

Clark County Strategic Plan

First Quarter 2008 Update

I want to list a summary of current and finalized CCSP activities since our last report in October 2007:

- In October, Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe was the keynote speaker at the official CCSP implementation kickoff celebration
- South Arkansas Community Development (SADC) had a ground breaking ceremony for the Sommersett Subdivision located on Highway 8. This subdivision will house up to 125 new single family dwellings. The homes will range in value from \$110,000 and up. One area will be designated for ages 55 years and up. The subdivision will include walking trails and a nature park.
- The Caddo River Art Guild organized the first “Round About Artist’s Tour” that successfully took place in October. Approximately 650 people attended the event and represented 31 Arkansas cities and 11 states. Next year’s tour is scheduled for October 17 – 19, 2008.
- The Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce is posting on their newly designed website a county-wide listing of all medical and wellness providers and information. The public can access this at <http://arkadelphia.dina.org/> and click on Community Directory and then Medical Services and Fitness.
- Both Arkadelphia Rotary Clubs joined to install new playground equipment for Carpenter Hill Public Housing and the Ross Foundation supplied trees to be planted. Trees were also provided for Peake Elementary School and other area locations as part of the county beautification process and Ross Foundation’s 40th anniversary.
- More funds were granted to the City of Gurdon and the City of Gum Springs for city cleanup.
- The Clark County Historical Association has submitted a grant proposal of \$3,500 for a genealogical research room for family history research.
- The Gardens, a two phase project that will include 42 houses, a clubhouse with a pool and meeting rooms is wrapping up Phase One of 14 homes. All houses are between 1,300 and 1,700 square feet, are handicapped accessible, have a safe room and allow owners to choose from the following services: meals, transportation, health care, lawn service and more. Billy Bunn, contractor of the project has teamed with Baptist Health for some of these services.
- The CCSP Steering Committee in charge of implementation of the strategic plan was formed and has begun the process of prioritizing the individual goals and action steps. A separate Finance Committee to oversee expenditures on projects has also been formed.

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- Total CCSP related grants received to date - \$884,063
- Total CCSP related loans to date - \$300,000
- Other costs of ongoing projects related to CCSP - \$7,500,000