



"Overall, I think Fergus Falls is a great place to raise a family. It's exciting to think about ways to make improvements."

- Survey Participant



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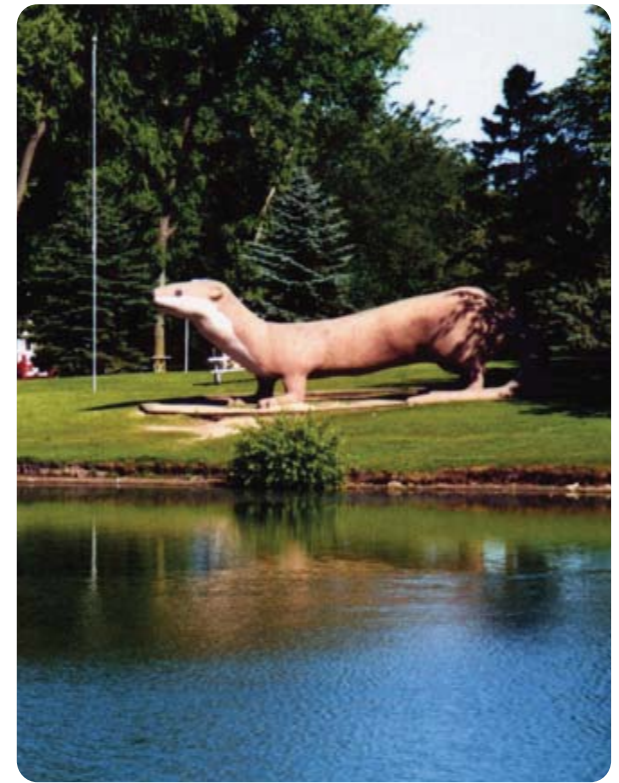
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Learn how YOU can help shape the future of Fergus Falls

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Who are we?

Forward Fergus Falls is a group of community-minded leaders & volunteers working together to reach a shared destiny for our great city.

What's been done so far?

- Listened to the community
- Surveyed 1,500 people
- Held community listening sessions
- Developed 15 Destiny Drivers
- Held a Community Kick-Off event in June of 2010 to unveil the Destiny Drivers & recruit volunteers to work on the driver of their choosing
- Hosted monthly Forward Fergus Falls meetings to report on the progress of each driver

What is next?

Your involvement. Throughout the listening sessions and surveying process, Forward Fergus Falls learned that community members want transparency and open communication from their leadership. Since the unveiling of the Destiny Drivers in June of 2010, members of Forward Fergus Falls and community volunteers have offered their time and talents to move Fergus Falls closer to our shared destiny. We ask for your partnership in continuing this journey by doing the following:

- Choose 1 or 2 Destiny Drivers about which you are passionate
- Contact the Champion of the Destiny Driver & Get Involved!

Want to learn more?

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Destiny Drivers & Champions

Healthy Economy

- Create and support 100 jobs or more each year for the next five years.
Harold Stanislawski
- Market Fergus Falls as a telecommuting-ready community.
Dave Bickett
- Establish at least two bio-related businesses in the next five years.
Harold Stanislawski
- Establish access to both local & regional Angel venture funds.
Dale Umlauf
- Establish an Orthopedic Center of excellence.
Larry Schulz
- Preserve & repurpose the RTC by 2014
Laurie Mullen

Livable Community

- Support and expand the River Walk revival efforts.
Steven Gundersen
- Increase awareness among residents of the tremendous opportunities for physical activity in the Fergus Falls area.
Patrick Hollister
- Focus on organizing, promoting and increasing participation for 10 annual weekend-long signature events through arts, history, the cultural heritage of the area, etc. by 2012.
Erin Smith
- Promote "being green" through a series of dynamic, fun, and educational environmentally-themed events.
Jess Steinbrenner

- Foster relationships with our area youth by providing ongoing opportunities for academic success & community service
Mary Matteson
- Fergus Falls will attain 92 percent of high school graduates moving on to post-secondary education.
Jerry Ness
- There will be a 10 percent increase or more in enrollments at M|State in Fergus Falls over the next five years.
Carrie Brimhall

Everybody In

- Forward Fergus Falls is the organization to bring community-minded doers together, demonstrating annual progress and achievements beginning in 2010.
Check www.forwardfergusfalls.org for information on meeting dates & times
- Send two additional groups of community leaders to the Blandin Leadership Training Program by 2014.
Jean Bowman
- Create and implement a community-wide diversity program; celebrating cultural diversity and understanding.
Dawn Koennicke

Our Shared Destiny:

"Fergus Falls, a beautiful river city, leads west central Minnesota in health services, business growth, learning, and the arts."