

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** ACT, Annandale Area Community Team

**Geographic Area:** City of Annandale and surrounding area

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 12, Feb. 2003 – Feb. 2005

### **Project Focus:**

Purpose: ACT was formed for the sole purpose of positively impacting the Annandale area community by completing community improvement projects identified through community dialogue around make a great community better.

### **Vision/Purpose Statement:**

Annandale, a great community getting better.

### **Priorities:**

- To create a community center and other recreational facilities serving the needs of all ages. Completed a information brochure. Work with school facilities group on possible joint effort.
- To create new and improve existing trails throughout the community. Resubmitted grant to both federal transportation (TEA 3) and the DNR.
- To bring more cultural and artistic opportunities to the community. The Portable Performance Stage has been delivered to Annandale. A summer concert series is planned.
- Skateboard Location has been secured.

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Hosted community visioning session with over 150 citizens in attendance, August 2003.
- Recruited, formed and trained task forces totaling 30 people to work on our priority areas.
- Raised funds and visually improved the business district by selling and displaying 59 decorative banners sponsored by local businesses.
- The new “Snooty Fox” Gallery opened 5/1/04.
- Draft of a 501c3 complete April, 2005
- Draft of Articles of Incorporation complete April, 2005
- Completed Community Center Brochure and Implemented large plant sale April, 2005
- Performance Stage arrived March, 2005
- Celebration of the arrival of the stage was held March, 2005
- Secured location for Skateboard Park the Annandale School District. The City of Annandale has agreed to some funding for the Skateboard Equipment.
- Fund raising continues in all four areas (Skateboard Board Park, Community Center, Arts & Culture and Heart of the Lakes Trails)
- Secured Marketing and Planning Grant through the Initiative Foundation – January, 2005
- Secured \$10,000 donation for the Portable Performance Stage from local family – December, 2004
- Secured \$1,000 from local family to finalize our 501c3. – December, 2004
- Secured \$1,000 from the Annandale Firefighters for the Heart of the Lakes Trails Committee
- Heart of the Lakes Trails plan completed. Spring 2005
- Received a grant for \$229,600 for the creation of the trail near Southbrook – April 2006

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