

Welcome!

May 8th Consortium Meeting

Agenda

Desired Outcomes:

- See how far we have come
- See where we still need to go
- Review of Vision and Values
- Review and comment on draft Recommendations
- Understand the next steps in the process

Welcome

What we will be doing together today

What has guided our work

Summary of ongoing activities related to the process

Review of our Vision and Values

Draft Recommendations, how we got to this point

Review and comment on draft Recommendations

Next steps

Adjourn, The Next Consortium Meeting is June 12th, same time and location.

Please complete the evaluation of the meeting before you leave and hand in your input sheets so we can compile your comments

R5DC Resilient Region Plan

Is a
Community Driven
University Assisted
Partnership

Pursuing E²
Economic and Environmental Vitality

What we will do today

- See how far we have come
- See where we still need to go
- Review the Vision & Values
- Small table work - Comment on Recommendations

What Guides our work?

- Our Mission
- Livability Principles
- Regional Guiding Principles
- HUD Mandatory Outcomes

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....

ACTIVITIES

Applications:
In process \$500,000
PENDING \$1,655,000
APPROVED \$2,369,500
Denied \$1,850,000

Review only 8 from the list of numerous activities being pursued to move forward our Resilient Region planning and implementation efforts.

MISSION STATEMENT = Present

VISION STATEMENT = Future



**VISION
AND
VALUES**

VISION

The Five County Resilient Region Vision is to provide everyone opportunity through ownership and stewardship by preservation and enhancement of our assets, natural resources and talented people who are here for a day or a lifetime. The Region's primary goals are to nurture innovation, boost philanthropic engagement, foster responsibility and to allocate investments toward growth initiatives that will drive long-term resilience.

VALUES

Sustainability
Growth
Natural Resources
Success
Stewardship
Unsurpassed Collaboration
Community
Economic Vitality

Draft Recommendations

How we got to this point

- 5 work group meetings
- Other input meetings such as Utilities and Economic Engines
- Tracking all comments and changes
- 11 interconnected themes

Recommendations

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

Draft Recommendation Review

Small Groups at Tables (see numbers)

4 sessions of 20 minutes each

Choose your Top 4 areas (see numbers)

Summarize your conversation

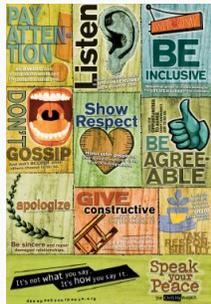
Turn in your handout

Small Group Instructions

What works?	What doesn't?
What do you like about the recommendations?	What don't you like about the recommendations?
What's missing?	What's next?
What do you think is missing from the recommendations?	What is one action you suggest to implement one of the recommendations? Recommendation # _____

Speak Your Peace!

Video and Posters are from:
Speak Your Peace! A project of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, "It is not a campaign to end disagreements. Rather it is a campaign to improve communication by reminding ourselves of the basic principles of respect!"



<http://www.dsaspeakyourpeace.org/index.html>

Group Expectations

Hearing Everyone's Voice

1. Use Go-Arounds (Nominal Process)
2. Everyone has a chance to speak once before someone speaks twice.
3. Respect others' contributions
4. No side conversations

What's Next?

- Your input today will be compiled and used to finalize the recommendations and actions of the plan.
- At our next meeting on **June 12th** we will review draft policies, key indicators and discuss implementation leadership.
- On **August 14th** we will present the final plan, celebrate success to this point and how we will move forward with more implementation.

Please complete your evaluations and hand in your worksheets

Thank You!

RSDC Sustainable Regional Plan

Serving: Crow Wing, Cass, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties.

Handouts for Round 2

Vision Values

Values Statements

The Five County Resilient Region is committed to these values:

1. Think, regularly, and inclusively.
2. Consider the entire area.
3. Collaborate on issues, current plans and work in progress.
4. Balance responsibility / development preservation opportunities through effective land use planning.
5. Consider regionalization of services (SRPs or our region, other opportunities).
6. Connect more people to well-paid jobs.
7. Connect active living opportunities to the region.
8. Connect broadband technology to every region.

Recommendations

1. Provide more transportation choices.
2. If a more equitable, affordable housing solution, increase workforce housing.
3. Support existing communities.
4. Utilize smart growth and smart investments.
5. Value communities and high quality jobs.

