

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Pierz Area Partners in Progress

Geographic Area: Pierz and adjacent townships and Genola

HCP Round/Years: Round 8, March 2001 – March 2003

Project Focus: To develop a comprehensive plan

Vision/Purpose Statement:

Working together to improve the quality of life in the greater Pierz area.

Priorities:

- Social infrastructure
- Housing
- Law enforcement/public safety
- Education
- Land use
- Economic development

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$12,500 HCP Grant (2001)
- \$2,000 - Initiative Foundation for Intergenerational Youth Service Learning (October 2003)
- VISTA for Horizon Health Faith In Action (Summer 2004)
- \$2,500 - IF grant for HCP Intern (Jan. 2006)
- Loan for HC IT Developers, Inc./Healthcare Internet Application Dev. and Services (2004)
- Loan for Meadow Ponds of Pierz, Inc., a 20 unit assisted living facility (2005)
- \$1,200 Early Childhood at Risk Programs (2006)
- \$1,500 America Reads (2007)
- \$500 America Reads program (Anderson Brothers) (2008)
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Key Accomplishments:

- Worked with the City's Engineering firm (Widseth Smith and Nolting) to facilitate the community visioning session in June 2001. Over 100 in attendance. Four focal points emerged: business park, school facilities, focus on youth and revitalizing the downtown.
- Flower boxes planted along main street.
- Housing Study completed with CMHP.
- Completed Comprehensive plan (June 2003).
- Held first annual Pierz area community picnic with over 300 in attendance. Plan to make it an annual event. (Aug. 2003)
- Pierz Lake is participating in the Morrison County (FY04) round of HLRP

Date Updated: September 18, 2008

