

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Nisswa Navigators

Geographic Area: City of Nisswa

HCP Round/Years: Round 2, April 1998 – April 2000

Project Focus: Comprehensive Plan Update

Vision/Purpose Statement:

The City of Nisswa shall preserve natural resources, open space and its small town character by encouraging creative, conservation-based development and design.

Priorities:

- To preserve and protect existing public open space and encourage development of additional public and private open space
- To expand the passive and active recreational opportunities
- To establish a public beach and boat docking
- More programs for youth and families with children
- To retain and create jobs through economic development
- To support conservation-based design for auto oriented commercial development along Hwy 371, promoting mixed usage when possible
- To preserve the unique, small-town character of the downtown district by promoting development consistent with the “Up North” flavor of the area
- To provide life-cycle housing so people from all generations and income levels can find adequate housing
- To preserve natural resources, open space and small town character by encouraging creative, conservation-based, subdivision design
- To look at a “civic complex” including a community center expansion, library and new city hall
- To meet the needs of senior citizens through housing and programs
- To rewrite ordinances to govern future development to reflect their comprehensive plan’s goal

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$6,000 - Precious Years Learning Center (Child Care Center)
- Housing Study (Prior to HCP)
- \$9,000 - Ordinance Rewrite (April 2000)
- \$10,000 - Library at Elementary School for Community Programming (April 2001)
- \$98,000 - 21st Century Learning Grant for community library programming
- \$10,000 - Clark Lake, Hubert Lake, and Little Hubert Lake have all participated in HLRP training and have earned HLRP Implementation grants (2004)
- Loan (I.F.) for A Piece of the Woods Inc., which provides logging education and information (2005)
- Loan (I.F.) for Wellness One which is a chiropractic center in Nisswa (2005)

Key Accomplishments:

- Held five community input meetings from late 1988 to early 1999
- Comprehensive Plan adopted by City Council April 21, 1999
- MN Design Team Visit to put Design to Comp Plan goals Oct. 1999
- Signal Light at Hwys. 371 and 18 (2000)
- Received over \$98,000 for Library from 21st Century Learning grant (app. planning meeting facilitated by Initiative Foundation)
- Received \$575,000 form Cote Family Foundation, \$250,000 form ISD 181 for construction of new library attached to Nisswa Elementary, \$25,000 more for programming. Opens 9/01
- Ordinances adopted by City Council (March, 2001)

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