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PROJECT NAME	PARTY RESPONSIBLE							
2) Tamaqua Safety Initiative	Dave Mace							
ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	PRIORITY	STATUS	START	END	LINKS	NOTES	
Step #1:								
Reduce Crime and disorder associated with rental properties	Tamaqua Police						Continue to monitor & report issues to code enforcement. Continue assisting code enforcement with non-compliant issues. Notifying landlords of problem tenants as reported through neighborhood complaints.	
	Code Enforcement						Issue notices & violations for problem properties. Work with Police to complete the follow through fines to non-corrected violations. January 2013 starting a new Rental Inspection process with the goal of inspecting 800+ properties in 12 mo. Holding renters & PO accountable for violations which each is responsible. April-July 2013 Problem Properties at 25-29 1/2 Center street are addressed and condemned until problems are fixed. Helped owner of 27 Cr Street evict tenants with legal assistance assistance	
	Health Care						Healthy Homes Education regarding the importance of property upkeep & maintenance inside & out for health and safety concerns. 2012 Quality of Life Ordinance in Tamaqua Ticket for lack of R/R, snow removal, trash, dog waste, inside furniture on porches & outside of property, abandoned vehicles.	
	Chamber						Participate and advertise a Landlord/Property Manager Training. Contracting with Tim Vance April 9th to do a mapping of corridor. May 30 2013 Property Manager/Landlord training session for Cover lease language, tenant screening, physical property mgmt (lighting, trash issues, paint, etc.) eviction process, understanding drug trafficking and more - open to community	
	TACP & Residents						Facilitate Partnerships between community groups & businesses. Training for Tamaqua Community members in May of 2012 in Union Town, PA. Community Exchange 9/7 & 9/8 2012 w/ Union Town & local communities. (attended community conversation mtgs 11/8/12 & 1/8/13 - such as Salvation Army, Fire Council, PD, landlords, code, mayors, tenants, business & property owners). Develop, form Neighborhood Block Clubs. 1/31/13 Residents & partners held 2 neighborhood assessment projects to identify safety concerns/needs for lighting, signage, trash, & more. Involvement of 2 landlords who are working to evict problem tenants and improve building facade. Host Landlord/Property Manager Training May 30th @ Art Center. Fall 2013 - open talk to possible acquisition of 25,27 & 29 Cr St. properties (identified problem properties in the TSI. 2014 -25, 27 & 29 Cr St properties	
Step #2:								
Reduce Crime & disorder associated with bar's (Freddie's Pub, Tiki Bar, Pool Hall, Shicks- other)	Tamaqua Police						Maintain increased patrols and surveillance in these areas. Educate and encourage victims to report and prosecute crimes.	
	Code Enforcement						Ensure places that serve food meeting health codes. Ensure liquor licenses are obtained & valid. Ensure establishments are not exceeding occupancy limits. Issue Quality of Life tickets. Seek to use volunteers of a neighborhood committee to report weekly for a 3-4 block area.	
	Health Care						Offer Drug & Alcohol Education / Counseling?	
	Chamber						Promote & invite local establishments to become Chamber members and participate in Crime Prevention Seminars, neighborhood projects. Working with TSI & TACP to offer Tiki Bar space as a viable business opportunity	
	TACP & Residents						Report to proper agencies any establishment serving minors. Education/Training for employees/owners on safety within & outside of their business, reporting possible crime or disturbances (drug activity, weapons, other) before someone is robbed or attacked. Thoughts of hiring a bouncer, prohibiting problem customers from entering or refuse service of alcoholic beverages. 2013 October 1st TACP purchased the Tiki Bar.	
