

Fulton to receive scenic byway signage soon

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— FULTON, Ill. — The city of Fulton may soon have both the Illinois Lincoln Highway interpretive gazebo and the Great River Road kiosk installed later this year. Both projects were funded by federal highway grants. The Lincoln Highway interpretive gazebo project is managed by the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition in cooperation with the Northern Illinois Tourism Development Office. The Great River Road kiosk project is managed by the Western Illinois Tourism Development Office.

A total of 20 communities along the Lincoln Highway in Illinois will receive gazebos. Fulton's gazebo will be located at the southwest corner of 10th Avenue and Third Street. The Great River Road kiosk project consisted of two different promotional possibilities for communities. Five communities will receive a large pilot's wheel kiosk and five other communities are acquiring a wayside sign. Fulton will have a pilot's wheel kiosk located at Den Besten Park, near the windmill.

“The Lincoln Highway gazebo and Great River Road kiosk will be wonderful additions for strengthening our tourism efforts and making Fulton a real destination for visitors,” Tourism Director Heather Bennett said. “Fulton is fortunate to have not only one, but two national scenic byways. We are able to take advantage of many advertising opportunities because of our association with the Lincoln Highway and Great River Road.” Both projects will include historical information about the highway and its relevance to each community. While some information was gathered by consultants, Bennett and Nancy Kolk, local historian, also had to provide additional researched material and photos.

The gazebo and kiosk will be installed by contractors hired by the regional tourism development offices and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Lincoln Highway gazebos required a local match from each community of \$3,000 while the Great River Road kiosks required no local match.