

# LaPorte County Rural Summit

Purdue Extension LaPorte County, Leadership LaPorte County Inc., and the Unity Foundation organized and conducted LaPorte County's first ever rural summit November 12, 2007. Eighty-two leaders from 13 small communities came together for the all-day event to gather information, share ideas and to participate in a strategic planning session. Twelve \$250 mini-grants were awarded by the Unity Foundation to individual communities to help fund a community development project in their town and/or township. An evaluation showed the summit helped increase networking among community leaders, assisted in building collaboration, served as a starting point for community improvement and helped identify important issues. LaPorte County Rural Summit 2 was held October 28, 2008 as a follow-up to the first summit.

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