

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Backus Area Partners

**Geographic Area:** Backus Area

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 16, April 2005- March 2007

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

Back Us as we move forward! - to embrace our community vision for growth!

### **Priorities:**

- Get hospital built within 10 miles of Backus
- Improve safety on Highway 371
- Beautification of Highway 371 corridor
- Assessment/Reality of a community center/youth center
- Preservation of natural resources in our area

### **Follow Up Grants and Loans:**

- \$50 – Heartland Real Estate
- \$1,200 – Donated Labor
- \$300 – YAR Grant
- \$350 – Backus Lumber donation towards shingles
- \$30 – Country Garden Center
- DNR – Labor of two men and machines for two days
- \$250 – Lions
- Misc. donors of food, prizes, etc.
- Community support
- Expansion loan for Eveland's Inc., which deals with manufacturing, sales and distribution of Scamp Trailers (2006)
- Start-up loan for Hackensack Senior Class, an assisted living facility (2006)
- Blandin Foundation's Get Broadband
- MidMississippi RC&D

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Visionary dinner (2006)
- Task forces formed to deal with community goals (2006)
- Renovated local city park with the help of volunteers and donated materials (2006)
- Assisted eagle scout with entry sign project (2006)
- Started hosting community events for all age groups (2006)
- Joined efforts with Cass County to secure hospital in the county.
- Scamp Trailer manufacturer rebuilt after fire (2006)
- Alum of the Get Broadband program.
- Retail Trade and Small Store success strategies.
- Updated the Developmental Code base and the Comp. Plan.
- Webpage updated for businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Improvements made to existing parks.
- Medical clinic opened in Hackensack (Summer 2008)
- Improved Rocky Dock (city park) (2008)
- Community sign and landscaping project (2008)

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