

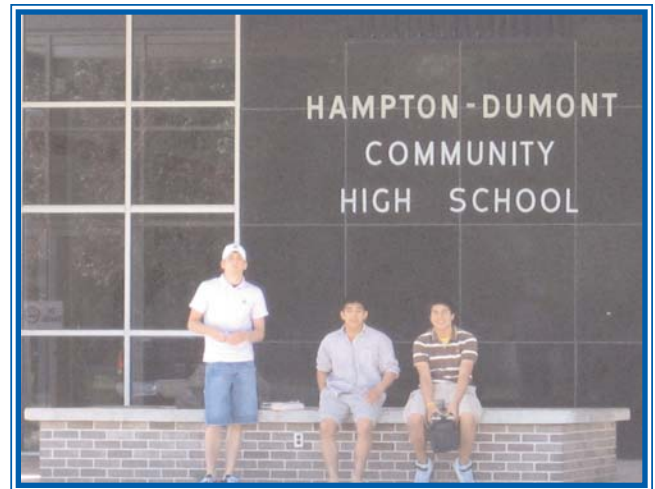
Hampton, Iowa



Hampton Courthouse

Hampton, Iowa, located in Franklin County and positioned in the north central part of the state, takes its community development and economic growth seriously. Spurred by plant closings and corporate relocations in the late 1980's and a stagnant time in the early 1990's, the community recognized that change needed to happen and that the responsibility was theirs. Devising a plan that would grow the community with new people, new jobs, and new businesses, while satisfying the needs of lifelong residents would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of the entire Hampton community. Because of the enthusiasm from community leaders, key businesses and organizations as well as the many volunteers and people who genuinely care about the city, Hampton can take great pride in its long list of accomplishments and projects.

The community is especially proud of its nationally certified Main Street program. This organization is actively involved in brick and mortar improvements as well as site location for retail and service businesses. Hampton's downtown is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a Historic District. Over the past 10 years, Hampton has had great success in recruiting new businesses and expanding existing businesses which has aided in the creation of a large number of jobs for the community. A project that is unique to Hampton is "Come Home to Franklin County." This program was developed and launched by Hampton State Bank as an economic development initiative to bring former residents of Franklin County back home to live and work. Hampton State Bank has committed \$1 million in Come Home low-interest home loans and car loans through December 2006. With dedicated leaders and the support of local lenders, Hampton has demonstrated that anything is possible.



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