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May 24 Work Group Meeting!

Welcome!

Agenda
Section one, all work group members meeting together
1. Welcome and Desired Outcomes for today’s meeting
2. Overview of the Scenario Visioning process
3. Scenario Visioning
4. Introductions
5. Review of key issues your workgroup will address
6. Develop some recommendations around your key issues
7. Homework assignments and next steps
8. Review Desired Outcomes, did we accomplish them
9. Adjourn

Section two, work groups meeting separately

Job of the Work Groups

1. Identify Key Issues to be addressed in each work area.
2. Identify and gather the information needed to make informed recommendations.
3. Identify scenarios that you would like to see done by the U of M.
4. Create a range of recommendations related to each issue
5. Coordinate recommendations across workgroups
6. Finalize recommendations for consideration at December full consortium meeting.

Desired Outcomes for the Day

1. Understand how scenarios can help us understand the future consequences of choices we make
2. Collect your visions for a plausible, sustainable future
3. Create a range of recommendations for Key Issues
4. Understand what happens between now and August 23rd meeting

Realizing a Desired Future: Scenario planning

- Document where we are today
- Imagine where we want to be
- Plan for how to get from here to there

The role of your work

- **Key Issues** = problems to be addressed
- **Key Issues** relate to the current state of the region
- **Scenarios** describe alternative futures
- **Visioning** work today informs the alternative scenarios
- A **preferred future** scenario chosen by the Consortium in December
- 2012 - Consortium develops a **plan of action** to achieve the desired future, which includes **policies** that guide present and future decisions that move toward the desired future.
- Workgroups will develop a **range of recommendations** on how to address the Key issues in order to move toward a sustainable future
- The range of recommendations developed by the Workgroups will inform the development of **policy recommendations**
- The policy recommendations guide present and future decisions that move toward the desired future.

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Regional Snapshot

- Total population – 160,317
- Aging – percent of 65 and over is growing
- Predominantly white with significant Native American and expanding Hispanic groups
- More high school graduates than US average
- Lower 4-year college graduation rate than US average

Regional Snapshot

- Median household income - $41,092 (MN $55,621)
- 14.5% of people living in poverty (MN 10.9%)
- Average household size – 2.25 persons
- 100,021 housing units in the region
  - Over half owner-occupied
  - Nearly 1/3 vacant

Regional Snapshot

- Schools and health services largest employers – 15,903 jobs
- Followed by trade, transportation & utilities – 12,053 jobs
- Tourism is third with 8,440 jobs
- Manufacturing jobs declined 23% 2005-09
- Unemployment rate of 10.1% is higher than MN

Regional Snapshot

- Political landscape
  - Counties
  - Cities and towns
  - Townships
  - Location within the state

Regional Snapshot

- Transit
  - Dial-a-ride
  - Links to jobs and housing

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Regional Snapshot
- Land cover
  - Forested
  - Agriculture
  - Parks
- Link to economic activities

Regional Snapshot
- Aggregate resources
  - Data for 2 counties only

Imagine 2035
- Put yourself in the year 2035. Remember how 25 years ago there was all this talk about sustainability – economic and environmental resilience, healthy living, etc. All that talk actually had an impact. We are not living in utopia, but things are different.
- Think about how things are different in your day now from how they were 25 years ago. Describe your community and activities in that time 25 years from now.

Imagine 2035 - INSPECT
- What is Infrastructure like in 2035?
- What is the Natural world like in 2035?
- How do people interact Socially in 2035?
- What is the Political system like in 2035?
- What is the Economic system like in 2035?
- What is the Culture of your community like in 2035?
- What is Technology like in 2035?

Share and listen
- Each person shares their vision
- Other people at the table are asked to listen and make note of
  - Common things you hear
  - Unique things you hear
  - Conflicting or divergent things you hear
Thank you for sharing your vision

Please leave your vision sheet on the table

Agenda, continued

Section 2, work groups meeting separately

4. Introductions
5. Review of key issues your workgroup will address
6. Develop some recommendations around your key issues
   - Continue to submit a range of recommendations around your key issues
   - Share and participate in education opportunities related to your key issues
7. Homework assignments and next steps
   - Create a Resilient Region: The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan
   - Work Group 3: May 24, 2011
   - Creating a Resilient Region: The Central Minnesota Sustainable Development Plan

Work Group Recommendation Worksheet

Evaluation Results from Work Group 3

Evaluation Results from Work Group 3, continued

Resilience Development Workgroup: Anything else that you wish to share about this meeting:
   - Very nice and participation, i.e., interaction and group. Group worked well.
   - Transportation Workgroup: Anything else that you wish to share about this meeting:
   - Very nice and participation, i.e., interaction and group. Group worked well.

Resilience Development Workgroup:
   - Very nice and participation, i.e., interaction and group. Group worked well.
   - Transportation Workgroup: Very nice and participation, i.e., interaction and group. Group worked well.
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