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Plattsmouth Main Street Walking Tour
Featured Event of the Southeast Nebraska Resource Network Quarterly Meeting
September 20, 2012

Community and Economic Development Stakeholders are invited to attend a Walking Tour of the City of Plattsmouth's Main Street. Plattsmouth, Nebraska was awarded the 2011 Governor's Showcase Community Award for effectively gathering community leaders and residents together to identify community development goals and successful implementation of community projects. The walking tour event is part of the next Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN) meeting scheduled in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on September 20, 2012.

Plattsmouth turned a problem into an opportunity when they learned that under federal mandate they must separate storm and sanitary sewers in the downtown by 2015 to be in compliance with the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). Community leaders took advantage of the opportunity for a redesign of the entire Historic District streetscape while streets and storm sewers were going to be torn up.

The Walking Tour of Plattsmouth's Main Street will showcase the recent streetscape changes and façade enhancements. Stops will include viewing of the Entertainment Plaza, and the Historic Dovey Building soon to be renovated. Tour participants will see the successful results of a major downtown revitalization project and learn about local, state and federal resources such as the Community Development Block Grants and USDA Rural Development Loans utilized for several projects in downtown Plattsmouth.

The event will take place at 1:00 p.m. on September 20, 2012 starting from the Plattsmouth State Bank at Main & 6th Street. The event follows the regular SERN business meeting and lunch which is open to the public as well. There is no cost to attend the tour, however an RSVP to plattsmainst@gmail.com is requested in advance. Please send your RSVP no later than noon on September 14, 2012.

This event is in conjunction with the Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN). SERN is a group of development resource and service providers interested in the betterment of Southeast Nebraska. The SERN business meeting will take place from 10:00 a.m. – Noon prior to the event. A box lunch will be available for \$10 per person at each attendees own cost at Noon (payment due in form of cash or check at time of arrival). RSVP is required as seating is limited and lunches will be ordered in advance. Community and Economic Development stakeholders are encouraged to attend the SERN business meeting to connect with providers in the region.

To learn more about SERN and how to attend SERN meetings, email Jen Olds, SERN Chair at jolds@sendd.org. You can also access SERN Meeting minutes and information online at: <http://sendd.org/southeast-nebraska-resource-network/>. SERN includes the following Nebraska Counties and their communities: Butler, Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, and York.