

"Prairie Engine"

Artist: Mark Moulton

Installation Date: September 2010

Location: NW 86th Street & Swanson Blvd.

Stainless & High Carbon Steel



Prairie Engine recalls the early days of the railroad and its importance in the development of Clive. The sculpture conveys the power and movement of a by-gone era and historically connects Clive's past to the present.

The deep brown metal of *Prairie Engine* anchors it to the ground and suggests the richness of the Iowa earth and the steadfastness of its people. Sweeping stainless steel stems reach skyward like flowing prairie grasses. Abstracted cogs and gears stand as symbols for the powerful mechanical movement of locomotives and the determined, hard working people.

The sculpture is located within Aasheim Plaza, which is named after Les Aasheim who served as mayor of Clive from 2001 to 2009.

