

DURANT
COMMUNITY
YOUTH FORUM

DURANT HIGH SCHOOL

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HOLMES COUNTY

MISSISSIPPI

ISSUES	WORLD WIDE RECONSTRUCTION PLAN					HOPE for YEAR 2000
	WORK-UP PERIOD / PLANNING STAGE			ACTION / MATURING STAGE		
	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	
POVERTY	Willing to work better leadership	more jobs agriculture discoveries	Life style change from old to modern	cut unneeded benefits, welfare etc.	Poverty prevention plan developed and used	POVERTY Wiped OUT
ENERGY SHORTAGE	need to conserve	scientist get involved in finding new sources	govt. limits energy supply	"Save energy days" using only natural energy	Energy use cut	NEW SOURCE OF ENERGY
INFLATION	cost of living high	cost of petroleum decreases	unemployment cut	manufacture of need products		COST OF LIVING GOES DOWN
POLLUTION	Smoke in air	Lake Michigan is cleaned up	water pollution is control	Roads are being cleaned	Miss River is clean	NO POLLUTION
OVER- POPULATION	More Teaching of Sex Education	Family Planning	More Effective Contraceptives	Wisdom	Wisdom	Decrease of Population
UNEMPLOYMENT	More land brought for factories	Foundation laid for Factories	Foundation laid for Houses	Factories Built + Jobs issued	Unemployment rates drop 75%	FULL EMPLOYMENT
CRIME	Crime at Peak	Shoplifting & rapes decrease	number of law enforcement officers increase	Crime has decreased 85%	Crime under control in most areas	CRIME HAS STOPPED
MODERNIZATION	Things are very unmodern	types of transportation improve	different sources of energy	better educa- tion & more money circulating	Civilization will increase in pop.	MODERNIZATION HAS COME UP TO STANDARDS

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

In the arena of job opportunities the following conditions exist: 1) lack of jobs 2) some people don't want to work, 3) local factories hire out of town people. This indicates the underlying challenge of creating a skills center to train people so that they can get off welfare.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

In the arena of recreational activities the following conditions exist: 1) officials are too old and cannot reach agreements on recreational issues and the lack of funds. This indicates the underlying challenge of creating recreational facilities for teenagers while waiting for grants to build large center. This is illustrated by people roaming the streets with nothing to do.

HEALTH CARE

In the arena of health care the following conditions exist: 1) town is too small and the people don't pull together to try to get new doctors, 2) Doctors don't want to come because of population. This indicates the underlying challenge of doctors thinking that there is not enough money in this town. This is illustrated by no nursing home and a lack of jobs.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

In the arena of responsible government the fact that people are willing to talk about it but no one is willing to take over the job indicates the underlying challenge is too many people in town are satisfied with the way the town is now. This is illustrated by the leaky roof in Jr. High and lack of jobs and encouragement for factories to come.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

In the arena of improving the school facilities the fact that there's not enough money and some people don't think the school really needs repairing indicates the underlying challenge of making our school a higher priority on people's list of needed changes.

In order to let people of Durant experience a day at Durant High School we propose to have people look at the parking lot on a rainy day.

In order to get together all the people or teenagers in town who want to help on health we propose to form a group that will be willing to study under a professional.

In order to improve job opportunities in our community we propose to have student representative group go and talk to president of industry.

In order to move forward in our town we propose to go and talk to the city officials and tell them our needs and wants.

In order to update the school we propose to let adults of community experience a school day at DHS with its parking lot and non-air conditioned building.

In order to clean up city parks we propose to show our concern for more recreation.

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