

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: The Up Team

Geographic Area: City of Upsala

HCP Round/Years: Round 9, October 2001 - Sept. 2003

Project Focus:

- Increased involvement of area residents in the community
- Developing a comprehensive community plan

Priorities:

- Comprehensive plan including infrastructure and housing
- Increase number of businesses and quality jobs
- Enlarged community Center with youth and senior programs
- Two Rivers clean up and trail development
- Retention and development of the school
- Reopening of the community café.

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$1,100 –Community Center Planning (2005)
- \$2,500 –Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Development (2006)
- \$3,000 – Planning grant related to assisted living, housing rehab, medical clinic and community center design.

Key Accomplishments:

- 125 citizens participated in visioning session
- Task Forces have been formed to address issues
- Comp Planning consultant hired; plan completed (2003)
- Housing Study with CMHP completed
- School Referendum passed (Sept. 2002)
- Café opened (Oct. 2002); closed and reopened (Feb. 2005)
- Economic Development Authority established (Dec. 2002)
- Local talent show raises \$3,200 toward comprehensive plan (Feb. 2003)
- Installed new Upsala city signs (July 2003)
- Comprehensive plan completed (Sept. 2003)
- Zoning Ordinance Update (2006)
- Planning Commission established (Oct. 2003)
- Community Development Commission established (Oct. 2003)
- Build new High School; renovated Elementary School-Auditorium. (Sept. 2004)
- New businesses opening (travel, cabinet shop's, electronic harnesses)
- Methamphetamine informational meeting; 125 attended (2006)
- Community Center Task Force established (2006)
- Site for Community / Senior Center Secured
- Two new businesses: Savage Electronics and Leading Edge (2006)
- Highway 238 upgrade on North end of city/new sidewalks (2005)
- Bridge over Two Rivers replaced (2005)
- Pursuing the enlarged community center at a tri-county level in Upsala as the Regional Services Center. Land and Schematics are obtained and we are pursuing local fundraising, state legislative financing and help from USDA.

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