TOWN - PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF RIVER CITY/TOWN CONTACT

NAME OF NOMINATING ENTITY/ORGANIZATION

RIVER CITY/TOWN FACEBOOK

RIVER CITY/TOWN TWITTER

RIVER CITY/TOWN INSTAGRAM

Describe how your town qualifies for the *River Town of the Year Award* (attach narrative and supporting materials). Examples of award criteria include but are not limited to these activities (please provide examples and/or pictures):

- Partnerships to protect and enhance local river or stream.
- Participating with Iowa Water Trails program.
- Efforts to improve water quality. Historic and cultural preservation.
- Protection of threatened riparian habitat and species.
- Providing river access (programs, trails, portages, guide info)
- Efforts to protect and enhance greenbelts and ecosystems.
- Annual or seasonal river clean-up or event.
- Education and advocacy by local river or watershed groups.
- Innovative storm water controls and river protection measures.
- Dam mitigation and/or safety awareness.
- Promoting commerce that accommodates river enthusiasts (commercial establishments - - e.g., bed & breakfasts, bait/fish shops, restaurants, canoe boat/rentals).
- River tourism efforts.
- Other river programs.

In addition to the activities listed above, the applicant town must demonstrate good stewardship of river water quality through compliance with wastewater and storm water permits. If the applicant city/town has had violations of wastewater or storm water permits in the last three years, please explain in an attached narrative what the city/town has done to address the problem.

References that are knowledgeable about your town's river stewardship:

NAME

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION

PHONE # AND/OR EMAIL

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Nomination deadline is September 1, 2022. Please e-mail application to luke@iowarivers.org as a pdf.

For questions or additional information, please contact Luke Hoffman, IRR Executive Director, at luke@iowarivers.org. Visit our website to view past River Town of the Year award winning communities: www.iowarivers.org/river-town-of-the-year