Table of Themes, Goals, Recommendations, and Action Steps

Code	Theme	Goal	Recommendation	Action Step
11	Infrastructure - Housing	Building Standards	Encourage local cities and governments to evaluate, coordinate, develop and implement building codes, zoning and standards and enhance...	Issue II
12	Infrastructure - Housing	Build to last	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Recommendation I
13	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step A1
14	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step B1
15	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step C1
16	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step D1
17	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step E1
18	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step F1
19	Infrastructure - Housing	Building standards	Build to last 100+ years but at least 100 years because a longer usable life is more cost effective...	Action Step G1

get feedback Recommendations

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

Evaluation Results from Round 2

115 Attended Round 2. The evaluations were completed by 71 (62%)

79% (56 of 71) learned that the HUD/DOE/EPA project. 1) enjoyed more than \$2 million for the five-county region; 2) provided for the solar energy project at the Brainerd Airport; 3) resulted in partnering of Brainerd HCP, HRA and Habitat for Humanity to acquire blighted properties within the City of Brainerd; 4) resulted in the five-county fire department shared training project; and/or 5) resulted in the micro-lending project or the five-county area.

56% (40 of 71) rated as effective (4 or 5 on the five-point scale) the update on the 26 activities. NOTE: The primary reason for the low rating was because the microphone was not working and half the audience could not hear the presentation.

82% (58 of 71) rated as effective (4 or 5 on the five-point scale) the discussion process used during the review of draft recommendations.

Checked Agree or Strongly Agree:
90% (64 of 71) "The vision presented today represents my view."
90% (64 of 71) "I understand how the workgroup and activities were used to develop the draft recommendations."
92% (66 of 71) "The recommendations, if implemented, will help the region move forward in carrying out its vision."
98% (70 of 71) "I felt comfortable expressing my opinions."
92% (65 of 71) "The outcome from today's work will help us make a difference in the five-county region."
Checked 4 or 5
90% "The session today was time well spent."

Affordable Housing

What's missing?	What's next?
What do you like about the recommendation?	What don't you like about the recommendation?
What do you think is missing from the recommendation?	What do you see you are going to implement from the recommendation?

Anything else "on my chest" that I didn't get a chance to say.

"Without a regional buy in it is unlikely that real impacts will happen."
"The vision is a bit too wordy and confusing. Need a more concise, brief vision. Thank you for all your work!! Let's go sustainably!! Need more system language."
"To almost every group there were several expressions regarding the lack of consideration given to funding/financing the numerous recommendations."
"Can't wait to hear about implementation! That is the piece of the puzzle I am waiting for! (NOTE: "Was late - I missed Cheryl's update.")
"This is hugely inspiring. Keep going!"
"The ideas and plans are good but we still need the money and where it is going to come from."
"This was fun and I really really enjoyed the group discussions, they were informative and productive."
"I really like everything the programs stands for and does, but I worry about it's ability to pay and fund the programs/recommendations. Where is the funding?"
"I enjoyed hearing and sharing opinions on these topics and I liked all the recommendations."
"Thanks for everything! Lisa Fobbe Office of US Senator Al Franken."
"I like how all recommendations are ultimately working toward having a better life, being happy, and making our earth live longer."
"Whole program a good effort."
"Process too fast to have conversation to inform opinions leading to answers."
"Delicious snacks @ beginning - tasty toast deal."
"I appreciate hearing other points of view."
"Too many things are great ideas that are just not attainable. Perhaps pieces can be done for some of the region. Too broad and all encompassing."
"Wish we would have had 5 more minutes in each group when we had a bigger group."
"Enjoyed having the U of M students in the room. They brought a fresh perspective to the groups."
"I want to REALLY stress education and sustainability - This was very helpful for me to learn new perspectives on these issues."
"Some groups were shy, not much said and it got off topics. Some time for debate and conversation would be nice to discuss rather than only reading. Even 5 minutes more would be helpful."
"Nice to have an opinion."
"I loved changing tables but we could have had more time for general discussion and talking about action ideas."
"Great process!"
"Nice work! This has progressed greatly!"
"People want to wordsmith the recommendations."
"Difficult hearing first couple of speakers due to microphone. Could have had some more time working in groups - got a little rushed but did get better with each rotation."
"The small groups were very productive, well-run and very good exchange of ideas."
"Thank you! Looking forward to the June meeting."
"The outcome from today's work will help us make a difference in the five-county region - if we can find funding to implement."
"Pronide made in America."