

Promoting Tabor's History

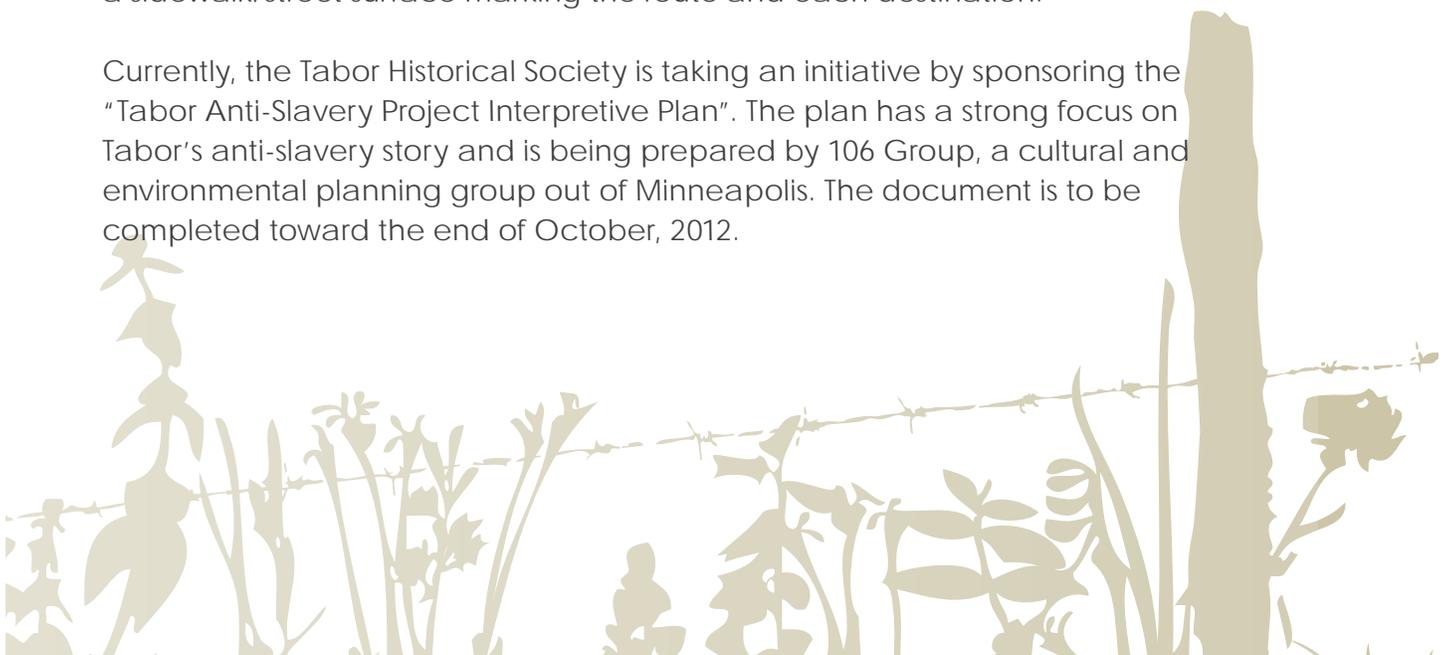
Many people who travel along Highway 275 or around southwestern Iowa may know very little about Tabor. With the significant historical past of Tabor, residents believe it is important to share their storied history. The Tabor Visioning Steering Committee decided that they would like to promote historic value and recruit businesses by linking historic sites around town with sidewalks and unique signage. A member of the community has created a graphic symbol of a conductor's lantern to be used as a unifying element in the different types of signage, giving Tabor's history a graphic identity.

Tabor's history has a strong connection with railroads, physically and metaphorically. Physically, Tabor once had the world's shortest passenger railroad link that traveled to and from the community of Malvern. It was called the Tabor and Northern Railroad and the track was approximately 8.8 miles long with the depot located just north of Waubonsie Avenue and east of Highway 275. Metaphorically, Tabor played a profound role in the Underground Railroad with two sites in town that are part of the National Park Service's Network to Freedom. The icon which remains to be seen in Tabor, are the John Brown Memorial, Todd House, and Tabor Cemetery where conductors are buried.

Another significant portion of Tabor's history is Tabor College. At one point the college actually used the Tabor and Northern Railroad to boost enrollment. Today's remaining structures from Tabor College are Music Hall, Adams Hall, and the Congregational Church.

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Currently, the Tabor Historical Society is taking an initiative by sponsoring the "Tabor Anti-Slavery Project Interpretive Plan". The plan has a strong focus on Tabor's anti-slavery story and is being prepared by 106 Group, a cultural and environmental planning group out of Minneapolis. The document is to be completed toward the end of October, 2012.



Design Expertise Recommended

Projects may require help beyond the capability of the Tabor Visioning Steering Committee or available city staff. For this improvement project, the committee should expect to engage the services of a Landscape Architect.

