

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: RAPP, Rockville Area Partners for Progress

Geographic Area: City of Rockville and surrounding area

HCP Round/Years: Round 12, February 2003 - February 2005

Project Focus: To create an integrated vision and plan for the newly expanded city of Rockville.

Vision/Purpose Statement:

To bring the new city of Rockville together while managing growth and maintaining our rural lifestyle.

Priorities:

- To create a sense of community identity.
- To create a revitalized city center with new community facilities.
- To create new and improve existing trails and parks, connecting the new city areas.
- To improve and expand opportunities for our youth.

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$360,000.00 - Stearns Electric/USDA 0% interest Loan for New Building
- \$5,000 - For Community Planning Ordinance Rewrite and Eagle Park Project (June 2005)
- \$372,000 - Grant from State of MN for ROCORI Trail Project (2008)

Key Accomplishments:

- Hosted community visioning session in conjunction with the Minnesota Design Team, with the involvement of over 200 citizens (September 2003)
- Surveyed over 250 citizens for input on what they would like to see happen in the future
- Recruited, formed and trained task forces totaling 41 people to work on our priority areas
- The city has updated to develop Comp. Plan based on input at visioning session
- Comprehensive Plan approved (February 2005)
- ROCK-Fest annual event is held second weekend in July
- Park (60 acre) in planning process. (Eagle Park)
- Comp. plan reviewed against new zoning ordinance (February 2006)
- New City Hall and Fire Hall completed (2006)
- ROCORI Trail (connecting the cities of Rockville, Cold Spring and Richmond) in the planning process (Spring 2006)
- Stearns County Park Proposal - 354 acre park north of the Sauk River and adjacent to Eagle Park.
- Updated Comprehensive Plan and revised it against the updated zoning ordinance (2006)
- Master Plan developed for Eagle Park (2006)
- New City Hall (2006)
- New Fire Hall (2006)
- Eagle Park Phase I completed (2007)
- Shore Line Ordinances approved (2008)

Date Updated: September 18, 2008