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## **HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Plan**

## **HUD Update**

In the fall of 2010 the Region Five Development Commission received a HUD grant. The grant supports a multi-jurisdictional planning effort and will be used to build economic competitiveness throughout the region. The areas of focus are housing, transportation, economic development and land use. A series of updates will follow the accomplishments of this planning effort and let you know about the exciting things that are happening in the region.

The issues and opportunities faced by businesses, local governments and citizens are commonly shared throughout the region. Twenty-six activities in the focus areas are being addressed.

## **Todd County Food Processing Facility: Business Plan Developed**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners recently initiated the research and final proposal for a new Senior Citizen's Center in Eagle Bend, MN. The Center will serve as a hub for Meals on Wheels and the Bundled Services Program, as well as preparation and delivery of meals contracted through the Eagle Valley School District and the Todd County Jail. This Center also has the potential for a local foods processing facility as well as other initiatives that will engage local farmers, the elderly, students, and the community at large.

The proposal was completed by R5DC in collaboration with Burkett Consulting, LLC in December 2011, and has recently been included in the Senate Bonding Bill.

## **Stay Tuned More to Come!**

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