

Hidden Valley Lake and Dearborn County Knowledge Sharing Forum

Action Items and Meeting Notes

November 12, 2011

Action Items:

Action Item #	Category	Action/Follow-up	HVL Contact	Dearborn County/IN State Contact
1	HVL Deer Cull	Feed the Hungry -5 Year Grant from State	Mark Hemmerle, Parks and Recreation Committee Chair	Andy Cline, Conservation Officer for Dearborn County
2	Transportation / Roads and Safety	Rt. 1 and INDOT-help from HVL in supporting an initiative to get trucks off St. Rt.1	Bruce Keller, Community Manager	Jud McMillin, Indiana State Rep., District 68
3	Transportation / Roads	Consortium with the county for the purpose of obtaining more favorable quantity purchasing agreements for road maintenance materials.	Bruce Keller, Community Manager	Tim Greive, Highway Supervisor
4	Environmental Management	Help from County to evaluate run-off of contaminated water from areas above HVL i.e. Greendale Land Fill	Dave Patterson, Lakes Committee Chair	Jud McMillin, Indiana State Rep., District 68
5	Crisis Prevention / Emergency Management	HVL Development of a First Responder Program; Combine Efforts with Dearborn County Emergency Management Agency	Larry Rohling, Safety & Security Committee Chair	Bill Black, Jr., Director, Emergency Management Agency
6	Crisis Prevention / Emergency Management	HVL Involvement with the Dearborn Community Foundation Grant Study to evaluate public expectation of EMS Services in Dearborn County	Larry Rohling, Safety & Security Committee Chair	Bill Ewbank, County Coordinator Dr. Eric Keller of James Duncan & Associates Inc., Austin, TX
7	Law Enforcement / Crime Prevention	Dearborn County K9 Replacement Match Program	Bruce Keller, HVL Community Manager	Michael Kreinhop, Dearborn County Sherriff
8	Communication Improvement	Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce Articles for the Hidden Valley Lake Echoes Newsletter due 1 st of the Month to Community Manager – Bruce Keller	Bruce Keller, HVL Community Manager	Paul Kunkel, Chamber of Commerce
9	Communication Improvement	HVL to add Dearborn County and Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce Webb Sites as Links on the HVL Webb Site and potentially a selection on our List Serve for Local Information.	Bruce Keller, HVL Community Manager	NA

Meeting Notes:

Shane McHenry: Safety. Don't bring crime into Indiana. Drug addiction crimes. Jail time and resources to ensure no premature release when crimes are committed in Dearborn County. Expansion of jail.

Maynard Barrett: Savings. Small bond. Riverboat. Property taxes

Liz Morris: Improvements and new space. Work release. J cap GED program. Better communication through Register, Bright Beacon, Radio, podcasts- Add to list serve

Bill Ullrich: public apathy, fastest growing county

Mark Hemmerle: 2.75 square miles. Population + 5000, deer cull- identify process take out 250 deer, DNR reported HVL was one of safest Deer Culls in the state. Southeastern IN. Highest deer rate in IN. HVL down to 175. This year a deer culling program 125-150. Goal: get the herd to a manageable level.

Jeff Hughes: grant to local businesses for deer processing. Removal of carcasses.

Jud McMillin: Transportation: State line slip- safety issues. Right turn line. Rt. 1 concerns with major intersections meeting with INDOT- truck use

Dave Patterson: lake dredging, recycling effort for top soil, Coir dam, vegetation up stream to help retain soil, water quality, cleaner going out than coming in, bad water coming into the valley, testing regularly to ensure safety and quality of water.

Larry Rohling: first responders, CPR! First aid! Crisis Planning. Emergency management committees- Bill Black, Bill Ewbank, Dr. Keller- Ball State

Bruce Keller: security in HVL. 30 miles of road, fall under the guidance of the board of directors, 7 deputies under Sheriff's citizen assists 111 out of the valley this year, car thefts in HVL- 50% of people have been affected (cars were unlocked), 13 officers helping with car thefts. Drug dog match program up to \$7500.

Michael Kreinhop: theft increases in Miller and Washington Township: high crime rates in Dearborn County

Bill Minnery: same issues CASA and community substance abuse issues.

Paul Kunkel: (Chamber of Commerce) Improved methods of communication, Tristate News coverage, HVL BOD Meeting-4th Thursday. County Commissioners: 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Upon completion of the event the respondents were asked to complete a questionnaire designed to get feedback on their perception of the value of the meeting as well as to evaluate the desire to have other sharing events. The results are presented below.

Thank you to all participants for helping to make this event a success.

HVL Future Planning & Political Action Committee

Participant Return Rate 61% (28 Surveys were handed out /Collected 17 completed forms)

100% of respondents were **“Very Satisfied”** with the overall satisfaction of the event.

What did you **enjoy most** about the event? (Comments)

- Great idea and very productive. We have a lot of good people to work with for the future.
Thank you.
- Well Done
- HVL Volunteerism! HVL Deer Cull Explanation
- Attendance
- Communication
- Open communication-action items that have good chance of follow-through.
- Mutual respect for HVL and Dearborn County Concerns
- Hear some common interest and desire on both parts to share information.
- Opportunity to share ideas and get informed of HVL issues/activities.
- The opportunity to interact with other members of the county to find ways to work together.
- Exchange of Information
- Knowing the county knows we exist
- Good Job
- Political Jockeying was held back which is good. This is not a political forum.
- Good idea to share info, what projects the valley and county are doing. Good discussion about the deer population and grant for processing. Good discussion about St. Rt. 1.
- Awesome Job. Let’s build (City Managers, County Traffic Engineer)
- Everyone seemed very interested to hear what was being said, there was actually good listening going on. Genuine interest.

Where do we **need work**? (Comments)

- Focus on Connections
- Better Communication
- Communication with others concerning county jail/Roadways outside HVL/Water Contamination from outside the valley
- More communication between the two entities.
- More social networking time planned before and after the meeting.

How well did various **aspects** of the event **meet your expectations**?

	Exceeded Expectations	Met Expectations	Did not Meet Expectations
Planning & Coordination	56%	44%	0%
Mix of Participants	56%	44%	0%
Group Size	56%	44%	0%
Quality of Networking	56%	44%	0%
Format (Light Breakfast/2 hr session)	63%	37%	0%
Quality of Knowledge Shared	69%	31%	0%

If we were to organize **another event**, what are your **areas of interest**? (In order by selected most often)

	No. of Times Selected/ Hidden Valley Lake	No. of Times Selected/ Dearborn County	No. of Times Selected/ Unidentified Participant	Totals	Comments – Followed by the number of times the issue was identified
Transportation/Roads	3	5	1	9	Route 1 Issue-3
Community Plan Development	5	4		9	What is in works i.e. Commercial Development-1 Share Methods for Community Planning, success and failures-1
Legislative Issues	3	4	1	8	Integration of HVL into process-1
Infrastructure Issues	4	3		7	Water & Sewer-2
Public Health & Safety	4	3		7	Neighborhood Watch Programs-1
Wildlife Management	2	2	1	5	Increase understanding of our efforts-1
Environmental Management	2	2		4	
Other	2	1		3	County jail impacts our community safety-2

Note: All above written-in comments were made by HVL participants.

Any **other Input**/Recommendations?

- Very Well Done!
- We may benefit our athletic group by including a rep. in the next event
- Thank you