

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Hackensack Area Trailblazers

**Geographic Area:** City of Hackensack, Woodrow, Birch Lake, and Hiram Townships

**HCP Round/Years:** Round 20, March 2007 – February 2009

**Vision/Purpose Statement:** Our mission is to develop a joint plan for the Hackensack Area with a vision into the future.

### **Priorities:**

- To beautify the Highway 371 corridor in and through Hackensack.
- To improve the infrastructure of Hackensack and the surrounding area.
- To preserve and enhance the quality of our air, water, shoreland, forest land and other natural resources.
- To attract new businesses that will offer sustainable compensation and assist existing businesses to expand through the use of the economic development plan.
- To update our Comprehensive Plan.

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

\$1,200 - Anderson Brothers for Economic Development Plan, Spring 2008

\$5,000 - Additional planning grant to include surrounding townships in Comp plan (2007)

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Community Visioning session – 150 residents attended (Aug. 16, 2007)
- Hired Comprehensive Planner (Joan Tweedale of Community Solutions) (March 2008)
- Economic Development Plan (Summer 2008)
- Community Meeting on Highway 371 project with MDOT (Summer 2008)
- St. Josephs Medical Center commits to opening Clinic in Hackensack (Summer 2008)
- Economic Development plan completed, September 2008

**Date Updated:** September 18, 2008