

# TOWN of ANSTED

## Brownfield Project

R. A. "Pete" Hobbs, Mayor

# Defining our Community

Our City Limits

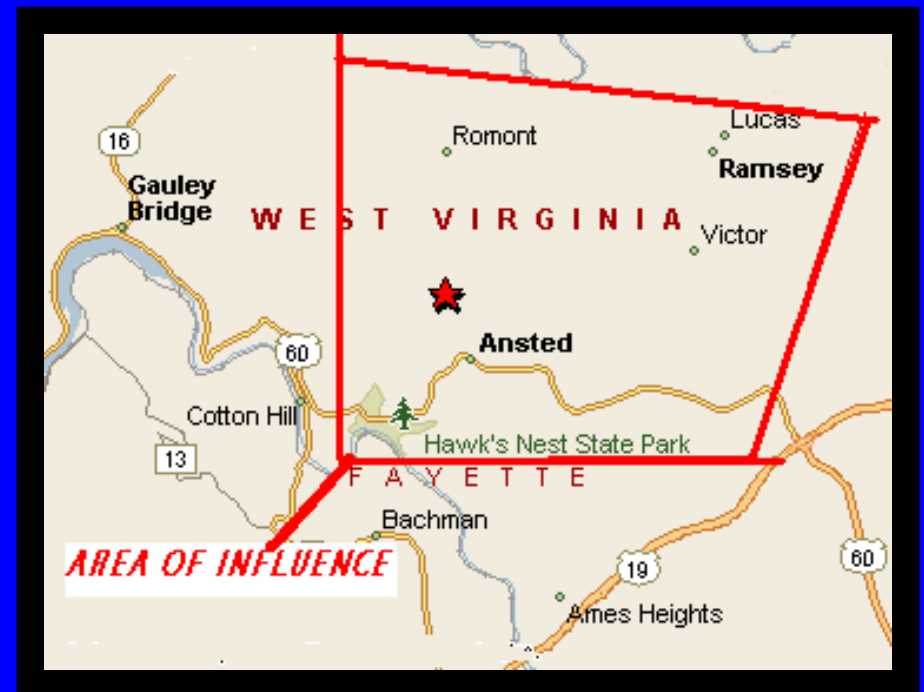
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Our Area of Influence?

# Our Community is Our Area of Influence!

Ansted, Turkey  
Creek, Victor,  
Hopewell, Russell  
Hill, Gaymount Mt.

Population  
3168 VS 1604



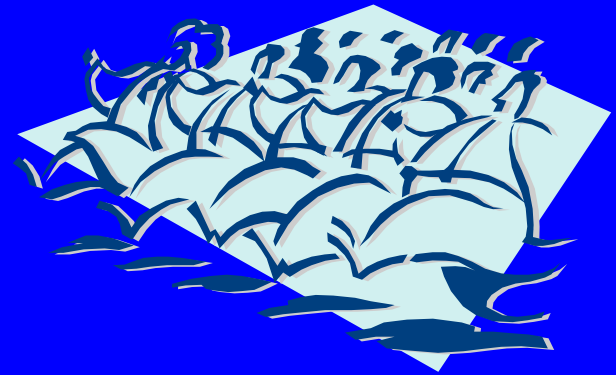
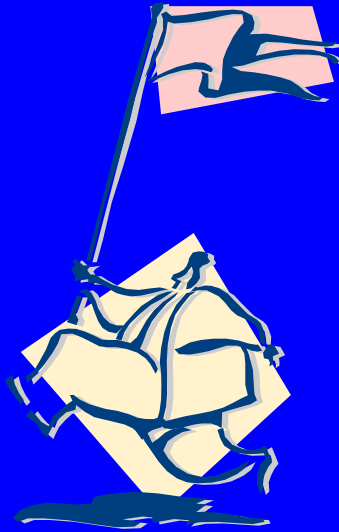
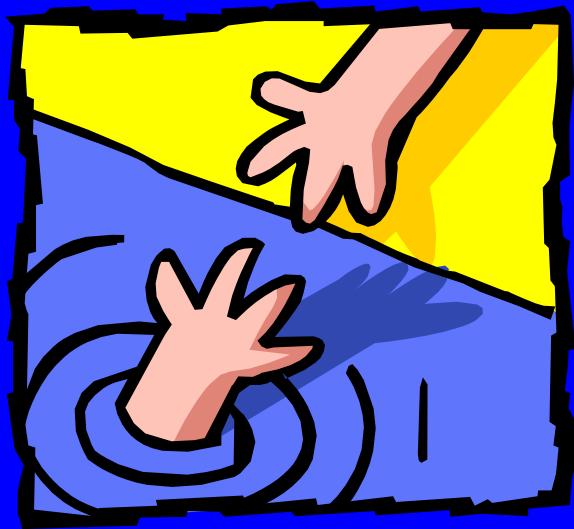
# Current Trends

