PRIMA CIVITAS
FOUNDATION

Working Together to Help Communities Re-Envision their Future

Conveners:

Prima Civitas Foundation

Engineering Society of Detroit Institute

Michigan State University : Extension and Land Policy Institute

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PSC PUBLIC SECTOR CONSULTANTS

Supporters:

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Consumers Energy Count on Us

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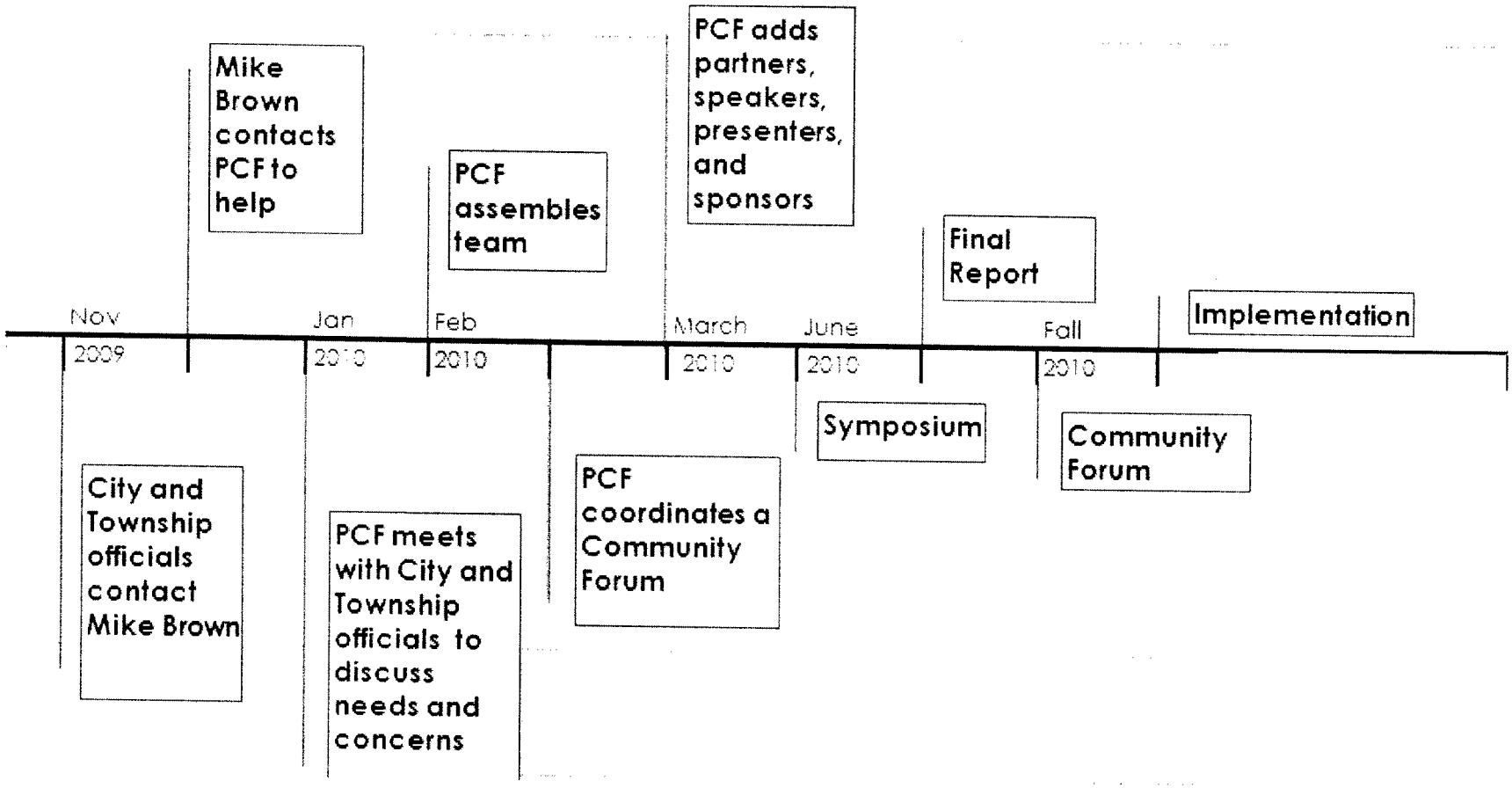
PRIMA CIVITAS

- Facilitate collaborative partnerships between government, educational organizations, and businesses.
- Our programs emphasize business retention and development, job growth, wealth creation, higher quality of life, educational opportunities, and strong community identity for Michigan and its residents.
- What are we doing to help Michigan?
  - Employment and Training: M-PaTH
  - Economic Diversification: Manufacturers
  - Entrepreneurs: Moving Ideas to Market
  - Communities: Municipal Services
  - Talent Retention: Intern in Michigan
  - Regional Collaboration: Mid-Michigan Innovation Team

