

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Community/Team Name: Livonia-Zimmerman Voices for Community Choices

Geographic Area: Zimmerman and Livonia Township

HCP Round/Years: Round 1, May 1997 – April 1999

Project Focus: Create a sense of community and cooperation & build assets.

Vision/Purpose Statement:

Focusing the ideas and hopes of the Livonia/Zimmerman area by empowering the local residents, businesses, organizations and governmental bodies, in a spirit of partnership and open cooperation, to establish a guideline or foundation for future community needs and the healthy growth of the Livonia/Zimmerman Area

Priorities:

- Discovering what are the needs for seniors.
- Creating joint web page.
- Identify and organize neighborhoods and assist with developing capacity inventories
- Community Expo
- Develop associations assets inventory and get them together
- Ongoing communication and promotion

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$10,000 - Grant was awarded for continuation of the Capacity Building project that assisted residents in identifying and developing their skills, assets, and capacities and enabling individuals, associations and institutions to become more aware of and involved in the community. The grant was awarded in October 1998 and was recently granted an extension to February 2000. The extension enabled them to continue the project, which was somewhat delayed due to unexpected poor performance of a consultant hired to assist with the project. It has been successful in that members of the HCP group took more responsibility to complete the project.
- \$30,000 - Grant was awarded by the Initiative Foundation to support the development of a Youth Center in Zimmerman via a partnership with the Elk River Boys and Girls Club.
- \$5,000 - Planning grant was awarded for a “Green” (environmentally sensitive) Township Hall.

Key Accomplishments:

- Opened a Boys & Girls Club in Spring 2001
- Participation in Community Picnic
- Surveys and Capacity Inventory of Businesses with 20% return rate
- Community Expo
- Completion of Search Institute surveys with public presentation in January 2000
- Developed a Community Resource Guide
- Sponsoring a Candidate’s Forum for Township Supervisor in March 2000

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