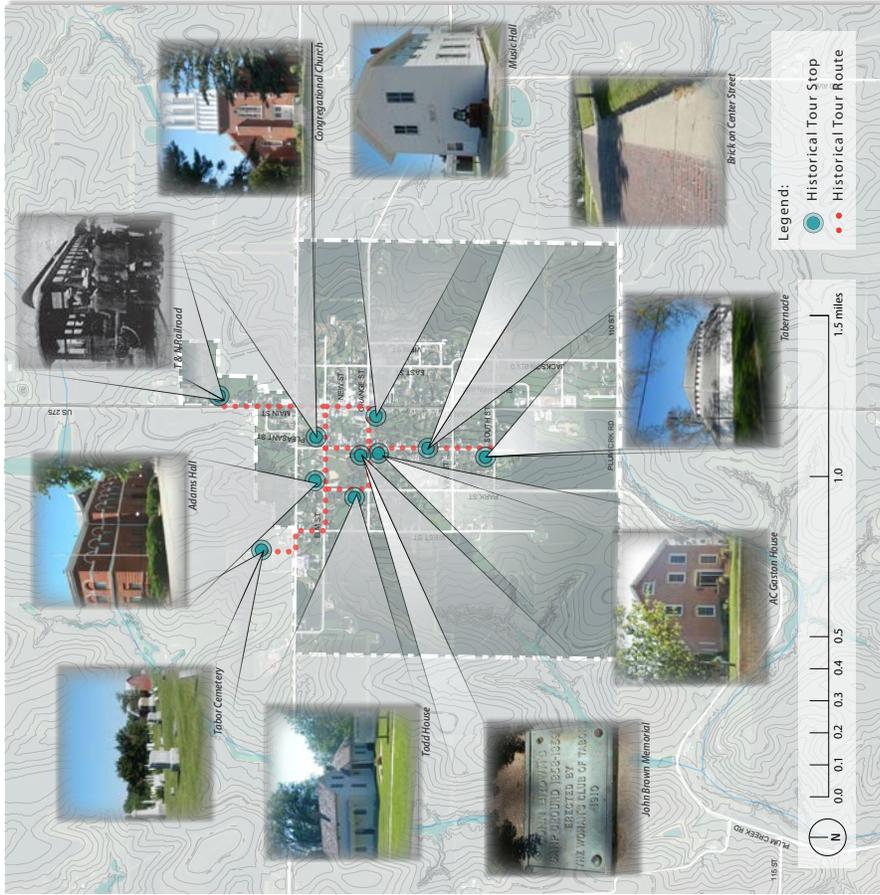
Project Scope and Cost Opinion

The following cost opinion is based on contracted material and installation of improvements. These costs may be reduced with materials donated or provided at reduced cost and volunteer labor for appropriate projects. Area takeoffs, square footages, and linear footages used to calculate and quantify amounts are approximate. A site survey should be provided prior to the design and construction of the following projects to validate and verify the quantities shown in these cost opinions.

Abbreviations used in the following opinion of probable cost include:

ac = acre cf = cubic foot cy = cubic yard ea = each
 lf = linear foot ls = lump sum sf = square foot sy = square yard

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<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Unit Cost</i>	<i>Line Total</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Historic Tour Pamphlets					\$500.00
Custom Historical Tour Pamphlets (1000)	1	ls	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Site Hardscape (Tour Route Marked on Board 13)					\$46,557.00
Soldier Brick Sidewalk Border with Sand Setting	10,346	lf	\$4.50	\$46,557.00	
Site Amenities					\$10,000.00
Trail Information Kiosk	1	ls	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Custom Historical Tour Signage	10	ea	\$800.00	\$8,000.00	
Sub-Total					\$57,057.00
Contingency (15%) & Design Fees (6%)					\$11,981.97
Total					\$69,038.97



Plan diagram showing potential historic tour route and destinations

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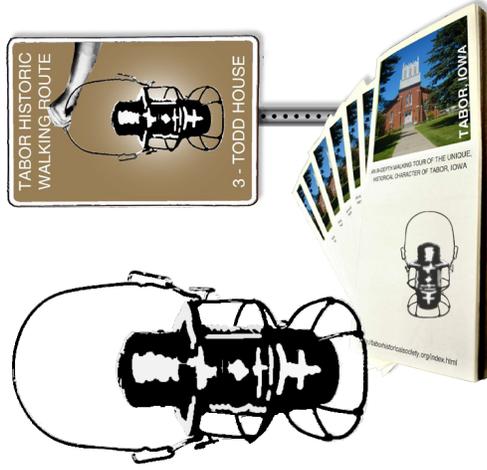
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Perspective (looking southwest) of visitors participating in the self-guided tour



Potential historic tour graphics and pamphlets

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