Davison Press

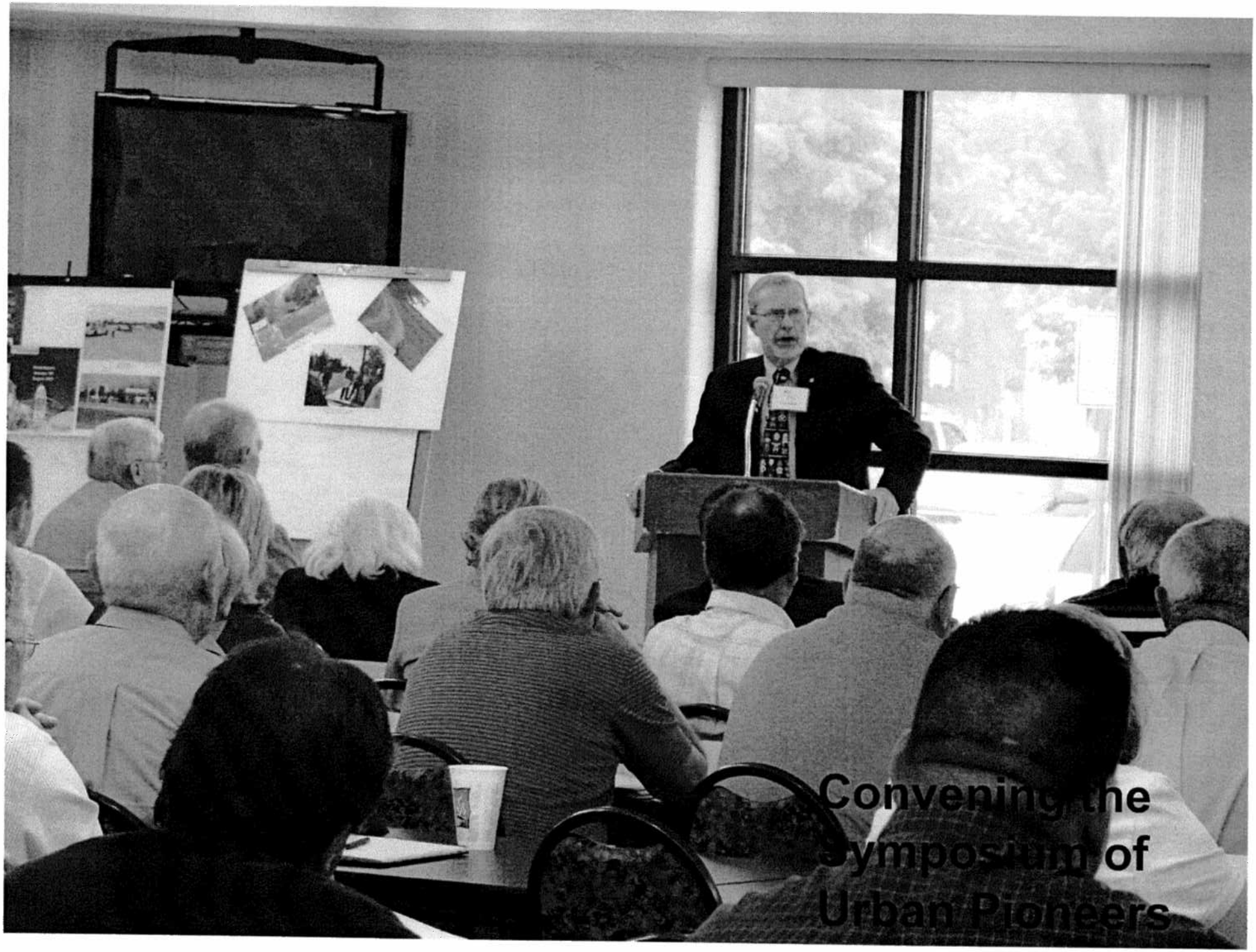
- "During the past several months, however, Martin along with Soper have been engaged in discussions revolving around consolidating the two governments entirely – the goal being that it could possibly cut city taxes drastically and improve services for township residents." –Sarah Fish, Davison Index (Jan. 28, 2010)
- "I just think we need to jump into it and try something new and unique…I think we need to try something bold." –Dale Martin, City of Davison Manager
- "…more formal talks are expected in February on cooperative cost-saving moves involving municipal services." –George Jaksa, Mlive.com (Jan. 31, 2010)
- "Martin and Soper find it critical the concept go to a vote of the people, however they are looking at nontraditional ways of going about the merger which would make Davison the largest city, land-wise, in Genesee County." - Sarah Fish, Davison Index (Feb. 4, 2010)
- "[the people] hoping that maybe positioning their community to enhance economic development could bring their children home." –Sarah Fish, Davison Index (Feb. 25, 2010)

Chronology of Events



Symposium Presentations

- Michigan's Economic Transformation – Charles Ballard, MSU
- Michigan Local Government Fiscal Challenges – Mark Skidmore, MSU
- The New Economy – Soji Adelaja, Land Policy Institute
- Services and Finances of the Community – Armen Hratchian, Public Sector Consultants
- Snapshot of Where the Community is – Derek Bradshaw



