

Tishomingo Development Team

Johnston County

2007

Coalition Priorities:

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



Partners:

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

About Us...

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. 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. Most recently, TDT has partnered with the Oklahoma Community Foundation.

Key Activities:

Strategic Planning ~
Coalition Self Assessed
Cleanup of the Pennington Creek Area
Beautification Initiative of Main Street
Promotion of the Indus. Authority's Bus.
Façade
Conducted study tours of other
communities
Educational programs on
community development
Johnston County Youth Leadership
4th of July Celebration ~
Annual Kids for Kids Festival
Oklahoma Pride
Alfalfa Bill Bicycle Ride
Partnered with Oklahoma
Community Foundation
Collaboration among existing groups

Significant Outcomes:

- ◆ COMPLETED YOUTH LEADERSHIP – JOHNSTON CO.
- ◆ COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMPLETION
- ◆ EMPTY STOREFRONTS ARE DISAPPEARING
- ◆ RECEIVED GRANT FUNDING FOR SIDEWALKS
- ◆ RECEIVED FUNDING FOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED ALONG WALING TRAIL (PENNINGTON PARK)
- ◆ RECEIVED FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT A FARMERS MARKET