City: Keosauqua

Title of Project: Van Buren Community Pool

City's Population: 1,006

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

After the closing of the pool in 2013, the community and City of Keosauqua rallied together to build a new pool community pool in 2016. Providing our children a safe and clean place to learn to swim was important to the city and citizens. Now young and old can enjoy the new pool, slide, swim lessons and water aerobics.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:

After a group of community minded citizens started the "Save the Pool" fund to raise money to build a new public pool, the City became the catalyst to ensure the completion of the project and further the fundraising efforts. The City of Keosauqua is responsible for operating and maintaining the Van Buren Community Swimming Pool. Providing Keosauqua with another vital amenity to encourage people to live, work and play in Keosauqua.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?

The Van Buren Community Pool will benefit all members of our community by providing a place for children and adults to swim, exercise and socialize in a healthy and positive environment. The city of Keosauqua is committed to being a vibrant and thriving small town and is constantly striving to create progressive opportunities to attract and retain our dynamic population.

Total cost of project: $860,000

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

$521,000 Grants, $160,000 Businesses, $107,000 Individuals, $71,000 City Funds

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016):

September 2015 to May 2016
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Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

Facebook - Van Buren Community Pool