

## **Planning & Design Issues-- Application, Davis, W.Va.**

1. Three most important problems the Town of Davis faces is:
  - a. Lack of economic development and sustaining employment opportunities
  - b. Lack of attractive street scape
  - c. Lack of youth opportunities and services

Davis has suffered from the recent closing of the mines within the area. The unemployment rate remains high throughout the County and the impact is felt by a majority of the small businesses in the area. With a lack of employment opportunities, the youth of our town are seeking employment out of the County and State. With the understanding of the importance of the entrance and main street of town to have an inviting appearance, the street scape is important for both encouraging economic development but also pride within the entire community. Youth opportunities and services are limited. This remains important for the retention of our youth within the community.

2. Three best opportunities the Town of Davis has is:
  - a. Industrial Park Site within the town limits
  - b. Historical value of the Town
  - c. Energetic core group of persons working together

The Tucker County Industrial Park, although presently undeveloped, is located within the town limits of Davis. This is an opportunity to fulfill the needs of employment and retention of youth in the area. Davis is rich in history and natural beauty. With the cooperative effort of the Davis Town Council and Davis Renaissance Group, as well as the volunteer and civic groups addressing the problems we face as a Town and County, with direction and a formulation of ideas, the Town will have the ability to meet the needs of the Residents while maintaining and preserving it's heritage and historical value.

3. Three most important problems will face ten years from now:
  - a. Incorporation of Corridor H as a positive impact
  - b. Upgrade and maintenance of infrastructure
  - c. Maintenance of historical buildings and history

With the Corridor being built, it is important to maintain the historical integrity of the Town and the entrance to the Town. The Mayor and Town Council are presently working on the infrastructure by updating the water system and applying for sewer and storm drain grants and assistance. This is of utmost importance to the present industrial site as infrastructure is lacking in order to encourage industry compatible with the environment to relocate or begin. Once updated, maintenance and continued upgrades will be of concern. As Davis has already lost a number of the historical buildings, it will be important to maintain and encourage continued refurbishing of what buildings are left.

4. The residents would like to see the community retain the ambiance of a small town while providing the necessary services and facilities needed to retain a positive quality of life. The historical preservation is of importance as well.
5. Major issues that have come from community meetings:
  - a. Jobs
  - b. Corridor H
  - c. Recreational facilities:
    1. River Front Park
    2. Refurbishing the old High School Gym as a Community Center.
    3. Rails to Trails connection with the trailhead in Thomas.
  - d. Street scape of William Avenue
6. Possible projects the CDT will be asked to address
  - a. Identification of historical sites
  - b. Economic enhancement potentials
  - c. Preservation of natural beauty
  - d. Street scape of William Ave.
  - e. Recreational opportunities: River Front Park & Community Center
  - f. Integration of Corridor H with the above objectives
7. Publicize and review the results of a CDT visit:
  - a. The County weekly paper/news releases
  - b. Channel 3 (information channel for the town)
  - c. Word of mouth (very effective in Davis)
  - d. Program introduction, presentation and follow-up at the various organizations: Rotary, Davis Renaissance, Town of Davis Council Meetings, Tuesday Night Club, etc.
  - f. Posters/flyers
  - g. Davis presently has a website with information concerning events, activities, etc. We will utilize this vehicle.
8. Responsible for coordinating, follow-through and implementation of ideas: The Davis Renaissance in cooperation with the Davis Town Council and Parks & Recreation board.