

TRForward...Envisioning Tomorrow's TRF Today.

There's a movement happening in Thief River Falls and it's called "TRForward...Envisioning Tomorrow's TRF Today." The intent of TRForward is to help move our community toward the future with a clear vision, purpose, and direction. It's an exciting opportunity for everyone living in this area to be involved with creating a vision and direction for the future of Thief River Falls.

Recently the Center for Community Stewardship, a group specializing in teaching communities how to grow through their own assets, spent two days with a group of community members who had gathered to learn how to better plan for the future and, more importantly, how to move in that direction. Group members came from all different walks of life – from students to parents and grandparents; from business owners to educators and manufacturers. Representing a broad cross-section of the TRF area, this group has one thing in common - the desire to participate in moving our fine city forward. Before this group can begin, however, they need input from the citizens of TRF and the surrounding area.

When thinking about the future of our city, what comes to your mind? Better roads and safer bridges? More snowmobile or bike paths? How about a new Aquatic or Recreation Center? What about cutting edge healthcare facilities or multi-faceted educational opportunities? You may be concerned about creating an improved business climate, revitalizing downtown, or improving the utilization of current assets. Others may think of increasing Fine Arts and cultural opportunities. The list could go on and on!

Exciting, isn't it? And in these tough times we need something to look forward to, to work toward, and to come together for. TRForward is not about increasing taxes, fundraising, or seeking donations. It is about everyone in the community giving their input, their opinions, their ideas, and their dreams. Simply put, TRForward is about an entire community accomplishing the future.

To help the TRForward team learn what Thief River Falls means to *you* and what *you* want it to be, take a moment over the next several weeks to answer a few questions about this community that is our home. The questions can be found on www.citytrf.net and at various other locations throughout the city of TRF. Your answers can be submitted online, placed into a drop box next to the questions, or given to any member of the TRForward team.

Helping the residents of the Thief River Falls area better utilize their community's assets to create an even more desirable community to live and work in...that's what TRForward is all about.

