



Summary of Participant Input Vibrant Futures Implementation Session June 24, 2014

Community Vitality

1. Create the Montana State Housing Fund
2. Community clean-up
3. Regional greenway/bikeway
4. Senior Housing
5. Preserve existing rural subsidized housing
6. Fair housing outreach campaign
7. Multicounty ODBG Non-competitive housing program
8. Cooperatively develop commercial/food services
9. Leadership Institute
10. Home ownership programs on all reservations
11. Increase capacity for tribal housing authorities to access new funds
12. Public-private partnership for main street investments
13. Adventure trail information center/wayfinding

What are you most excited about?

- Cooperative efforts
- Home ownership programs on reservations
- Revitalization
- Regional trails

What are the Barriers?

- Money
- Capacity and scale
- Planning

What other areas can these be applied to?

- Physical Systems
- Social Systems
- Regional Prosperity
- Natural Assets

Regional Prosperity

1. Model for community broadband plan that can be applied locally
2. Promote bicycle tourism locally and in the region
3. Infrastructure – water sewer optics – ‘curb ready’, housing available for new workers
4. Establish business incubators in tribal communities
5. Grant money for small business to utilize for equity assets
6. Private equity assets for business ‘pay it forward’
7. Model neighborhood that would be replicated in other communities that incorporates workforce training to develop
8. Facilitate connections where best practices are shared and communicated for replication
Quality relationship... quality of ideas ... quality of outcomes
9. Sleeping bus to transport workers to rural jobsites (oil)
10. Coordinate with local hotels and communities to establish a ‘one more night’ program to encourage tourist to stay longer
11. Telework clearinghouse
12. Return to rural
13. Specialty trails connecting the region (carry Dinosaur trail to Grandeur of the Rockies, Toole city, with regional information)

What are you most excited about?

- Develop a broadband plan that can be replicated as a model
- Coordinated tourism outreach that includes specialty trails linking between communities
- Access to small business support equity capital, virtual and physical incubator services
- Curb and shovel ready infrastructure to attract business in plan community
- Facilitate connections to share and build relationships
- Return to rural

What are the Barriers?

- Overcome territorial issues
- Funding
- Lack passionate and committed, accountable leaders(champions)
- Building community buy in
- Geo political (size, distance, non-stable funding and relationships)
- Limited access to tech support and technology

What other areas can these be applied to?

- Broadband
- Neighborhood Models
- No idea stands alone
- Communications
- Business

Physical Systems

1. Expanded transit (systems that flow both ways)
2. Construction of drinking water systems
3. Design transportation system for people w/ disabilities (connectivity)
4. Future community development growth plan + asset management
5. Develop bike paths and trails
6. Implement community sidewalk programs
7. Insure adequate inner city bus service, and connections to local transit
8. Create cross-cutting benefit/cost analysis to address community wide issues
9. Insure infrastructure is prepared for emergency situations
10. Continue existing process for assessing roadways

What are you most excited about?

- Education
- Making connections

What are the Barriers?

- Funding silos
- Cooperation
- Aging population
- Understanding of systems

What other areas can these be applied to?

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Natural Assets

1. Facilities for processing/shipping pulse crops
2. Clean up abandoned gas stations in region
3. Scholarships to entice youth to come back and fill gaps in labor force (ag)
4. Walking trail tying into natural areas
5. Small farm dev. as ancillary income
6. Oilseed crushing facilities-biofuel
7. Promote as regional assets – Wild and scenic river, prairie preserve
8. Fresh foods to small rural towns
9. St. Mary's canal, Rocky Boy water system
10. Source water protection plan
11. Certify levies
12. DNRC – 20 year state water plan

What are you most excited about?

- Strategies that support home-grown jobs and bringing young people back to the region with enterprises that are small and can be supported in small communities – can be done easily

What are the Barriers?

- Education and communication to build support. Get people to understand facts
- Overcome regional competitiveness
- Funding resources
- Isolation

What other areas can these be applied to?

- Regional Prosperity – jobs/workforce/tourism
- Physical systems – St. Marys canal, trail
- Community Vitality – bringing young people back

Social Systems

1. Establish tech apprenticeship program at high schools
2. Community health needs assessment
3. Develop implementation plan for community health needs assessment
4. Develop locally engaged community group
5. Improved population health
6. Telehealth presentations on reservation
7. Wellness program tailored to community needs
8. Developing affordable sustainable daycare
9. Maintaining current headstart programs
10. Develop mental health services and improve existing systems (share resources)
11. Integrate sustainable practitioners in schools

What are you most excited about?

- Developing an engaged community group to move the work forward
- Fostering talent to fill positions created by action items – tech apprenticeships
- Approaching healthcare from a wellness perspective – holistic – to meet community needs

What are the Barriers?

- Finding and maintaining a group of diverse engaged community leaders
- Lack of collaboration
- Regulatory and legislative barriers
- Funding

What other areas can these be applied to?

- Workforce development is tied to every sector