

Town of Troutman – Town Council and Staff Retreat

Friday, February 26, 2016
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Lake Norman State Park – Visitor Center

Objective: Town Council to seek as much agreement as possible on community and economic development and feasible steps for the desired change.

1. Focus on:
 - a) Main Street/Downtown
 - b) Having more light industrial businesses
2. Keep in mind: feasibility means limited resources – tax rate, bond rating, grants (and consideration of other possible in-kind community assistance)

Agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic or Activity</i>	<i>Notes</i>
8:30	Call to Order, Welcome, Retreat Success Factors, Team Work and Effective Participation	Reference/handout: Six Thinking Hats
9:15	Thinking Troutman - What's possible? What do we want? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Main Street/Downtown o More light industrial businesses 	Six Thinking Hats – Red, Green or Yellow Hats
10:15	Break	
10:30	Troutman 2026 + What is Underway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Town Council Vision – agreement and differences o Programs and staff work priorities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is underway b) What is possible – initial preferences 	Six Thinking Hats – Green and White Hats
11:30	Effective Communication, Roles and Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Council, Mayor, Staff 	
12:15	Lunch	
12:45	From Dream to Reality <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Assets and Limitations b) Town government direct control c) Community resources – where do they fit? d) Outside resources – where do they fit? 	Six Thinking Hats – White and Black Hats
1:40	Break	
1:55	Next Steps: 2016, 2017 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Seek Agreement: “To Do” List b) Could do – more investigation or contingencies? c) Cut back or stop doing 	
3:00	Mini-Stretch Summarize – Key points <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Vision b) Next Steps c) Points of agreement and differences 	
3:20	Evaluation of the Retreat	
3:30	Adjourn	