



Stakeholder Communities Plan Steering Committee Meeting #3
Detailed Agenda
April 23, 2008

Topic - Economic Development

I. Introduction of Topic, Maps & Instructions (10 minutes)

The break out session will involve dividing the municipalities within the County into five (5) planning sub-region discussion groups. CHA will provide the list of municipalities in each group. Each group will include about 3 or 4 stakeholder community representatives and varying numbers (ideally about 4-6) of other stakeholder groups invited to participate in the discussions.

Each group will assign a leader, a note taker, and a spokesperson. Leaders will be responsible for making sure that the discussion stays on topic and schedule. CHA will facilitate each group's discussions. Note takers need to accurately reflect what is discussed in the group and will be responsible for the lists described below. A spokesperson will be asked at the conclusion of the breakout session to summarize what was discussed and concluded in each group.

II. Break-out Session (total for this session 25 minutes)

Discussion Question #1 (20 minutes)

*Based on your experiences and knowledge of your community what do you consider to be the most pressing **economic development issue or challenge** facing your community today? Do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and refer to some consideration points below to help with the discussion.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the issues and challenges identified by your group.
- Identify the top three issues and challenges as voted on by your group that represent shared issues or challenges with other communities in your planning sub-region.

Some Points to Consider

1. Think about recent economic development related issues that have been identified in your community or discussed through local media that have or may impact your community. This may include news about relocation of firms, changes in local employment numbers (hirings and/or layoffs), openings or closings of businesses, new construction projects, etc. What do you see or hear happening in your community that relates to the local economy, jobs, etc.?
2. Think about what types of economic development related services and/or infrastructure facilities (sewer, water, electric, communication, roads, bridges, highways, air, marine) that are provided by or to your community that you may be familiar with and whether there are significant issues or changes that may be needed in those services or infrastructure.
3. Does the character of your community or recent economic trends differ from neighboring communities in terms of development occurring, job loss, job creation? In what ways?
4. Are community assets such as parks, natural environmental features, cultural resources, educational/training facilities or general quality of life considerations being recognized as contributing to or being used for promoting economic development opportunities, including tourism?

Discussion Question #2 (5 minutes)

*What is the most significant **economic development asset or opportunity** that currently exists in your community? Again, do not consider your sub-region at this time, only your community and consider the same points above.*

Each group should provide the following:

- Create an overall list of the assets and opportunities identified by your group.
- Identify the top three assets and opportunities as voted on by your group that represent shared assets and opportunities with the other communities in your planning sub-region.

III. Reconvene as a Group to Summarize Discussions (45 minutes)

The Plan Steering Committee members and invited stakeholders will reconvene at the end of the breakout session. Each of the five groups will be asked to provide a summary of their discussions, conclusions reached, and the lists of issues and opportunities that each group created. After each group has summarized their discussions, the Steering Committee members and stakeholders will discuss the common issues and opportunities among the communities and the five planning sub-regions.