

Achieving the Vision 2005

- Rallied more than 2,000 residents, at every level and across every sector of the community to develop a vision that reflects the true values and aspirations of the Northern Kentucky region
- Winner of the Alliance for Regional Stewardship Organizational Champion Award for the community engagement process undertaken to create the Vision 2015 plan

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Achieving the Vision 2006

- Formation of the Regional Stewardship Council charged with the implementation of the Vision 2015 plan
- Hired a small professional staff of four to support the Regional Stewardship Council and to promote the understanding within organizations agreeing to implement Vision 2015 goals and strategies
- Partnered with United Way to expand the nationally renowned early childhood initiative, Success By 6, to Grant, Kenton and Campbell Counties
- Partnered with the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to highlight and leverage the Chamber's advocacy goals related to the community's wishes expressed in the Vision 2015 plan
- Supported Children, Inc's community-wide service learning initiative. Currently, 2,400 teachers are trained in service learning; over 20,000 children have participated in a service learning project and 120 community partners are engaged in the work
- Supported and integrated the work of Strive in the Covington and Newport School Districts

Achieving the Vision 2007

- Held the first ever Celebration of Philanthropy to recognize the volunteer and philanthropic efforts of individuals, businesses and other organizations who give back to the community. The Celebration, sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Vision 2015 and Children, Inc. is now NKY's premier philanthropic event
- Partnered with LilyPad to obtain additional wireless hotspots throughout Northern Kentucky
- Co-hosted a community education summit with more than 800 community members and based on comments from the summit built an action plan focused on early literacy skills for children (the beginnings of the One to One program expansion in NKY)
- Continued to bring awareness around education issues through public campaigns, like the United Way Born Learning Public Engagement Campaign
- Supported Covington residents in changing the name of 12th Street to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Developed a united effort to raise funds in support of the Vision 2015 goals

Achieving the Vision 2008

- Shared the Vision 2015 planning process and structure as a model for Cincinnati as they built what would become Agenda 360
- Launched the Catalytic Development Funding Corporation (CDFC) to increase investment in the urban core
- Commissioned and completed a comprehensive master plan for linking and building parks, greenways and trails along the Licking River corridor
- Supported community led efforts to unify police services in Highland Heights and Southgate
- Piloted *One to One Practicing Reading with Students*, a program focused on helping struggling readers gain the primary literacy skills necessary to succeed
- Launched the Center for Educator Excellence created to recruit, retain and train exceptional educators
- Launched www.NKYHelps.org, an online resource for volunteerism hosted by The Enquirer. The site has grown to over 340,000 unique page views; 172 registered organizations posting volunteer opportunities and over 1,500 registered volunteers
- Launched the NKY Forum, in conjunction with the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and Legacy, a public platform designed to address community topics in a neighbor-to-neighbor discussion format
- Developed the Northern Kentucky Champions for Education, community members focusing on advocacy for quality education for all children in our region. Currently more than 1,200 Champions are engaged

Achieving the Vision 2009

- Partnered with Agenda 360 to engage regional experts in the creation of a common scorecard to report progress toward the region's goals as identified by the Vision 2015 and Agenda 360 processes
- Completed an assessment of the health and social needs of the region, including strategies and resources. Implementation will be carried forward under the oversight of the NKY Chamber's Health Initiatives Council
- Released the Child Health in Northern Kentucky report done by Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The report received great media attention and will be used to influence provider programs
- Developed an alternative route teaching program for retiring executives with experience in the science, technology, engineering and math disciplines. Leadership was provided by the Center for Educator Excellence, Duke Energy, and Northern Kentucky University (NKU)
- Expanded the *One to One Practicing Reading with Students* initiative to 26 schools — a total of 300 volunteers have been recruited and trained as literacy coaches. The Partnership at New Cities will continue to expand the program
- Success By 6, Northern Kentucky University and the Council of Partners joined together to develop a consensus driven definition of kindergarten readiness and identified two appropriate kindergarten screening tools
- Development of LaunchPad by NKU and NKY Tri-ED to carry out the Economic Competitiveness goals of Vision 2015. LaunchPad is designed to systematically assess the growth needs of the region's medium and large businesses. The data gathered will offer the region a critical opportunity to assess the performance of its portfolio of companies and to evaluate the competitiveness of the region with national and regional benchmarks
- Launch of the NKU Accelerate Program which offers a series of certificates, seminars, and workshops on topics that regional companies have identified as important to their ongoing competitiveness
- Launch of the NKU Institute for Nonprofit Capacity (INC). INC provides capacity building solutions for the nonprofit sector that leverage NKU's unique programmatic and intellectual assets