

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Building A Stronger Staples (BASS)

Geographic Area: City of Staples and surrounding area

HCP Round/Years: Round 14, March 2004 – February 2006

Project Focus: To establish a positive communications network, help attract businesses and families to the area and develop a marketing and tourism plan for the community

Vision/Purpose Statement:

Building a stronger Staples community that will enrich the quality of life now and for future generations

Priorities:

- Expedite the Highway 10 relocation/realignment issue
- Marketing the Staples area
- Increase social and recreational opportunities (Skate Park)
- Downtown Revitalization

Follow-Up Grants and Loans

- Staples EDA
- \$10,000 – Matching grant from Lakewood Health Systems
- \$5,000 – Donation
- \$5,000 – HCP
- \$10,000 – Downtown Revitalization IF grant (Jan. 2007)
- Expansion loan for Stern Rubber Company (2004)
- Expansion loan for Precision Polishing & Plating (2006)
- \$10,000 – Downtown Revitalization, phase II (2008)

Key Accomplishments:

- Task forces established for each goal area and trained (Fall 2004).
- City reaches agreement with DOT on Highway 10 alignment (Winter 2005).
- Mini visioning session held for skate park planning with youth and adults (Spring 2005).
- Downtown revitalization task force plans and schedules downtown revitalization visioning session with St. Cloud State (May 17th-Kent Robertson).
- Funding for downtown project (\$20,000).
- Downtown revitalization Board formation, visioning sessions, and project plan for six committees and the board (2006).
- Community Website created (2006).
- Hwy 10 Project Time Established (2006).
- Walking for health route designated and signed for year round use, working with local school district and students on a skate board park.
- Follow-up Design Team visit held (2008).
- HWY 10 re-route completed (Spring 2008).

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