

Achieving the Vision 2010

- 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
- Under the convening leadership of United Way, along with Agenda 360, Vision 2015, Northern Kentucky Education Council, the Strive Partnership, Southwest Ohio Regional Workforce Investment Board, the Health Improvement Collaborative, and Health Care Access Now, community level Bold Goals for Income, Education and Health were developed. These Bold Goals represent a system-wide approach to large-scale change and go beyond just one population or group; they represent an integrated community-based approach to systematic achievement of overarching community challenges
- The Economic Competitiveness Working Group was launched in Spring, 2010. The group is comprised of representatives from Tri-ED, NKY Chamber of Commerce, NKITA, Workforce Development, E-Zone, Vision 2015, and other economic development organizations, as well as NKU's Center for Economic Analysis and Development. The goal is to bring together those involved in attraction, retention, innovation/ entrepreneurship, international trade, and workforce development to engage in data-based discussions aimed at developing actionable programs to increase our regional competitiveness
- The Water Technology Innovation Cluster (WTIC) was launched and received national attention. The purpose of the WTIC is to develop and commercialize innovative technologies to solve environmental challenges and spur sustainable economic development and job creation related to all aspects of the water industry
- Under the convening of Vision 2015 and with the support of the education, business and not-for-profit communities, the Northern Kentucky Education Council launched in Fall 2010. The Council addresses program alignment and student transition from birth through post-secondary education. In 2010, it was awarded \$250,000 over two years from the Forum for Youth Investment as a Ready by 21 Southeast Challenge site
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati Success By 6 worked with Kenton County Schools and Northern Kentucky University to develop the bornlearning™ Academy. The Academy is a workshop that teaches parents and caregivers of children, age 0-5, how to turn everyday moments into learning opportunities. This year, 16 schools in Northern Kentucky are hosting bornlearning™ Academies. Schools and families are building important partnerships early in order to create effective transitions to school.
- In order to sustain the implementation of the health needs assessment, launched in 2009, an Access to Care Team was formed. The team is comprised of leaders from all major health providers in Northern Kentucky: St. Elizabeth Healthcare, HealthPoint, Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, NorthKey and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, as well as HealthCare Access Now, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Vision 2015
- A Northern Kentucky health care access index was developed to identify highly concentrated pockets of low income populations and to determine our local medical providers' capacity to serve Medicaid recipients and/or the uninsured
- An inventory of community organizations and collaborations addressing obesity, nutrition and physical activity initiatives was compiled through the work of the implementation team and the Northern Kentucky regional chapter of the Partnership for a Fit Kentucky
- The Licking River Greenway and Trails received funding for the first phases of paved trail along the levee flood wall in Covington. The project also received funding from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and Kenton Conservancy for greenway restoration. More than 175 people volunteered during greenway restoration days in 2010. An inter-local agreement between Covington, Wilder and Taylor Mill is in place to govern the project, and design standards have been finalized and adopted
- The Catalytic Development Funding Corporation and Vision 2015, convened real estate professionals, elected officials, city staff and other partners in the Covington Housing Summit. This effort supported and fostered planning, prioritization and best practices around issues related to residential real estate development
- Vision 2015, The Northern Kentucky Area Development District and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce released a study that examines and showcases how our region's governments have succeeded in collaboration efforts over the last decade. A unique interviewing process with more than 30 local government officials including all eight Judges Executive, led the sponsoring organizations to rally around a policy agenda focused on centralizing emergency dispatch, simplifying occupational license tax, and changing current statutes to encourage cost-effective collaboration among governments