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## HIGHWAY 100

# Goose Pond to get 2,720 new trees



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A path for the future Highway 100 can be seen on the edge of the Rock Island Botanical State Preserve in Cedar Rapids.

## Plantings to replace those removed for road project

By Rick Smith, The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — It's not just slash and burn. State and federal law make sure that the Iowa Department of Transportation takes steps to try to replace what is lost when something such as the 8-mile-long, \$200 million Highway 100 extension project cuts a swath through nature and skirts a protected area such as the Rock Island Botanical State Preserve.

Even so, Mary Kay Solberg, DOT senior environmental specialist, said that the newly visible alignment of the first half of the Highway 100 project — construction on which has now begun — “doesn't look very



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The Iowa Department of Transportation will plant 2,720 trees in the Goose Pond Natural Area to replace those cut down for the Highway 100 project.



**Mary Kay Solberg**  
Environmental specialist

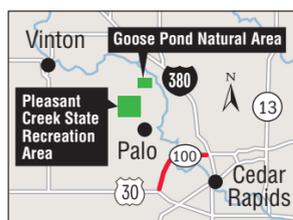
pretty now.”  
“It's a little shocking when you look at it as far as what was there and what is there now,” Solberg said.

However, all is not lost. By the time the first half of the highway opens between Edgewood Road NE and Covington Road in 2018, a newly planted stand of 2,720 trees, half of which will be about 5 years old or older when planted next year, will be in place at Linn County's Goose Pond Natural Area along the Cedar River

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## Linn tree planting

The Iowa Department of Transportation will plant 2,720 trees at Linn County's Goose Pond Natural Area for trees lost to the Highway 100 project.



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## HEALTH CARE



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Officials from the Iowa City VA Health Care System said that, during March, veterans waited 24 days on average for primary care appointments.

## Probe confirms cover-up of VA delays

Sample of veterans waited average of 115 days

Reuters

The Veterans Affairs department's inspector general Wednesday substantiated allegations that staff at Phoenix VA medical facilities used inappropriate scheduling practices that covered up months-long wait times for health care appointments for veterans.

Releasing an interim report on the Phoenix Health Care System allegations, the VA inspector general said it identified 1,700 veterans who were waiting for a primary care appointment but were not listed on the agency's electronic waiting list.

“Most importantly, these veterans were and continue to be at risk of being forgotten or lost in Phoenix HCS's convoluted scheduling process,” the inspector general's office said in the report.

The inspector general said that a sample of 226 veterans waited on average 115 days for their first primary care appointment at Phoenix-area clinics, far higher than the 26-day average reported by the Phoenix VA and the department's 14-day goal.

The report did not reach any conclusion on whether the delays resulted in a delay in diagnosis, treatment or deaths. VA doctors in Phoenix have said that some 40 veterans had died while waiting for an appointment.

The inspector's office said it still needs more clinical review

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## MAYA ANGELOU 1928-2014

# Poet imparted charge to action in her Corridor appearances

By Diana Nollen, The Gazette

“Maya Angelou has paved the way for all women today,” event Director Diane Ramsey told an overflow audience April 26, 2011, at the Iowa Women's Leadership Conference in Coralville.

For the next hour, Angelou offered pearls of wisdom born of her then-83 years of knowing great joy and great hardship, as she developed the courage to let herself soar.

Angelou, 86, was confirmed dead Wednesday in North Carolina by her publisher.

Through poetry, song, life stories and encouraging words, she urged those gathered at that 2011 Coralville conference to continue teaching, leading the next gener-

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• Writer-poet-actor-activist hailed for detailing black experience, **4A**

ation through truth and example.

It was an example set by her grandmother, the only black store owner in Stamps, Ark., who was raising two sons “in the lynching South” and “had enough courage to lead.”

“In her time she was considered a wise woman. How do we get to be like that, unless you accept your responsibility? This is why I wanted to come here,” Angelou said, “because the women in this leadership conference

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Reuters

Poet Maya Angelou speaks Nov. 21, 2008, during a ceremony to honor South African Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu with the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding Award in Washington, D.C. Angelou died Wednesday.