

Johnston County
Tishomingo Development Team (TDT)
Established 2002

At a Glance

As a pilot project, OSU Extension in June 2002 offered grants to communities with limited leadership development opportunities. Local citizens conducted town meetings to determine the needs of the community. From these town meetings, a group was formed to develop a community strategic plan. This group evolved into the Tishomingo Development Team (TDT).

The Tishomingo Development Team met on a weekly basis for two months determining the needs of the community and writing the grant application. From these planning sessions, community issues prioritized.

TDT has continued to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate the efforts of identified standing committees and to conduct group business. Many accomplishments have been made in the short time TDT has existed. A long-term plan for the city of Tishomingo has been developed. This endeavor was successful by joining efforts with a task force led by Tishomingo Landmark Bank. After the plans were complete, TDT. revised the bylaws to add committees that matched the needs identified by the task force members as well as those already established through TDT. The task force brought in new members and our membership has grown as a result of this process.

TDT believes that no “one” organization can take on a project of this magnitude—Collaboration within the community and existing organizations is the key. T.D.T knows that success is a process and takes time and persistence.

Recently TDT has determined that a community foundation is a necessary step for the community to grow. Several meetings have been conducted to address this goal. Through Turning Point, TDT has tapped into resources to work through the process of obtaining their 501 C 3 status.

Key Activities of 2002-05

- Cleanup of the Pennington Creek Area
- Beautification Initiative of Main Street
- Promotion of the Industrial Authority’s Business Frontage/Site Improvement program
- Conducted study tours for other communities
- Monthly educational programs on community development
- Youth Leadership – Johnston County
- Leadership Development - Johnston County
- 4th of July Celebration
- Annual Kids-for-Kids Fall Carnival
- Oklahoma Pride
- Alfalfa Bill Bicycle Ride
- Development of Long-Term Strategic Plan
- Completion of Organization Incorporation
- Development of a community foundation near completion
- Grant approval from OCCY and OG&E for Youth Programming
- Roundtable Discussions/ Presentation to US Congressman and State Elected Officials
- Collaboration among existing groups

Priorities of the Partnership

- Community Image
- Leadership
- Public Relations/Tourism
- Health and Wellness Promotion
- Business Development and Expansion
- Children and Youth

Partners

- City Government
- Faith Community
- Industrial Authority
- Johnston County Community Resource Association
- Johnston County Health Department
- Landmark Bank
- Murray State College
- OCCY
- OG&E
- OSU Extension
- Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce
- Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation
- Youth

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