

Create Buckhannon Initiatives List

- Developed the initial 2015 City of Buckhannon Long Range Comprehensive Plan
 - Initiated surveys of citizens on their perspective of community needs
 - Held multiple citizen forums for input
 - Interviewed over 40 city, county, government and business leaders for input
 - Delivered completed LRP to City officials
- Coordinated USDA grant application for Jawbone Park
 - Worked with Region VII Planning & Development Council
 - Coordinated with City of Buckhannon
 - Grant awarded for \$250K
- Worked with various city organizations and farmers market in the design of Jawbone and held two public planning meetings in working together.
- Acquired the Latham House for historical restoration and as a potential future home of the Buckhannon Chamber & CVB offices.
 - Secured a Brownfields Grant of \$5K to assist with evaluation of the property
 - Property obtained via mortgage guarantees of individual persons.
 - Coordinated work at the house supported by various fund raisers and gifts of individuals and business owners.
 - Applied for a \$250K transportation grant to help with the restoration expense.
- Designed street signage for Buckhannon and helped pay for 18 new signs along College Avenue as a prototype.
- Worked with the city to identify key parking lot improvements and secured an approval from the State DOH to paint light standards black.
- Placed signage regarding Buckhannon supporting authors next to the city library.
- Held a Café Buckhannon for non-profits to pitch their ideas about improvements and awarded \$750.00 to aid their cause.
- Placed LED lighting on Main Street that is used year round to highlight and promote events.
- Helped to place Christmas lights and decorations on Main Street along with a Christmas tree and lighting ceremony.

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- Coordinated the acquisition of new street banners for the WV Strawberry Festival
- Host weekly meetings open to the public for various input and sharing of information.
- Started Festival Fridays in an effort to create a gathering place of local citizens and guests. Involves live music, crafters, farm produce, and food to eat. Will continue to do this every Friday until mid-October.
- Landscaped at the Main Street exit ramp off of Corridor H.
- Held 2 public sessions to design a town square at the corner of Main & Spring Streets and then submitted a grant application to allow a Town Square park to be created.
- Received the Governor's Award for Community Service by A Volunteer Group
- Completed the 15 Month, Hubcap Community Assistance Program and received \$13K in technical assistance.
- Designed, built and installed raised garden beds at the Buckhannon Senior High Rise Apartments.
- Constructed and placed way finding signage on a trash receptacle at the corner of Main and Spring Streets to direct pedestrians down side streets.
- Worked with Wesleyan College to assist with way finding signage placed on existing trash bins around the campus.
- 2 sessions of B-U Citizens Leadership Institute of Gov. Affairs
- 2 sessions of Upshur County Citizen's Firefighters Academy
- Forensic Mondays program for young adults and local community youth which lasts for 15 weeks
- B-U Youth Citizens Leadership Institute of Governmental Affairs for local high school.