- Malls on major throughways
- School consolidations
- Declining B&O taxes
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- Fixed income households
- Growth in tourism & related businesses

# Small Communities

- Are basically on their own
- Problems must be handled internally
- Get modest support from county & state
- Their future is in their own hands
- Many do not know where to begin
- Few have developed capacity for change
- All must demonstrate ability to succeed

# The Cavalry is not coming



# Ansted Capacity Development

- Public meetings
- WVU & MSU assessment
- Midland Trail high school Hi-Y survey
- Completed asset identification
- Nine people to Brushy Fork Institute
- Blueprint Community team
- Formed an economic development team ANHCIA
- Communities of Achievement team

# Vision 2020 Ansted, WV

By 2020, the community of Ansted will be identified as one of the most progressive in WV, demonstrating a climate conducive to social and economic growth which instills values and preserves those elements which make the area special – natural beauty, heritage, and our rural atmosphere. With carefully planned and sustainable growth, residents will have access to adequate housing, excellent educational resources and all basic healthcare services as well as opportunities to enhance physical and social well-being. A strong, vibrant business community and a safe, clean environment will make Ansted an attractive place to live, work, play and visit.

# Meeting the Future

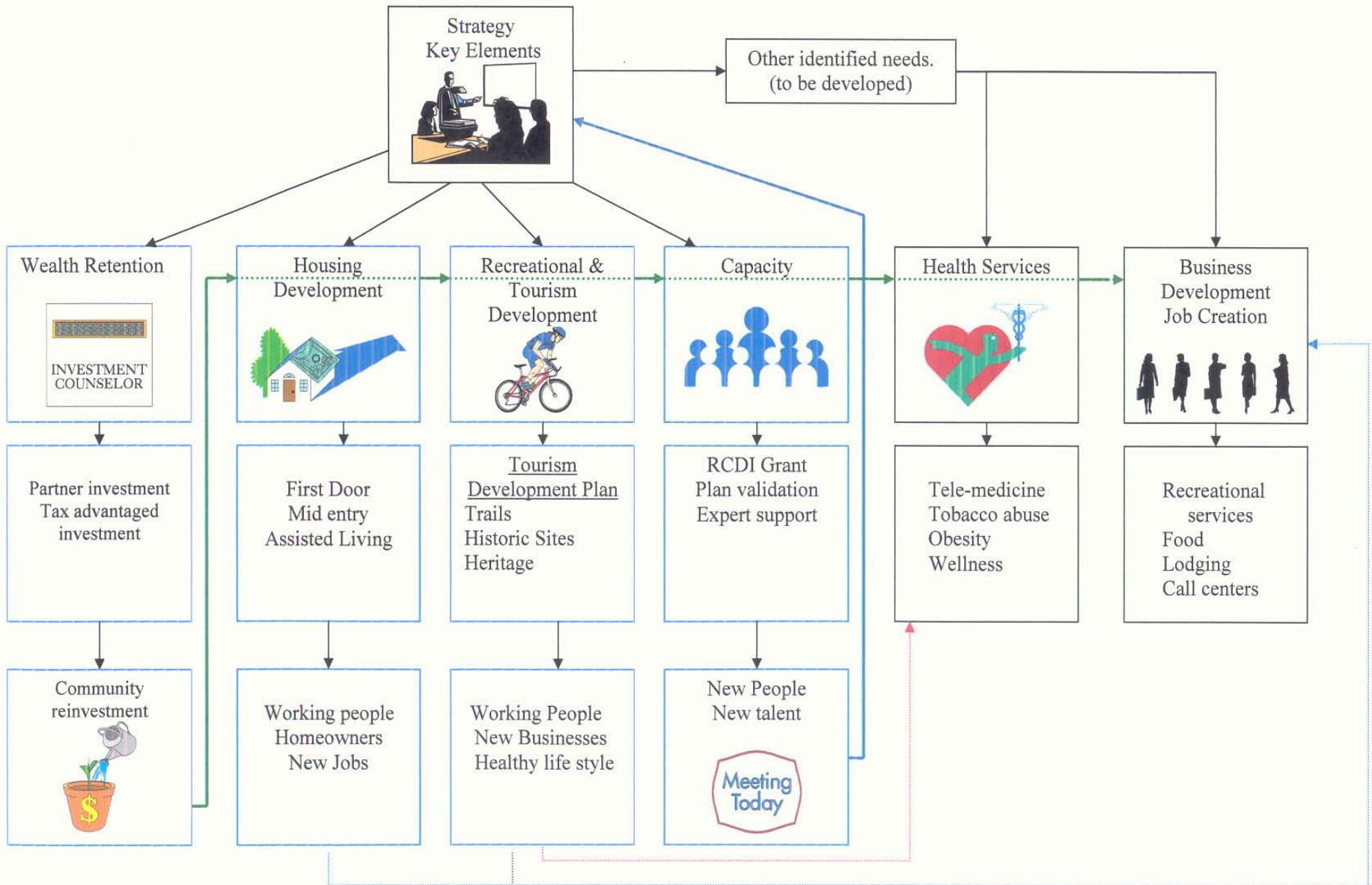
- Leverage High Speed Internet
- Create an Incubator business location
- Enable new housing
- Enable housing improvements
- Capitalize on tourism