Convening the Symposium of Urban Pioneers

Process of Symposium (Day 1)

Breakfast and Networking

Presentations

*Overview of Symposium
*Michigan's economy
*Davison Facts and Figures
*Q&A

Brainstorming

*Mega Question
*Identifying what is intriguing - sticker process

Formation of Breakouts

- Gov't Structures 1
- Gov't Structures 2
- Service Delivery
- Econ Dev. & Education

Reception

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Brainstorming:
"sticker process"

Process of Symposium (Day 2)

Breakfast and Networking

Group Facilitator Reports

Gov't Structures 1

Gov't Structures 2

Service Delivery

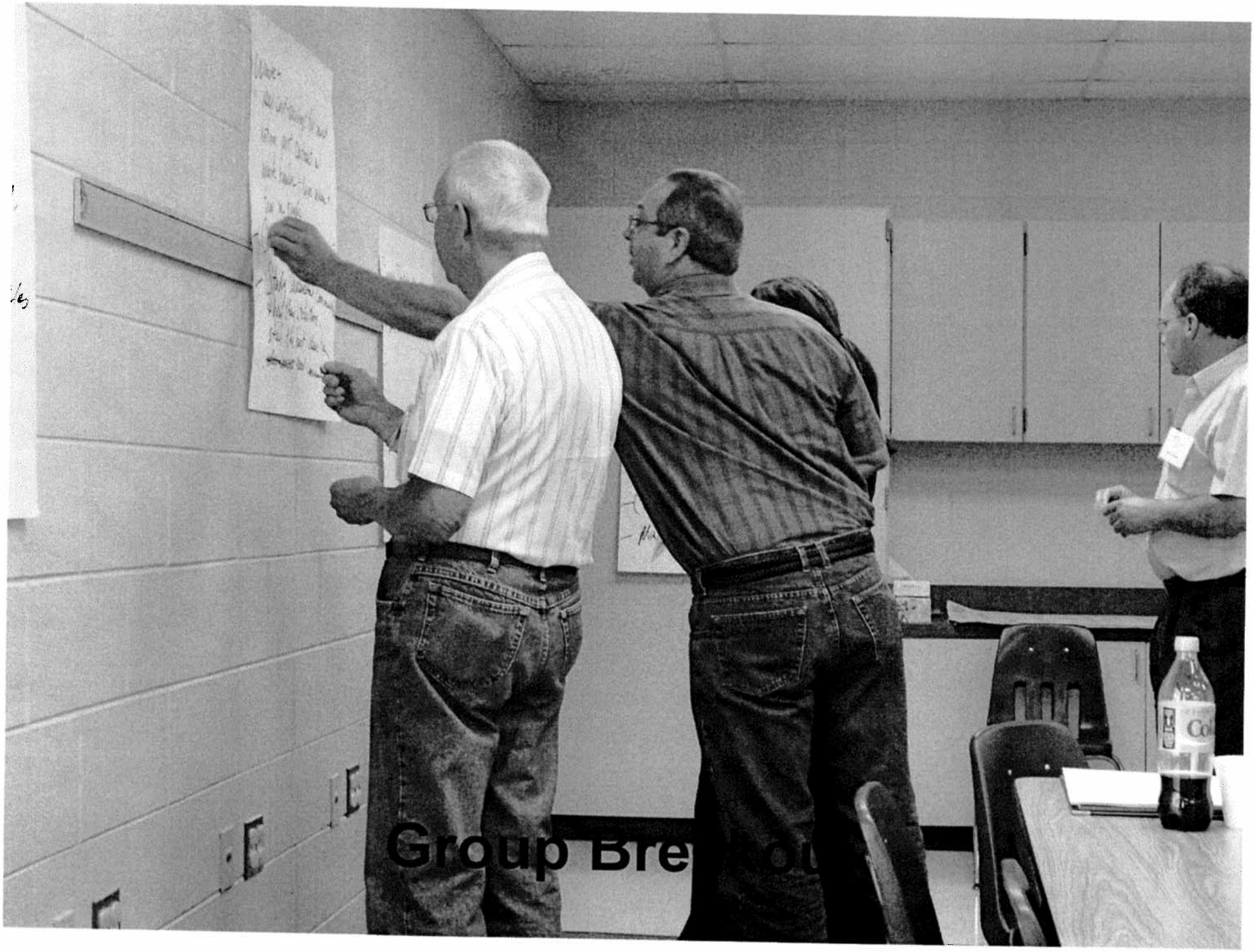
Econ Dev. & Education

*Group Breakouts
*Action Plan
*RASI Evaluations

Facilitator Reports on Group Findings

Next Steps

Closing Reception


Group Bre

Outcomes

- Steering committee
- Joint master plan
- Public forum on new economy and symposium results
- Community education campaign
  - Local financial crisis and impact on services
  - Positioning Davison in the new economy
- Branding/Marketing of Davison as an innovative community (48423)

What's Next?

- Final Report
- Presentation to local governing bodies
- Community forum on economic transformation
- Possible legislative changes
- New economy