

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Anyone interested in native vegetation in road rights-of-way.
- Those who enjoy networking with peers in both the public and private sector.
- Practitioners interested in the latest trends, products, and equipment on the market for roadside programs.

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Centennial Park
- Nahant Marsh Education Center
- Sunderbruch Park Trail
- Vander Veer Botanical Park
- Village of East Davenport
- West Lake Park

EXHIBITORS

Commercial exhibits are welcome. Tables for displaying materials will be available near and around the perimeter of the conference room. Contact with conference participants will be encouraged throughout the event.



UNI Roadside Program
2412 W. 27th St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0294



38th Annual Roadside Conference Partnerships Through Prairie

October 1-3, 2025

Rhythm City Event Center
7077 Elmore Avenue, Davenport, IA



REGISTRATION FORM 2025 ROADSIDE CONFERENCE

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration (full) \$95 x _____ = _____
(Includes Thurs. AM refreshments and lunch, bus tour, Thurs. banquet, Fri. breakfast and lunch)

One-day registration \$35 x _____ = _____
(For Thursday: includes AM refreshments, lunch, bus tour, Thurs. banquet; or Friday breakfast and lunch)

Conference exhibitor \$225
(Includes one table and one full registration; each additional attendee from your company pays for one regular full registration, or regular one-day registration as applicable)

Please list any dietary modifications:

Conference registration deadline: September 19, 2025

Mail to/payable to:
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To register by credit card, please register online at the website below. To pay by check, return this form with your check to the roadside office above, or fill out the online form and mail your check to the roadside office. If you have questions, contact Kristine Nemec at 319-273-2813 or kristine.nemec@uni.edu.

tallgrassprairiecenter.org/2025-roadside-conference

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Location: Rhythm City Events Center (unless noted)
Thurs. & Fri: Breakfast, lunch, breaks, and exhibitors

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

12–4:15 PM	Networking Event—Golf at Glynns Creek Golf Course, 19251 290th Street, Long Grove
5 PM	AFIRM Fall Business Meeting

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

8 AM	Registration Morning refreshments Exhibits
9 AM	Welcome and introduction
9:15 AM	IRVM Data Logging Darrell Inskeep, GIS Analyst, Scott County IT
10:15 AM	Adopt a Prairie/Scott County IRVM—How to Promote Conservation Through Our Roadsides Brian Burkholder, Roadside Vegetation Specialist/Weed Commissioner, Scott County Secondary Roads Dept.
10:30 AM	Conservation Partnerships—Bi-CAN Bob Liva, Co-Vice President, Quad Cities Wild Ones Chapter
11 AM	St. Ambrose University Student Roadside Inventories Dennis Tarasi, Biology Professor, St. Ambrose University
12:30–4:30 PM	Field trip to Nahant Marsh and Prairie Oaks

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

8 AM	Living Roadway Trust Fund Updates Tara Van Waus, LRTF and IRVM Plan Coordinator, Iowa DOT
8:15 AM	Roadside Program Updates Kristine Nemec, Roadside Program Manager, University of Northern Iowa Tallgrass Prairie Center
8:30 AM	Climate Change—Its Impact on Iowa Ray Wolf, Retired Science and Operations Officer, NOAA National Weather Service
9:15 AM	Profile Products Mulch & Hydroseeding Sonny Johns, Regional Business Manager, Profile Products
10:15 AM	EDDMapS Data Collecting Rebekah Wallace, Program Coordinator III, University of Georgia
11 AM	On the Road Again: The Environmental Effects and Management of Native Prairie Plant Seeding on Roadsides Wes Bollinger, Master's Student, University of Illinois

WEDNESDAY NETWORKING

Golf outing at Glynns Creek Golf Course, 19251 290th St., Long Grove, IA. Sponsored by Stormwater Supply Co.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON FIELD TOUR

Tours of Nahant Marsh, a wetland preserve in Davenport, and Prairie Oaks, a 34-acre prairie reserve in LeClaire.



Nahant Marsh (photo by Farragutful/Wikimedia Commons/CC-BY-SA-3.0)

HOTELS AVAILABLE IN DAVENPORT

To reserve a room at the conference hotel, the Rhythm City Resort, in Davenport, Iowa, call (563) 328-8000 and to reserve the conference rate of \$107/night. The deadline for receiving the conference rate is **September 19, 2025**.

Other hotels nearby include Hampton Inn & Suites Davenport, (563) 441-0001, and Holiday Inn & Suites Davenport, (563) 344-2900.