

HEALTHY COMMUNITY PLAN

Geographic Area: City of Hanover

HCP Round/Years: Round 9, October 2001 to September 2003

Project Focus:

- Development of a centralized business district with service businesses, retail and pedestrian access;
- Management of growth and land use to minimize traffic in residential neighborhoods and maintain large lot sizes;
- Maintain the rural setting and preserve the open, recreational spaces, parks and trails

Priorities:

- 1) Creation of a centralized business district with service businesses, retail and pedestrian access
- 2) Management of growth and land use to minimize traffic in residential neighborhoods, maintaining large lot sizes
- 3) Foster identity as a unique, attractive community with a central gathering place, industrial park, community center, theater
- 4) Maintain our rural setting and preserved the open/ recreational spaces, parks and trails
- 5) Complete a Comprehensive Plan to guide managed growth
- 6) Beautify the community with emphasis on the River Area
- 7) Develop affordable and accessible Housing and Transportation for Senior Citizens
- 8) Preserve the "Old Bridge."
- 9) Improve County Road Traffic Management
- 10) Create a more "youth-friendly" community evidenced in increased recreational facilities especially for teenagers

Follow Up Grants and Loans:

- \$1,500 grant to support a UM Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) Community Assistance Program (CAP) graduate intern to assist in conducting a biological inventory that will be used in wetlands protection ordinances and other events to preserve natural resources.
- \$5,000 grant for a downtown concept plan to create a downtown area along the scenic Crow river.
- \$2,500 grant to help develop an economic development strategic plan.

Key Accomplishments:

- 110 citizens participated in a Visioning Session held on January 31, 2002 in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church;
- Active participation in the Crow River Communities Initiative, the group of volunteers from Delano, Greenfield, Rockford, Rockford Township, and Hanover which seeks to promote river health, appreciation, and recreational use.
- Inventory of recreational access points and other resources along the Crow River is scheduled for the first week of June 2002.
- Clean-up campaign along Crow River for September 14, 2002.
- Comprehensive plan, downtown concept plan and economic strategic plans are in process as of January 2002.

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