

Recreational Trail

2011: Elma's 125th  
Anniversary Celebration

2011-2012: Elma  
Memorial Hall Expansion &  
Renovation Project

2012: Young Professionals  
Mentoring & Leadership  
Program

2013: Elma Area Wellness  
Center

2014-present: Busti  
Avenue/Blue Bird block

Revitalization Project

2016-present: Re-purpos-  
ing the former Elma  
Elementary School build-  
ing/grounds Project

2016-2018: Spruce up  
Elma (home beautification)  
Project

Because of its non-profit status, from time to time, the organization has groups come to them with a worthy project and need BRIDGE to act as a fiscal agent for them to allow donations to that project to be tax deductible. As long as the proceeds are going to community betterment, BRIDGE has no problem being the fiscal agent. Recent examples of this would be the Christmas Lights project, art/painting classes and Pumpkin Fest."

"BRIDGE often serves as the governing body assisting the committees, with the volunteers on the committees seeing the projects from start to finish. For example, the entertainment committee proposed the idea of doing a murder mystery dinner. We told them we supported them and run with it. They did a great job." Roethler explained.

Elma was recently named one of the 12 "shrink-smart" communities in the state of Iowa by an Iowa State Extension study conducted in 2017.

Ludwig responded, "BRIDGE is proud to have helped in any capacity to gain this recognition for our community but wants to acknowledge that many passionate, caring individuals also work within the community to make it a better place for us all to live, work and thrive in. There are several non profit organizations in Elma doing good things."

"It is important that our non profits and city are work-