Round 4: Celebration
August 14, 2012

Welcome!

August 14 Consortium Meeting

R5DC Resilient Region Plan

Is a
Community Driven
University Assisted
Partnership

Pursuing E²
Economic and Environmental Vitality

Mission

To create a community-driven, university-assisted partnership around planning sustainable regions that will integrate the disciplines of Housing, Transportation, Natural Environment (Land Use) and Economic Development with viable strategies through HIGHLY involved civic engagement....

What we will do today

• Review how we got here
• Present the finished plan
• Hear from our special guests
• Next steps/Champions
• Celebrate our success

Resilient Region Project Work Flow

Civil Discussions were Key!

• Speak your Peace, Duluth Superior Community Foundation.
• The Nominal Process, the Initiative Foundation.
• Focused Listening, Inclusiveness, Mutual Respect and Sharing Perspectives.

The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan

For more information
See www.resilientregion.org
**The Plan, Eleven Themes**

1. Affordable Housing
2. Housing
3. Changing Populations
4. Connectivity
5. Education & Workforce
6. Energy
7. Health Care
8. Natural Resources & Development Patterns
9. Tighter Resources
10. Transportation
11. Economic Engines

Recommendations and Action Steps spelled out for each theme

**More than 600 Engaged**

**$4 Million Dollars Leveraged for Implementation!**

**Some Samples of Success!**

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**Housing**

- Brainerd Area “Scattered Site Replacement Program”
  - Brainerd HRA, Crow Wing County HRA, Greater Lakes Association of Realtors, Greater MN Housing Fund and Initiative Foundation
- Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA)
- Housing Tool designed by Zach Tagar, UM.

**Affordable Housing Location/ Allocation Model**

- Informs the regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment.
- The model seeks to answer the question: “how many affordable housing units should be created where?”

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The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan
Active Transportation Grant
- Walking and biking identified as 1 of 4 key issues in transportation
- Partnerships
- Low Health Ranking
- Supporting safe, healthy transportation & active living

“Land use isn’t rocket science; it’s harder.”

Micro Lending
- Launched program 5 months ago
- Already over $36,250 in private equity
- 37 new jobs created!

Fire District Program
Blandin Lightspeed Grant
- Teleconferencing equipment installed at 11 fire departments.
- Training streamed live to other departments.
- Reduced:
  - VMTs
  - Travel time
  - $ savings over time
  - And improved connectivity and communication

Policy Implementation Toolkit
- Sustainable development best practices
- Model comprehensive plan language
- Model zoning ordinance language

Special Speakers and Panel Discussion
In Appreciation....

Welcome the Theater for Public Policy!

Thank You!

Implementation
- Two Champions for each theme area.
- Resource people and organizations for each theme.
- Champions collaborate and connect the dots within their theme area and with other theme champions.
- First Champion Collaboration early this fall.
- Not too late, sign up to be a resource in one or more theme areas of interest during refreshment time.

Before you go...........
- Complete your evaluation
- Enjoy refreshments and mixing with others
- Add your name to one or more themes to Stay involved and connected!