

## **Munster Community Sustainability Committee Plan**

**Purpose:** Assist the town in researching, educating and implementing sustainable solutions that will benefit current and future residents of Munster.

**Summary:** The Munster Sustainability Committee can assist the Munster community, by implementing a three-pronged approach.

- Promote existing services, programs, events and efforts that the community is that promote the health and sustainability of residents.
- Assist in researching programs, services, events, and/or grants to implement sustainable practices that the community can embrace.
- Introduce, Educate and Partner to present sustainable ideas and opportunities to full community of Munster, including but not limited to Town, Schools, Business, homeowners associations, and organizations that reside or operate within the community.

**Benefits:** There are many tangible and possibly unforeseen benefits to creating a sustainability committee that works with the Munster community.

- Building stronger relationships and understanding with residents of all ages which results in a deeper sense of community.
- Improving collaboration with neighboring communities as well as county and state governmental agencies.
- Improving the community's quality of life which will attract and engage more businesses, students and residents.

**Committee Structure:** The proposed structure is a group that would consist of nine members made up from community leaders, students and business owners. Three members would constitute a youth council that would be chosen from current MHS students (only one per grade level). Six members would come from the Community

The committee makeup would include a member from each of the following categories.

- School administrator, staff or educator.
- Representative from The Munster Chamber of Commerce
- Town Council Member or Town Staff
- 3 residents (do we need experience or interest statement)

**Budget:** At this time the Sustainability Committee would not have a budget. The committee would look first to solutions that would be self-funded. If cost were associated with the committee for the first year a low/no cost or most cost-effective solutions would be proposed to the Town of Munster, School Town of Munster and/or Munster Chamber of Commerce for Funding. During the first year of the committee additional funding sources (Grants, County, State, Federal and/or Private Financial Support) will be review and considered to fund future years.

**Frequency of Meetings:** The full committee will meet once every two months. The committee will decide if they would like to have additional sub meetings to research and prepare reports, concepts for their once every 2-month meetings

**Community Approval:** The Town Council, School Town of Munster and the Munster Chamber of Commerce will be asked to review and approve a joint resolution approving the formation of the Munster Community Sustainability Committee.