

RUTLAND, ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST, SAFEST, AND HAPPIEST COMMUNITIES IN AMERICA.

Each and every day, members of Project VISION work to fulfill this vision. What's your vision for Rutland?



Project VISION - Viable Initiatives & Solutions through Involvement of Neighborhoods - has two core values.

The first is *Collaboration for the greater good*, which affirms that our goals and objectives transcend those of any particular partner. More importantly, it reflects our belief that by working together we can accomplish more than we ever could working alone. Reflecting this value, Project VISION has no independent paid staff or support structure. Instead, we rely on the resources of our many generous partners. We are very proud of our lean and highly efficient organizational structure.

Our second value is *A renewed focus on the positive - I believe in Rutland*. This value is simply a recognition of the fact that the Rutland Region is blessed with an array of wonderful attributes and is an exceptional place to live and work.

Project VISION began in 2012. Following months of challenging issues within the community, several city groups began holding community forums, where issues including reducing opiate addiction, improving mental health responses, and quality of life in our neighborhoods were discussed.

The Police Department submitted a grant proposal to combat these issues, which was denied, but became the blueprint for Project VISION.

Project VISION acquired more than 275 volunteers representing virtually every organization dedicated to the welfare of the region. With a focus on substance abuse, neighborhoods, and public safety, Project VISION created attainable goals to improve the region.

2014 saw a reduction in burglaries, an effort to eliminate overt drug marketplaces through the development of DMI call-in protocol, and the implementation of a Universal Consent Form.

Project VISION continues to achieve and create new goals, with a focus on transparency and education. Initiatives for the future include reducing recidivism and calls for police services, as well as increasing communication between service providers through outreach like the Coffee Klatsch.

Project VISION is also working to significantly increase levels of community involvement in an effort to build great neighborhoods.

Project VISION

Project VISION – Viable Initiatives & Solutions through Involvement of Neighborhoods – began in 2012 through a strategic planning process that developed into three committees. Our substance abuse/prevention, community/neighborhood/housing, and crime/safety committees identify outcomes and develop actionable steps that get us closer to solutions throughout the year.

Project VISION is a diverse coalition of more than 100 organizations committed to the betterment of the community, working to make Rutland one of the healthiest, safest, and happiest communities in America.



VISION Center

The VISION Center has been established at Police Headquarters. The Center houses up to eight embedded partners from mental health crisis clinicians to probation and parole officers.



Get Involved

We invite the community to join us at our monthly meetings, held at noon the second Thursday of each month at the Alliance Fellowship Church in the Howe Center. Each meeting includes ways to get involved in ongoing committee work and an inspirational story.

We also hold several community-oriented events throughout the year. Past events include a block party in the Northwest neighborhood, golf fundraisers, walk/runs, and more.

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