# What is happening today?

- Partnership with National Park on trails
- New Apartments (investment)
- NSP Grant
- Comprehensive plan / zoning
- Renovation of historic Page Vawter house
- Fiber and High Speed Internet now available
- Home based business / workers

# Model for Community Development ?

# Town of Ansted Strategy & Planning



# Key Partners and Allies

- Federal Home Loan Bank / Blueprint Communities
- WV Development Office (NSP Grant)
- Central Appalachia Empowerment Zone
- County Commission
- HUB
- AIM Committee
- Chamber of Commerce
- EPA / Brownfields Assistance Center
- Elected officials Local / State / Federal

# Community of Achievement Team

- Move community objectives forward
- Develop an incubator business model and a place to house the product
- Create a technical paper for a home based internet business in northern Fayette County
- Bring new technical and professional capacity to the community

# Economic Development Focus

A project team will provide a recommendation for renovation of suitable space and detailed user requirements for city offices, a community training facility, and incubator business location to support economic development for our community of interest.



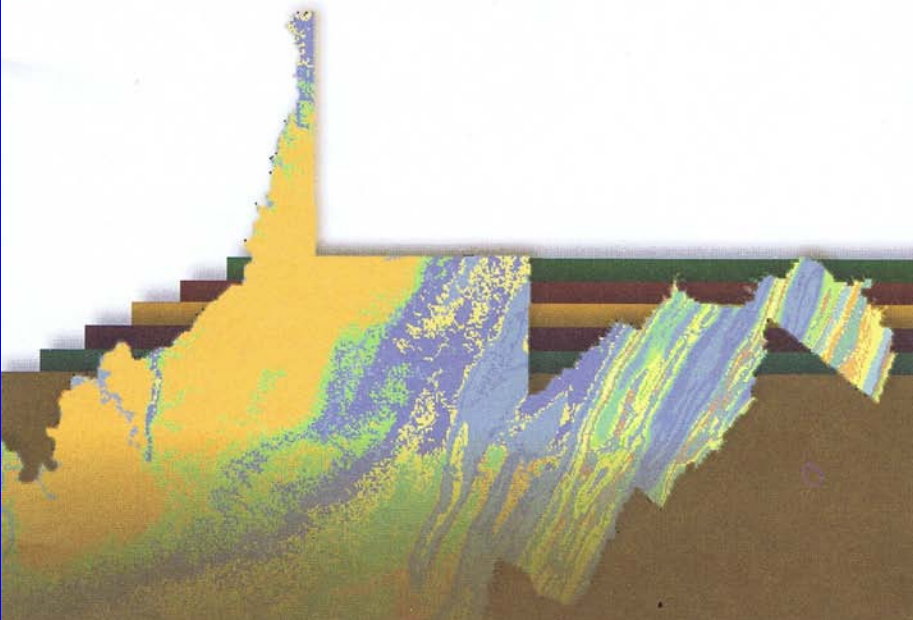
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# Brownfields Assistance Center

- Provides Coaching
- Technical support
- Removes obstacles
- Grant Support
- Enables progress / options for small communities

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