

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Celebrate Sauk Rapids

Geographic Area: City of Sauk Rapids and the surrounding area

HCP Round/Years: Round 12, February 25, 2003 - February 24, 2005

Project Focus: To create a common vision and plan for the Sauk Rapids area that builds on our unique characteristics as a city on the river.

Vision/Purpose Statement:
Building Community on the River!

Priorities:

- To recreate our downtown area making it a destination for both local citizens and visitors while increasing economic opportunities for businesses.
- To create new and improve existing trails and parks, connecting new and existing areas including the river.
- To create a unique sense of identity for the Sauk Rapids area, capitalizing on our relationship with the river.

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$1,000 - Economic Development Impact Analysis (IF) grant (February 2004)
- \$1,500 - grant from Bauerly's for entrance sign project. (2005)
- \$10,000 - IF grant for First Start Early Education Program (January 2006)

Key Accomplishments:

- Hosted community visioning session in September 2003 and created vision statements for ten key areas of community life.
- Recruited, formed and trained task forces totaling 26 people to work on our priority areas.
- CMHP received \$144,000 from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines to rehabilitate 45 single-family homes in Sauk Rapids and two outlying communities.
- Held Community Festival (Summer 2004).
- Pedestrian Safety signs rotate among city.
- 9th grade class doing walk-about survey to check on walk-ability of city
- New creative entry signs (2006)
- Farmers market process started (2006)

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