

East and west: Iowa is bordered by new National Scenic Byways

ON JUNE 15, 2000, the Great River Road and the Loess Hills Scenic Byway officially became Iowa's first National Scenic Byways.

The National Scenic Byways Program was created to preserve and protect the nation's scenic byways while promoting tourism and economic development.

Through a "grass roots" application process, byways receive designation following review by a panel of experts. Byways are selected based on their important scenic, natural, historical, cultural, archaeological, or recreational qualities. Corridor management plans incorporate how the byway organization will preserve and protect the intrinsic qualities of the byway.

About 25 million dollars is available for the byways annually. However, no specific funding amount is given to any state; instead, funding is distributed in response to applications with priority given to projects consistent with the byway's corridor management plan.



The Great River Road tracks the Mississippi River for 326 miles from Iowa's northern to southern borders. The Loess Hills Scenic Byway winds 220 miles in seven counties through the unique landscape along the eastern edge of the Missouri River Valley.

For more information on Iowa's National Scenic Byways or the National Scenic Byways Program, contact Jan Thompson, Iowa Division, Federal Highway Administration, 515-233-7324, or Margaret Roetman, Iowa Department of Transportation's Scenic Byway Coordinator, 515-239-1792, or visit National Scenic Byways Online, www.byways.org.

CTRE welcomes new writer/ editor

MARK ANDERSON-WILK joins the publications team at the Center for Transportation Research and Education. Mark comes from the University of Chicago Press, where he was an editor at the *Astronomical Journal*. His specialization has been in editing technical and scientific manuscripts. He earned his MA degree in English at the University of Minnesota.

Mark will be writing articles for various publications, including *Technology News*, and editing reports and software manuals.



Staff snafu

IN APRIL we introduced CTRE's newest transportation engineer, Gary Thomas. The article incorrectly stated that Gary was originally from Minnesota. Actually, he hails from Wisconsin.

Sorry for the slip, Gary.

