

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN**

**Community/Team Name:** Princeton Area Partnership

**Geographic Area:** Princeton and surrounding townships

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

**Project Focus:** Community Planning

**Vision/Purpose Statement:** Working together for a better Princeton area.

### **Priorities:**

- Cooperative relationships among elected officials from diverse jurisdictions
- To build a broad sense of community among all members of the community
- Develop community gathering or activity center(s) for all ages

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

- \$15,000 - Early Childhood Coalition (November 2003)
- \$15,000 - Youth As Resources (June 2005)
- \$45,000 - Otto Bremer
- \$1,000 - Local citizen
- \$2,000 - Elmer L. Anderson Foundation
- \$750 - Greenbush Township

### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Visioning session (Sept. 2001). Two top goals identified.
- Conducted community/school facilities survey; 300 residents surveyed for opinions, identified recreational and youth activity needs.
- Serve as a clearinghouse to advocate for causes and changes that will benefit our community.
- Sponsored Annual Candidates' Night (starting Jan. 2003)
- Early Childhood Fair (Sept. 2004 & Sept. 2005)
- Luncheon featuring Rob Grundwalde, Federal Reserve Economist on Early Childhood Economic (Sept. 2004)
- Community Summit held to discuss how to work together to provide more meeting places and recreational facilities (Aug. 2004)
- Held successful Intergovernmental cooperation meeting with city, township, school and counties (June 2005)
- Planned revitalization of the riverfront in Princeton, with goals for an amphitheatre, fishing pier and footbridge.
- Riverside park expansion across the river in process
- Obtained 5 acres of land (purchase) and 23 acres (local family donation) to consolidate a site for campsite and park expansion.
- Leveraged Initiative Foundation funding to garner \$45,000 capacity building grant toward implementation.

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