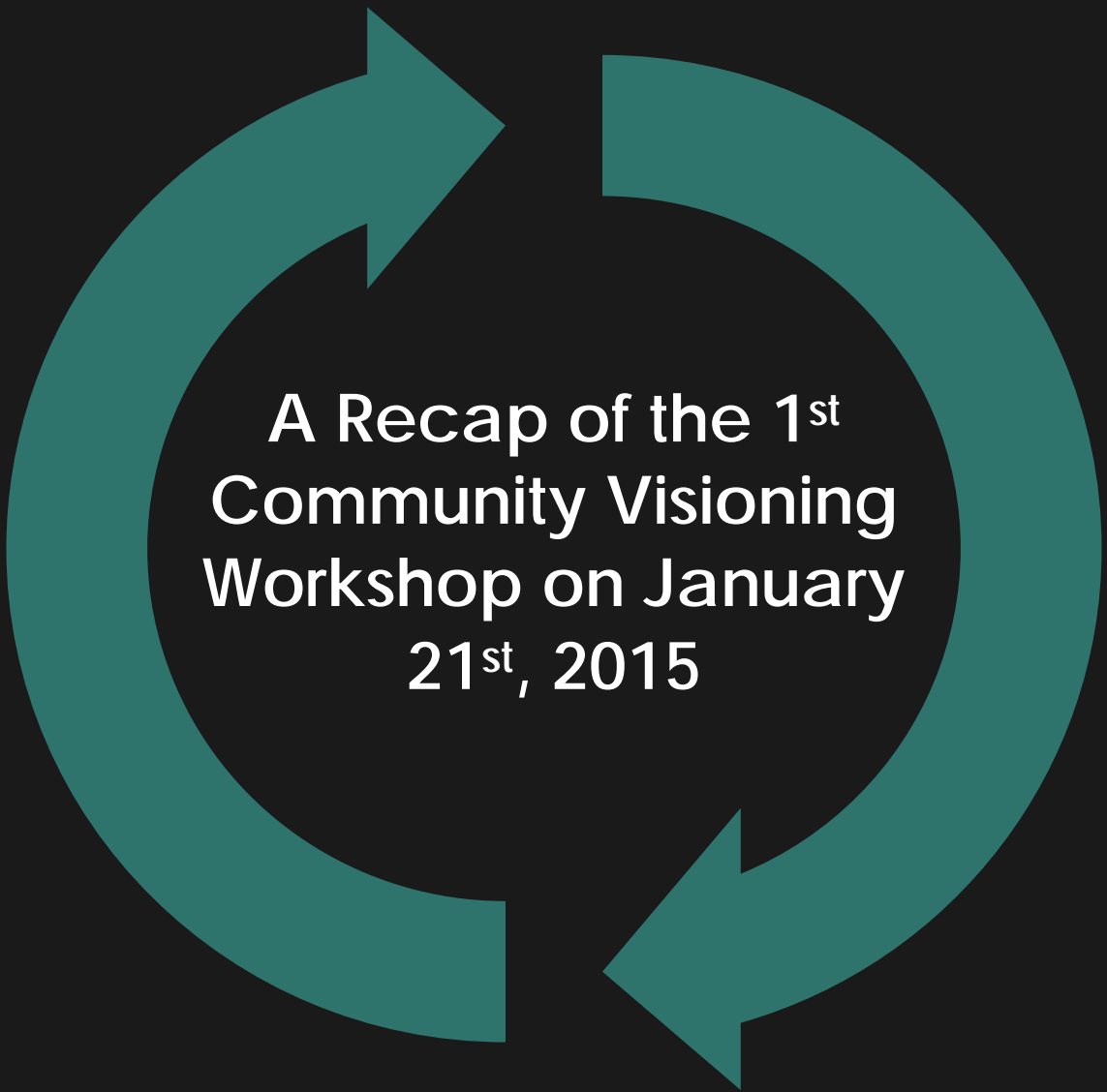


COMMUNITY

visioning



A Recap of the 1st
Community Visioning
Workshop on January
21st, 2015

Priorities and Progress

OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, THE CITY COMMISSION HAS FOCUSED ON THESE SEVEN PRIORITIES. HERE IS A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THEIR PROGRESS.



WAYFINDING/ENTRANCE SIGNS:

two installed in 2014 and two more scheduled for early 2015!



DDA/MAIN STREET:

Downtown TR is challenged, but many feel it's important to keep it going—there's now a full-time person helping with this effort!



HOUSING & DEMOLITIONS:

City has partnered with contractors to build houses on empty lots to address blight—about 12 built so far.



STREETS/SIDEWALKS: Shared state revenue is available to address potholes. One goal has been to have a sidewalk on at least one side of every street—after 13 years, 97% of streets have sidewalks.



RECREATION: Refurbished skatepark, basketball court on Broadway, improvement on Scidmore Park facilities; there's also talk about a multi-use sports complex!



JOBS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Limited ability here; state removed tax abatements—a tool for supporting job creation at existing businesses. The city does partner with as many groups as possible (St. Joseph County, EDC, Local First, etc.)



TRAILS: Trail from Memory Isle to Broadway more than 75% complete; \$175,000 matching grant for trail to Meyer Broadway Park—set to be completed in 2016!

Voices in the Room

"We have officials we can listen to and respect."

"We have funds put away and resident investment—that feels good."

What DDA Director, Brian Persky loves about his job:
"Talking about the possibilities for the future like this."

"Glad to see downtown [as a priority] and hope the
commission supports it."

"Visioning meeting feels like a positive approach rather than
a negative one. We need more positive interaction like this."

What We About TR!

Walkable Community

City Commission

HarmonyFest

Schools

People

LOVE
THREE RIVERS

Rivers

Volunteer Opportunities

Passionate Leaders

What's Next?

9 GROUPS ORGANIZED THEIR PRIORITIES. THESE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST RANKINGS:

- Downtown Three Rivers
- Housing/Neighborhoods
- Youth Activities
- Trails
- Streets/Sidewalks
- Old Hospital

The next phase will involve finding ideas to meet these priorities. City staff and commission will gather information and look at ideas and practices from other communities.

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING VISIONING WORKSHOPS!

February 11th & February 25th

6:00 PM

**Three Rivers Community Center
103 S. Douglas Avenue
Three Rivers, MI 49093**

Visit threeriversmi.org for more information.