In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed.

The project involved updating existing fields and outdoor facilities for the Forest City Schools and Waldorf College -
- Waldorf Bolstorf Synthetic Turf Field & Lights - Completed in 2011
- Forest City Football Synthetic Turf and Resurfaced Track - Completed 2012
- Forest City & Waldorf Synthetic Turf Softball and Baseball Fields - 2013
- Forest City & Waldorf 8 Lane Track - 2014

This outdoor sports facility improvement project was a 3.4 million dollar investment into the community and was a shared vision and partnership among the Forest City School District, Waldorf College and the City of Forest City. This was a four phase project that included: the installation of turf at four facilities, resurfacing of the running track at two facilities and added lighting at the college football, and updated softball and baseball fields.

Field and facility improvements were necessary to retain and grow athletic programs at Waldorf College, improve deteriorating field conditions at the Forest City School, and expand Forest City recreational programming for residents. With a growing community, the demand for outdoor recreation has increased. To meet the need, Forest City leaders committed to shared services concept and created community partnerships that included this shared projects, services, staff and facilities to meet the growing demand for sports facilities.

**Project Funding and Execution:**

**Total Cost/Projected Cost of Project:** $3.4 million

or [ ] no cost

List where funding came from (grants, donations, city funds, etc.)

City of Forest City 287,500 - Waldorf College 584,630 -Forest City Schools 584,630 -Hanson Foundation 1,937,750.

[ ]

Total time project took/projected to take for completion:

(To qualify project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013)

Construction began 2011

Start date

Summer 2014

End date

or [ ] Project is ongoing

**Resources**

Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information. Do NOT include supplemental paper information. Only information on this form or the sites listed will be used in the judging process.

http://www.waldorfwarriors.com/article/873.php
Explain the specific role of your city in this project.
The City of Forest City was a key partner in the success of this project. The City provided information, resources and support to ensure the projects success. Early on, the City took a leadership role in its commitment to the shared services concept. As this project developed, the financial contribution by the City was clearly seen as benefiting the community for years to come.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The completion of this project will benefit students and residents for many years. This project provides state-of-the-art fields and facilities for the school sports and Forest City residents. Beyond enhancing the quality of the education experience, the fields and facilities themselves are a recruiting tool for both schools. The improvements expand the City's ability to recruit tournaments and meets, enhancing our tourism potential. The fields are updated to turf, there are two new resurfaced tracks and updated Ball diamonds creating safer conditions for all types of recreational activities.

From an economic development perspective, these updated recreational facilities will bring large numbers of families and spectators to Forest City who will make purchases, thereby boosting income for local businesses.

Due to the success of this major shared services project, the concept of sharing facilities, services, staff and equipment among local entities has spread among other areas of the community and has creating new projects that are in development, paving a pathway for growth for Forest City.

**People’s Choice Caption** *(not used during judging process)*
If your city is not selected as a winner in their population category, this photo caption will be used in a bracket-style tournament on social media to select the winner of the People’s All-Star. Limit one sentence.

Shared Vision - Shared Services success in Forest City, Iowa!

**Signatures:** *(Must be signed to be eligible. Most members print to sign)*