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Stockton and Pierce City

In May 2003 a series of tornadoes swept Southern Kansas and Southwestern Missouri, devastating a number of small, rural communities in both states. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) performed an assessment of the impact on those communities in June 2003 and recommended the cities of Stockton and Pierce city receive further largely undefined federal and state recovery assistance. In July 2003 as a result of that recommendation and, after discussions between FEMA Region 7 and the State of Missouri, an ATCS long-term recovery (LTR) planning team of approximately twenty engineers, architects, landscape architects and planners mobilized to Pierce City and Stockton. This effort and the ATCS team was one of a series of pilot initiatives designed to provide assessment, planning assistance and implementation support to these communities. The ATCS team spent six weeks in Missouri performing recovery planning with a heavy emphasis on community input and participation.

City of Caruthersville & Pemiscot County

In response to the severe destruction of the April 2, 2006 tornado, FEMA and the State of Missouri initiated a Community Long Term Recovery Initiative designed to provide additional resources and planning services in support of the areas recovery efforts. The ATCS team was selected by FEMA to undertake this challenge. The ATCS recovery team directed a highly intensive six-week process involving multiple meetings and discussions between the ATCS planning team, local officials, business owners, civic groups, and citizens. Hundreds of neighbors either turned out for the community meetings or stopped by the planning office to share their ideas on how to rebuild Caruthersville and Pemiscot County. ATCS promoted community participation and the community responded with their comments either in person or in a written form. These interactions were an invaluable source of input and feedback used to refine and prioritize the projects within the plan.