



COORDINATION

COORDINATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INITIATIVES

“Together we will work across surrounding counties, public agencies, and private organizations to strengthen partnerships and expand available resources.”

While a primary goal of this plan is to identify and prioritize ongoing initiatives within Scott County, the coordination between organizations for each initiative is equally as important. With numerous organizations and people trying to address issues and support initiatives, a lack of communication between government entities, public organizations, non-profits and community organizations, private businesses, and the general public can result. This lack of communication between groups can lead to duplicated efforts and a waste of resources. Ongoing discussions on community needs and upcoming initiatives should be discussed to identify ways each group can support those needs and how resources could be pooled to achieve a higher rate of success.

Improving coordination within the county also includes supporting the local governments and non-profits in their attempts to receive grant funding. Many of the action items outlined within this plan likely require outside funding sources since local dollars and revenue may not be able to fully support the project. Providing assistance to these groups could help them overcome financial obstacles and implement the initiatives needed by residents within the county. Assistance for these groups does not have to come from a single source but can be a collaboration between multiple groups within the county who have dealt with similar applications or have trained staff who could provide technical support.

Promoting collaboration and coordination between the organizations within Scott County can help identify barriers within the county, pool resources between separate organizations, and lead to the successful implementation of action items and catalyst projects. This has already begun through coordinating with community-based committees, integrating their goals surrounding housing, early childhood development, health and wellness, and arts and recreation into the Vision Plan. These committees will be able to build upon the projects outlined within the Vision Scott County plan and guide their successful completion.

WHY IS THIS GOAL IMPORTANT TO SCOTT COUNTY?

- ☐ Lack of coordination between organizations within the county can lead to replication of efforts and waste of resources.
- ☐ Pooling resources and staff can often be used to leverage additional funding and lead to successful implementation.
- ☐ Community organizations are often able to provide services needed within a community but often lack funding or technical know-how.
- ☐ Non-profit and community organizations can often fill the gaps in municipal services.
- ☐ Collaboration is key to the advancement of priority initiatives and goals of all strategic plans within the community.

HOW CAN WE MOVE THIS GOAL FORWARD?

Many organizations and groups within Scott County would benefit from increasing coordination between one another. The following action items work towards the goal of building partnerships and better communication between organizations within the county. Some of these items are currently being addressed by one or more organizations while other action items were identified as gaps that need to be solved. A single catalyst project was identified for Coordination that will build momentum, address critical and immediate needs, and create a sound base for future projects within the county.

Action Items

*Catalyst
Project*

1. **Support municipal agencies and nonprofit organizations by identifying and applying for grant opportunities.**
2. Encourage ongoing discussions on community needs and provide technical support for municipal agencies and nonprofit organizations which aim to address those needs.
3. Provide quarterly updates to City and County officials as well as partner organizations regarding plan progress and report those findings to the community.

WHO ARE THE POTENTIAL PARTNERS?

Scott County Community Foundation/River Hills: These organizations can help identify grants for local organizations and governments and take an administrative role for funding disbursement.

Non-Profit Organizations: These groups can apply for and receive grant funding in collaboration with local and regional administrative bodies.

Local Governments: Local governments can receive grant assistance from local and regional groups while also searching and applying for individual funding opportunities.

Existing Community Committees/Coalitions: These community-based committees/coalitions can help progress major community projects and work alongside local organizations and governments to increase community collaboration.