Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Partnership

A New Model for Creating Sustainable Communities
Grassroots & Groundwork Conference
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Presentation Preview
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Take Home Message
By the end of this session you should discover how building a Resilient Region provides opportunities and can provide a pathway to reduce poverty.

The Issue
Region 5 is the only region in the state of Minnesota where all 5 counties are classified as economically distressed.
Critical Issues
- Population growth and out-migration.
- Family farms disappearing.
- Pressure on natural resources.
- Economically distressed area.

Issue - Regional Sustainability
By definition, sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Who Are We

What We Did
We began to identify the housing, land use, economic development, and transportation needs and issues for our region.
What We Did

We identified potential scenarios. What evolved was: A) abundance, B) bootstrap, C) current trends, and D) doomsday.

Indicators of Success

- Housing Growth Patterns
- Redevelopment - Infill/reuse
- Connectivity
- Energy Conservation
- Water Quality
- Exposure to Environmental Hazards
- Transportation - VMTs
- Diversification of Economic Engines

Indicators of Success

- Access to Food
- Maintain Agricultural Lands & Open Space
- PCPs and NP per 1,000
- Access to Open Space
- Affordable Housing
- Combined Housing and Transportation Costs

Now we are …

- Refining Recommendations
- Determining Success Indicators
- Identifying Champions

And we will be …

- Presenting the Final Plan
- Celebrating Our Success so far
Accomplishments … thus far
- Housing
- Transportation
- Land-use
- Economic Development

Population Targets

County Targets

Sector Profile

creating a
Resilient Region

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Lessons Learned ...
1. Civic Engagement
2. Maintaining momentum
3. Developing common goals
4. Managing the process
5. Addressing political opposition

Replication -- Resilient Region Toolkit

Use available resources:
www.resilientregion.org

Start the conversations now:
www.incommons.org
www.mpr.org

Summary -- q&a
How does building a Resilient Region have the potential to reduce poverty?
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