Step #3:								
Enhance safety of area directly around the art center	Tamaqua Police						Maintain regular patrols in the area. Maintain a presence at the art center. Educate & encourage neighborhood groups to immediately report suspicious activity. Nov./Dec. 2012 Provided community with education & "Reporting a Crime" brochures, made by the TACP. Participated in National Night Out Event Aug 6 th 2013 & Aug 5 th 2014	
	Code Enforcement						Address concerns of code violations in the neighborhood. Work with landlords/property owners to correct violations. Dedicate 1 hr/wk to focus on the TSI corridor to address unsafe structures, vacant bldgs. and rodents. Participated in NNO Event Aug 6 th 2013 & Aug 5 th 2014	
	Health Care						Health Navigator shares & provides literature on Healthy Living Campaign. April 2013 Adult Dental van visited the shopping plaza. May 2013 Opened Tamaqua Medical Center across street from TCAC. Health Navigator. Participated in NNO Event Aug 6 th 2013 & August 5 th 2014 NNO	
	Chamber						Support events and promote activities held and organized at the art center. Ongoing draw of new businesses to the Tamaqua area, specifically the TSI corridor (4 new businesses added in 2012-2013). 3/7/2013 Hold a Chamber Mixer at the Art Center to raise awareness of programs/initiatives of both the Art Center & Safety Initiative in efforts to gain more community support and involvement.	
	TACP & Residents						Support the programs & initiatives of the Arts Center. Developed a working relationship with local District Attorney Karen Byron Noon. Attends TSI meetings, provides resources and input to our process. 1/31/13 donation received from local business to support the goals of the TSI. National Night Out Event held Aug 6th 2013. Dec. 2013 DA Elect Christine Holman & Assist. Maria Casey attend TSI mtg and express support.	
Step #4:								
Decrease crime & negative perceptions of the target area (walking routes) & encourage use of community assets & recreational areas	Tamaqua Police						2012 Tamaqua Surveillance Camera Project - Video Highlights. Participated in 2 community conversations (11/8/12 & 1/8/13) at the art center to educate citizens on the importance of taking "ownership" of their community and empower themselves to affect the change. Will promote positive efforts to improve Quality of Life issue and concerns. 2013 Purchase of additional cameras for Spruce & Cr streets; Elm & Pine Streets (located in Corridor); plus school & South Ward Park. Part of the June 2014 Drug sweep of over 20 people in and around the Art Center neighborhood	
	Code Enforcement						Nov. 2012 Developed & provided to community a snap shot of Thorough Property Maintenance Codes with "Did you know" questions, a list of most common code violations & how steps or help to fix them before fines and fees are assessed. Address sanitary conditions during wly inspection of TSI corridor. Continue to work with target area property owners and businesses to address issues that affect our environment, health, safety & property values which enhance the quality of life of our citizens. Seek voluntary compliance to correct code violations before pursuing further action. Continue education to property owners /tenants in a community/neighborhood forum. Dedicate 1 hr/wk to be proactive in identifying violations before a complaint is filed. Schuykill DA Noon participates in TSI mtgs; donates \$500 to our efforts. DA gives over \$200,000 of drug forfeiture money to local Police Departments Tamaqua gets \$10,000.	
	Health Care						Collaboration with Head Start Program & Art Center in 2012-2013. September 2012 participated in a walking tour within the identified Safety Corridor. October 2012 participated in the safety survey held at Art Center	
	Chamber						3/7/2013 Chamber Mixer will introduce the art center and draw more attention to this area of town highlighting positive outlet for the community	
	TACP & Residents						Demolition of bldg. Dec. 2013 125 & 127 Center St. (both blighted properties)/ Jan 2013 50 Mauch Chunk St. (blighted property). Feb/Mar 2013 provide Parenting, family education classes "Homes of Honor." April 27th SKP Day 2013 & April 26th 2014 Participation to clean neighborhoods & streets of garbage. 2013 August 6th & Aug 5th 2014; National Night Out Awareness Event. Grant Awarded for Dear Tamaqua Project collaboration with Touchstone - Artist in Residency. 2014 Aug. 5th "Dear Tamaqua" collection, ready/other of letters.	