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Hoopeston leaders are considering a program that would map the future of the community.

Representatives of the Hoopeston Industrial Council, Chamber of Commerce and City Council met Tuesday with Derek Shugart of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, based at Western Illinois University in Macobm.

Shugart outlined the organization's mapping program, which offers management and planning assistance for non-metropolitan groups.

A steering committee, comprised of Aldermen Sue Comstock and Rod Kaag, HIC members Leon Polson, Jean Minick and Harold Cox, incoming Chamber president Dan Goodrum and Lourdine Florek, was established begin preliminary work, such as identifying 25 to 30 prospective participants, acquiring local information and getting sponsorships to pay the \$3,900 sponsorship fee.

If the program is used, Shugart and other Rural Affairs representatives will meet with volunteers to determine three to five major goals for the community and hold sessions on how to reach those goals. The process takes approximately two months, Shugart said.

One of the basic concepts of the mapping program is to get factions in a community working together. "We have a saying: There are no limits to what you can accomplish as long as you don't care who gets the credit for it," Shugart said.

Although the mapping process will begin with representatives of major groups in the city, input from residents outside those groups will also be sought and used to plan the city's future, Shugart said. The Institute for Rural Affairs will work in conjunction with the University of Illinois Extension Service's Community Swap program, in which community volunteers visit other cities while their volunteers visit Hoopeston.

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ROSSVILLE-Danner Construction will repair the village sewer treatment plant.

The company submitted a base bid of slightly more than \$35,000. The bid was accepted at Monday's village board meeting.

The bid will include removing and replacing all sand and top gravel, as well as pipe repair work to both filters.

The project's final cost could range from \$11,000 for replacing sand in only one filter to \$40,000 for the basic work plus replacing rock and pipes on both filters.

In unrelated action, trustees:

- will upgrade police radios and install repeaters, estimated to cost about \$1,500.
- will spend about \$3,000 for new signs at the north and south village limits.
- named Phil Yakey, Jim Lloyd, Sherry Foote and Doug Hummer to the zoning board.

• approved \$200 for flags for downtown during the July 4 celebration and will give \$500 to the American Legion for fireworks.



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