

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Delano Dream Team

**Geographic Area:** City of Delano

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 6, March 2000 - March 2002

**Project Focus:** To increase strong community leadership and community pride.

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

To unite those community leaders who are instrumental in the future of Delano, as well as, offering opportunity for those who are less well represented a voice for their vision of our community. The Delano community team ideally will work toward a common vision for the future of our community.

### **Priorities:**

- Community Spirit
- Expand youth outreach
- Revitalize and beautify downtown
- To increase the versatility, visibility and accessibility of the Delano area parks

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

- \$4,000 - Grant for Farmers Market (May 2002)
- Valspar paint grant for Library (March 2002)
- \$15,000 - Youth As Resources (March 2006)

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Held visioning session “Celebrate Delano” (October 8, 2000) was successful, with an attendance of just under 100 people. Top three initiatives identified were expanding the youth outreach program of the Common Grounds Coffee House, downtown revitalization and park versatility.
- Identified three community task forces
- Started a Crow River Cleanup Day and is now an annual event.
- Launched Farmers Market (May 2002)
- Paint the Town project - painted downtown building and railroad underpass with youth and adult volunteers.
- Water monitoring of Crow River in Delano utilizing Girl Scouts.
- Held “Celebrate Delano 2” to measure the effect of the Dream Team.
- Housing Study Completed by Central MN Housing Partnership
- Initiated Garden Clubs.
- New library remodeling completed.
- Park plan completed and major park renovation (2007)

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