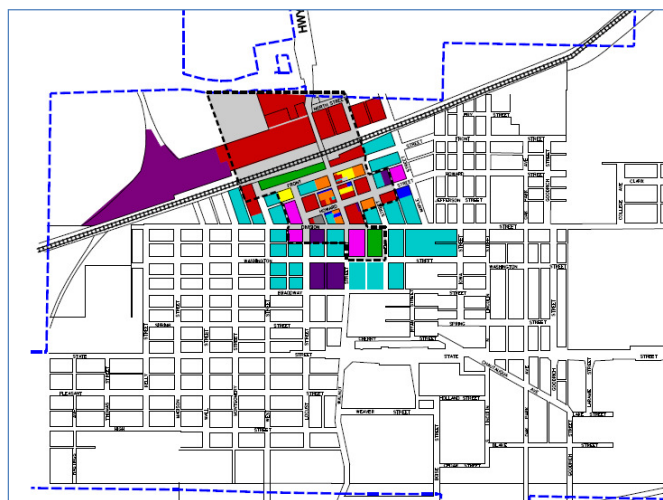


# COLFAX MAIN STREET

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## Colfax Land Use Map



## Colfax Library



**25 W Division:** Built 1912.

**Purpose:** This Carnegie funded building has been used solely as a library since inception. The library displays James Norman Hall artifacts. The library also hosts reading events for children and the basement is used by Colfax Park Board and Colfax Visioning Committee for monthly meetings.

**Structure:** The original brick structure is in excellent condition

## Senior Citizen Center



**1 East Howard:** Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally the first floor served as a drug store with doctor and lawyer offices on the second story. It later served as a bank. It is currently used by the Senior Citizens for congregate meals, and a community center. It will soon house the Colfax Main Street office.

**Structure:** One side of the building has a faux limestone façade, the other side has been re-bricked. The majority of the interior of the second floor is the original tin ceilings, wood floors and trim.

## Chapman Building



**7 & 9 E Howard:** Built 1923.

**Purpose:** The main floor has served as a harness shop, a shoe repair store, a variety store and a bakery. The basement once housed a barber shop and a bakery. The Hair Gallery and American Family Insurance are now occupants of the building. Façade Improvements were completed in 2008 with the assistance of the Take Pride Downtown Revitalizations Incentive Program.

**Structure:** This is a brick building that has been well taken care of.

## Kern Law Building



**11 E Howard:** Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Has been a grocery store, antique store, beauty salon, and a gift shop. It is believed to have a mineral water well in the basement. In 2006 it was restored to its original luster and became the Kern Law Office. A painting project was completed in 2008 with the Take Pride Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program.

**Structure:** The exterior is painted brick in period colors. New windows have been installed on the first and second facing façade. The ground floor interior is in excellent condition. The second floor has been gutted and the owners anticipate future apartment build out.

## Colfax City Hall and Police Station

15 E Howard. Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally a grocery store and fabric shop. It has served as 2 grocery stores and later a Savings & Loan. Currently serves as City Hall on the first floor and Police Station on the second floor.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has been modified, most recently in 2006, and is in excellent condition. The brick on the second floor is in excellent condition.



## Crisman Building



17 & 19 E Howard. Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally a hardware store. Later, half of building was the Post Office and the other half served as the Iowa Power & Light Office. Currently serves as a doctor's office and also a chiropractor's office.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has been modified and now has cedar plank siding. The second floor bricks are in good condition. New windows have been installed on the second floor.



## The Professional Hair Designers

**6 W Howard:** Built 1892.

**Purpose:** Originally was a hardware store, bakery and now serves as a beauty salon. The second story was once used as the Oddfellows hall. It still contains original tin ceilings and fixtures, and is now used for storage.

**Structure:** The front façade has been slightly modified, but still has large windows. The second floor is the original exposed brick façade which needs painted, but is in good condition.



## Luthens Law Office

**8 W Howard:** Built 1893.

**Purpose:** This building has housed a hardware store, a tavern, a meat market, and a succession of law offices. The upstairs was living quarters and a beauty shop. Both floors are now occupied by Luthens Law Office.

**Structure:** The first floor façade is in excellent condition with original pillars and cloth awning. The second floor is the original exposed brick façade which needs painted, but is in good condition.



## Burdess Building

**12 W Howard:** Built 1894.

**Purpose:** This building once housed a shoe repair business, Tribune office, auto parts store, and upstairs was the office of Cliff Marquisthe, Justice of the Peace. Now Napa Auto Parts is located on first floor. The second floor is occupied by apartments.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has been covered by board siding, making the windows smaller. These could possibly be removed to expose original windows and pillars. The second floor is the original exposed brick façade which need painted, new windows. It is in poor condition.



## Walter Carroll Theatre



**20 W Howard:** Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally the Carroll Theater, it later became the Evert & Baker Ford Dealership. It has also housed a tailor shop and jewelry store. It is currently occupied by Triangle Lanes Bowling Alley.

**Structure:** The original brick façade is in good condition. Slight improvements could be made to freshen up the exterior.

## Cutter-Harnett Building

**24 W Howard.**

Built 1910/Addition 1950.

**Purpose:** Originally a funeral home with living quarters on second floor. In 1950, an addition was added to the right side of the building which served as the Bomgardner Furniture Store. Coburn Funeral Home is currently located in this building. In 2008 they added a new free-standing sign with a 2008 Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Grant.

**Structure:** There is newer brick on this building, presumably from the 1950's addition. The awnings are fabric. This building is in good shape.



