

Countywide Outcomes

The individual towns developed their own Community Priorities, but it was apparent, through conversations, that there were some items identified that should become Countywide Priorities. The CIRD Resource Team would like to suggest the following Countywide Priorities:

1. Develop a Countywide Events Calendar

Many of the towns hold events throughout the year: community festivals, garage sales, dinners, parades, fireworks displays, etc... A few of the towns discussed the possibility of cooperating on some of those events in order to support one another and to expand. A Countywide Event Calendar would allow any resident of the County to see what was going on and plan their personal schedules, but it would also allow the towns to make sure they don't conflict in their scheduling and to look for opportunities to cooperate.

2. Lancaster County Leadership Academy

One of the most common issues the towns had was the difficulty in identifying and recruiting new leadership. A leadership academy would allow each town, through a partnership, to identify a predetermined number of participants each year who could then go through a leadership academy program that would provide information, skills and training to participants to help them develop leadership abilities that will prepare them for public service. This could first be funded through grants but later become a partnership where each town paid an annual fee based on population or other criteria.

3. Lancaster County Roundtable

A group of representatives from the small towns in Lancaster County to meet on a monthly or quarterly basis. This group could discuss possible partnerships for specific events, sharing of resources, cooperative applications for grant funding, and other topics. This group could also request information from County and State government resources or private non-profit groups and have presentations at these meetings. The group could review requests for inclusion of events on the Countywide Calendar.

4. Lancaster County Trails

There was a considerable amount of discussion about trails in the County. Many of the towns have started trail development projects in their own towns, and many would like to extend their trail out beyond their municipal boundaries and link to other towns and places such as schools, State recreation facilities and existing and planned County trails.

