

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Verndale Area Visionaries

Geographic Area: City of Verndale and Aldrich Township

HCP Round/Years: Round 11, July 2002- June 2004

Project Focus: To make Verndale a better place to live, work and play.

Vision/Purpose Statement:

To empower our community team with greater leadership qualities and motivational skills to guide the community building process to culmination. This will result in a healthier and wealthier community for all.

Priorities:

- Improved environmental and recreational opportunities.
- Affordable housing for seniors, handicapped, assisted living and young families.
- Economic development with more livable wage jobs and support for existing businesses.
- Infrastructure, additional land for expansion and a comp plan and zoning ordinances.
- Education/School, maintain and improve existing quality school.

Follow up Grants and Loans:

- Expansion loan for R&J Horse Sales, Inc. (2002)

Key Accomplishments

- Visioning session: “Do you care Beans about Verndale”; 120 in attendance (Oct 27, 2002)
- Housing study completed (Winter of 2003)
- Work on Comprehensive Plan approved by city council.
- HCP team holds Annual Community Festival (Summer 2003)
- Begins work on comp. plan incorporating goals from HCP visioning session (Dec. 2004)
- Welcome Entrance signs up.
- Comprehensive Plan completed (Summer 2006)

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