

# George Washington Carver Bridge

Des Moines, IA

Type: **Tied Single Arches**

Services: **Conceptual, Preliminary,  
and Final Design, Community  
Participation**

Cost: **\$22 Million**

Completion Date: **2005**

Client: **City of Des Moines  
City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309**

The George Washington Carver Bridge is located in Des Moines, Iowa over the Raccoon River. As part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, the bridge provides three roadway lanes in one direction and two roadway lanes and one bike/ pedestrian walkway framed by two arches. The roadway is suspended by cables from two elegant steel arches. The main supporting structures and free standing arches are visible at the roadway level. This makes the bridge transparent and preserves views of the riverbanks and the cityscape, creating a unique driving experience in the city. The blue arches complement the site's abundant greenery and clearly mark the river crossing, creating a welcoming gateway to the city from the airport. The arches appear to float over the water framing the views of the skyline and Iowa's tallest skyscraper. The George Washington Carver Bridge has become a new Des Moines icon.