## Cross Building

**1 W Howard:** Built 1888.

**Purpose:** Cain Opera House originally utilized the second floor. A series of dental offices followed. The first floor was a 5 & 10 variety store. On the corner was a jewelry store and gun shop. A barber shop also was in this building. Currently the main floor is home to the Jasper County Tribune and there are five occupied apartments on the second floor.

**Structure:** The ground floor has a faux limestone façade. The upper floor was sided to cover the deteriorating original soft brick façade. Interiors are in good condition. Recent painting to the exterior helped clean up the appearance of this building which was done through the 2008 Colfax Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program.



## Qwest Building



**23 W Howard:** Built in the 1920's.

**Purpose:** The telephone company has always owned and operated this bldg.

**Structure:** The original brick façade is in good condition. However, the original window size has been reduced.

## Rustin Building

**3 & 5 N Walnut:** Built 1890.

**Purpose:** Originally a millinery on both sides. Left side was later a variety store, the mailing center for Monroe Table Co, the office for Iowa Power & Light Co, a cafe, a barbershop and is currently a bar. The right side was a meat market, newspaper office, cafe, caterer and is currently empty, but a restaurant is expected to open soon.

**Structure:** The first floor façades have been modified over time and are in fair condition. The second floor façade is a stucco finish. This building is in fair condition.





## Bullhoefer Building

**9 & 11 N Walnut:** Built 1892.

**Purpose:** This was originally a mercantile company on both sides with apartments upstairs. Later it housed the City Hall upstairs and the jail was downstairs on the left. The fire dept was on the right side. Most recently it was a dental office until 2008 on the left side and an apartment on the right. TriStar Encouragement Exchange, LLC is currently operating out of this office. The first floor apartment is currently occupied.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has been modified with a shingled awning and cedar siding. The second floor is the original exposed brick façade, needs paint and new windows. It is in good condition. There are significant ornate details on the second story.



## Weirick and Patterson Pharmacy



**101 N Walnut:** Built 1890.

**Purpose:** This building was originally a bar. It later served as a school house at the turn of the century. At one time there was a jewelry store on half the main floor. It has been a pharmacy and gift shop since 1906. There is a soda fountain that remains a popular spot today. The second story has been used as an American Legion Hall and apartments. There are currently two second story apartments, one of which is occupied.

**Structure:** The exterior has been re-bricked on both the first and second floors. Steel siding now covers the north wall, facing their drive-up lane. The interior of both the first and second floors are in good condition. The first floor interior still has the original tin ceilings which are in excellent condition.



## Painter Building

**112 N Walnut:** Built 1882.

**Purpose:** Originally a jewelry store, it later housed a tavern, drug store, flower shop, and another jewelry store. Currently vacant.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has been re-bricked with smaller windows and a large shingled awning. Five of the six upper level windows are boarded over. The second and third floor brick remains visible and is in need of work.



## Lamb Hardware Building

**114 N Walnut:** Built 1885.

**Purpose:** The first floor served as hardware store until 2007, currently home to Lucy's Liquidators. The second floor was office space. The third floor was an opera house, a theater and a Masonic Hall. Currently vacant and used for storage.

**Structure:** The first floor façade has original windows and pillars. However, an awning is in place that is not original. The six upper level windows are boarded over. The second and third floor brick remains visible and is in need of work. A Bull Durham mural on the North wall could be restored.



## The Monroe Company Building



**316 N Walnut:** Built 1901.

**Purpose:** Originally this was the Consolidated Coal Office and also home to the Colfax Bottling Works. In 1920, it was the Porter Tractor Company, producing one single tractor before going out of business. After a fire in a building across the street, the Close To Nature Company relocated here. They produced pre-fab houses for warm weather locales and cattle fly traps. This company evolved into the Monroe Table Company producing a variety of heavy duty folding tables and chairs. The building has been vacant since 2007. Plans are in the works for another folding table company to begin operating out of the location in 2009.

**Structure:** This brick structure is in good condition.

## Anspach Stage & Mineral Springs Gazebo



*Mineral Springs Park*

**Anspach Stage:** Built during the depression/Renovated in 2004

**Purpose:** During the depression, the W.P.A constructed a stage and 13 terraces in the side of Women's Club Park. The stage and park have been a popular site for community events and concerts since it's inception. In 2004, through a generous gift from Karlyne Anspach the stage was given new life including new stone pillars, red artistic metal trellis work, landscaping and lighting. It is now home to our free summer Music in the Park where at least six performances are held each summer bringing in people from all areas of Iowa.

**Mineral Springs Gazebo:** Built in late 1800's/Rebuilt during the depression.

**Purpose:** The gazebo is situated in Mineral Springs Park on Walnut Street and is visual reminder of Colfax's mineral water heritage. The first gazebo was constructed in the late 1800's and was wooden. The second gazebo was constructed during the depression as a W.P.A. project. A recent facelift of the second gazebo was a Colfax Visioning project. Mineral water was available from a drinking fountain in the brick gazebo up until 1990.

## Jones Building/Lind Building



**13 E Front:** Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally this was a hatchery & produce shop. It later served as a meat locker, a florist, the Jasper County Tribune office and is currently vacant and used for storage.

**Structure:** This building is in poor condition. New windows are needed.

**15 E Front:** Built 1900.

**Purpose:** Originally this was an airplane manufacturer. It later served as a farm machinery repair shop and a meat locker. It is currently vacant and used for storage.

**Structure:** This building is in poor condition. New windows are needed.

## West Howard Street Streetscape





## Walnut Street Streetscape



## East Howard Streetscape

