

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Team Name: Morrison County HCP

Geographic Area: Morrison County

HCP Round/Years: Round 13, September 2003 to September 2005

Vision/Purpose Statement:

To provide for an increased quality of life for Morrison County residents through an ongoing coordination and communication of values, ideas and actions.

Priorities:

Development of an updated Comprehensive Plan through the utilization of volunteer citizen groups, staff, consultants and considerable public hearings and review throughout the county.

Project Focus:

- The new comprehensive plan will integrate the input of the public received through surveys, official local government meetings and community meetings. County staff and consultants will be utilized to draft the plan which will then be presented to the public for review and adjustment before being voted on by the county commissioners. Priority areas under the plan include Industrial Growth, Economic Development, Agriculture, Housing, Shore Land Management, Critical Areas, Flood Plain Hazards, Rapid development, Hazard Mitigation and Trails Development.
- Five other areas were identified and additional meetings were held to determine further action:
 - Livable wage jobs and benefits
 - Education (Funding issues)
 - Health Care - Change norm of alcohol and tobacco use
 - Environment - Recreational Trail Connections
 - Human Services - Youth Center

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$30,000 - Federal Emergency Management office for Hazard Mitigation planning
- \$10,000 - Blandin Foundation
- \$20,000 - Initiative Foundation (HLRP)
- \$1,000 - Initiative Foundation (HCP Reunion) (2005)
- \$6,000 - Initiative Foundation (Youth Engagement) (2007)
- \$10,000 - Initiative Foundation (Youth as Resources) (2007)
- \$10,000 - Initiative Foundation (Methane Digester Feasibility Study) (2008)
- \$7,500 - Initiative Foundation (Cable Access Organization & Training)

Key Accomplishments:

- Conducted a public official's survey.
- Held multiple public officials meetings to meet with city and township leaders.
- Conducted two Visioning Sessions (Dec. 3, 2003 & Feb. 19th, 2004)
- Conducted a Special Topics forum at Camp Ripley (Jan. 15, 2004)
- Held meetings for the five additional areas listed above not associated with the comprehensive planning process.
- School Referendum passed (May 2004).
- Hosted eight Lake Associations in HLRP training (FY04).
- Four Meth Task Forces formed and remain active.

- Continue to promote the Morrison County Interfaith Hospitality Network (assisting families w/ child who are homeless in the 5-county area) (2006).
- Completed new housing resource directory (2006).
- Comprehensive plan completed (2006).
- Hazard mitigation plan completed (2006).

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