



Mississippi State Community Action Team (MSCAT)

MSU Goal (FutureState 2015):

“To promote economic development that contributes to a better quality of life in Mississippi by integrating and organizing the university’s extensive capabilities and forming relationships with communities and corporations throughout Mississippi to support creation and retention of high quality employment opportunities for the state’s citizens.”

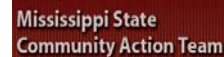


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MSCAT was created as a service (outreach) unit to assist communities across the state with community/economic development issues

[Expanding the borders of the campus with respect to community and economic development to include the entire State of Mississippi.]

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1. Identifying opportunities for MSU faculty, staff and students to partner with *communities* to address local issues.
2. Identifying specific resources within MSU to address specific issues.
3. Facilitating engagement (mobilizing teams)



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Economic & Community Development Project Examples

- C & G Rail Study
- Studio School
- Mission Eggcellence
- Commission on the Future of Port Gibson and Claiborne County
- First Impressions communities



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“First Impressions: A Community Visitation and Improvement Program”

(Precursor to Mississippi Main Street program)

Attributes evaluated include:
amenities, housing, healthcare,
education, retail shopping,
industry, infrastructure, religion,
civic activity, recreation/tourism,
citizen attitudes.



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