

Pulaski County Community Development Commission

Pulaski County, Indiana

Achievements 2008

Direct Involvement. Activities in which the CDC board and/ or director were involved as originator and executor. Results and outcomes solely the result of CDC action with or without subcontractors.

County home status report. A committee, consisting of the CDC director, local health care professionals, and a community activist, was formed to evaluate the future viability of the Pulaski County Home known as Pleasant View. The facility had never been objectively reviewed in its 100+ year history. The committee reviewed the administrative, clinical, and financial operations of the home. A report including five options regarding the facility's future was presented to the County Council and Commissioners.

The County's Website, www.pulaskionline.org, was updated and enhanced to better project the County's image outside its boundaries. Industrial/ commercial site selectors can browse the site more quickly and efficiently thus maintaining their interest.

Initiated a "retiree recruitment" campaign to entice 50 to 65 year olds to relocate to Pulaski County. It was decided that since the County is on a population migration path it is more productive to target specific socioeconomic groups then let it happen to chance. The campaign is on-going and consists of a logo, brochure, and TV ads in the Lafayette/ West Lafayette area. This demographic area was chosen because of proximity and financial net worth. Contact is planned to be made with former county high school graduates to plant the idea of coming back home to live.

Arranged for the honoring of a long-time Francesville employer at the Governor's Century/ Half Century Award Ceremony.

Collaborative Involvements. Efforts undertaken by the CDC with partner agencies, organizations, and individuals.

Assisted and coordinated the tax abatement applications for two Winamac manufacturers. Both applications were approved resulting in \$8.5 million in capital investments and 24 jobs created.

After several years of effort, assisted in the establishment of the Star City Regional Sewer District. This new entity will now be able to finance and construct a waste water system connecting Star City residents with the Winamac Waste Water Treatment Plant. Not only will this correct a public health issue, but also increases the community's economic development potential.

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With WorkOne conducted the 2008 Job Fair in Pulaski County. There were 77 attendees and 15 exhibitors.

With the P.C. Purdue Extension continued the Welder Training Program. At yearend 160+ individuals have completed the program.

With the Rural Entrepreneur Network conducted two "Start Your Own Business" workshops. 37 individuals attended.

With the Regional Development Corporation sponsored a SBA 504 Loan workshop for county bank loan officers and CPAs. 11 individuals in attendance.

The Medaryville Brownfield project was completed. The site that once held an abandoned gas station and leaking ground tanks now is a grass-covered field available for development.

Support. Activities involving often intangible effort to help another achieve an end.

Provided advertising expense support for the 2008 Pulaski County Business Expo.

Provided advertising expense support (\$500 per event) for each of the following Pulaski County festivals:

- Francesville Fall Festival
- Potato Fest
- Monterey Festival
- Winamac Power From the Past.

By year's end similar support was extended to Winter Wonderland and the Star City Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Continued support for the Friends of the Panhandle Pathway rails-to-trails initiative. Since the project was conceived in 2005 through the efforts of the CDC, the Friends have generated over \$1,000,000 in grant money for their project. The dollars are used to develop the trail system from Winamac to Cass County.