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Just the right kind of growth

If the slower pace, lower costs, and quality of life of a smaller center appeal to you, it's hard to beat Mason City, Iowa. The low crime rate makes it a comfortable place to live and the small-town atmosphere gives it a charm all its own.

But even Mason City is on the rise and the growing Stone Pillar subdivision in the city's southeast corner has wanted better road connections for a long time. Now, with the opening of the 19th Street SE extension, the subdivision has the access it's been seeking. South Illinois Avenue was constructed by the developer to provide access to additional building lots in the subdivision.



The extension had been identified in the city's planning for more than 20 years. It was included in the 2015 capital budget. Despite an aggressive schedule that saw WHKS engineers complete the design in just 90 days, weather conspired to delay construction and the new street from opening until August 2016.



The more than half-mile extension included new infrastructure for both water and storm water utilities and a bridge structure spanning Mason Creek. The pedestrian path that runs parallel to the street provides Stone Pillar pedestrians and cyclists a connection to the rest of the city's trail system.

Designed to accommodate future growth, the 19th Street SE extension provides a convenient access for current and future development, as well as a direct connection with an east-west arterial route across the south end of the city.

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