

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: AVON Area: 2015 A Vision of Neighbors

Geographic Area: City of Avon and Avon Township

HCP Round/Years: Round 14, March 2004 - February 2006

Vision/Purpose Statement:

To engage all Avon and Avon Township citizens in defining our values to build a cooperative vision for our communities' future.

Project Focus:

To create and implement an integrated vision and plan for the greater Avon area.

Priorities:

- Economic Development
- Area Community Center
- Land Use Plan
- Main Street/Downtown Improvements

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$27,342 – Chamber (2006)
- \$75,496 – Anonymous Donor (2006)
- \$15,000 – Lion Club (2006)
- \$1,000 – Initiative Foundation Questionnaire
- \$1,000 – City of Avon (Intern Lee Miller)
- \$1,000 – City of Avon (Intern Katrina Hawkins)
- \$5,000 – Avon Lions Club
- \$2,500 – Local Business Donation
- \$100 – Unlisted Donor
- \$25,000 Annually/Parks and Beautification from the City

Key Accomplishments:

- Held a community visioning session with 200 citizens in attendance (Summer 2004)
- Created four action teams around their priority areas (Fall 2004)
- Completed Business Retention and Expansion survey (Winter 2005)
- Held a Survey follow-up meeting with Business Leaders (Spring 2005)
- Developed a theme for the downtown “Water” (Winter 2005)
- City has hired a consultant to write a new comprehensive plan (Jan. 2005)
- Completion of Comprehensive Plan (Summer 2006)
- Subdivision Ordinance (Summer 2006)
- Execution of Orderly Annexation Agreement with Avon Township (Summer 2006)
- Main Street Beautification Project (Summer 2006)
- Revitalization of Avon Chamber of Commerce (Summer 2006)

- Obtained an intern, Erin Sparks (SCSU Fellowship). Established a city budget line for annual interns.
- Updated the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinances.
- Implemented new light standards; Stained Glass banners on the light standards.
- Removed power lines from the main street.
- Farmers Market.
- Working on getting 501c3 status.
- Held a meeting with Avon Township to plan a visioning session with the larger community.
- “Back to the Beach” program helped to bring the beach from a somewhat bad reputation to a truly family friendly environment for people of all ages to enjoy.
- Over the Hills of Avon Senior Club expanded; continues to offer monthly meetings, have many speakers and outings.

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