

**Indiana State University  
Community Engagement Activities  
Department Annual Report  
2007**

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Project Name:  
Clay City Parks Master Plan

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**Description**

Clay City, a rural Indiana community of 1,019 residents, has big dreams. In this little town, dubbed the "Mayberry of the Midwest," the library was closed down due to lack of funding, the fairgrounds buildings need major repairs, the food pantry is in dire need of additional space, and there is nowhere to hold fitness programs for adults or indoor recreational activities for youth.

Their big dream is to build a community center which will provide space for recreation, education, information and nutrition. In fact, residents have created a non-profit organization - the REIN Center Coalition - named for those very needs that it hopes to address. But big dreams need big resources, and having a master plan is the key that unlocks the money box. A master plan is a document that provides a framework for orderly and consistent planning and development for a community.

**How do you see community engagement activities fitting in with your department in the future?**

They always have and will continue to.

**What do you feel has been the impact of the project?**

Major impact upon ISU's relationships with rural counties in west central Indiana as it relates to parks, recreation, and quality of life.

**Faculty involved with students in this project outside of class**

Nathan Schaumleffel

**Who from the community is involved?**

the Park Board

**Who from ISU is involved?**

Nathan Schaumleffel, The RSCM 345 class

Number of Students	Where it takes/took place	Is this activity ongoing
14	Clay City	No