

SURVEY ON THE FUTURE OF THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS

Dear Citizen:

The local governments of the Alleghany highlands are currently updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that will guide future economic development efforts in the region.

[Explanation of CEDS]

Although a committee composed of local representatives from the public and private sectors along with local government staff will do much of the technical work on the plan, the work will be based in part on the needs and interests of our citizens. In order to create a plan that truly reflects the interests and values of the region, we need to know how you feel about the major issues facing our community. Responses are all anonymous. When you have completed filling out the survey, simply refold it so the address is showing, staple or tape it shut, affix postage, and drop it in the mail. Please return the completed survey by April 15, 2006.

We appreciate your participation in the update process and we thank you for your contribution.

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Please provide some basic facts about yourself by checking one box for each question.

1. In which locality do you live?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alleghany County | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Clifton Forge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath County | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Covington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botetourt County | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Iron Gate |

2. Which setting best describes where you live?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision | <input type="checkbox"/> House – in city/town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House – rural area with public water/sewer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House – rural area without public water/sewer | |

3. How many years have you lived in the Alleghany Highlands? ____ years

4. Where do you work?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alleghany County | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Clifton Forge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath County | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Covington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craig County | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Hot Springs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botetourt County | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Iron Gate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roanoke County | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Lexington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Roanoke | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Salem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

5. What is your age?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 to 24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 46 to 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or over | |

6. What are the three best things about living in the Alleghany highlands? (*check only three*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic Beauty | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Spirit and Pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Crime Rate | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Roads, Low Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

7. What are three issues facing the Alleghany Highlands? (*check only three*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Job Opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of Affordable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Costs | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Need for water/sewer systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Need for New Industries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor Image | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Local Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

8. What kinds of economic development should local governments try to attract to the Alleghany Highlands?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Light Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> High Tech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourist Oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Please give your opinion of the following statements by circling *one* response to each:

SA=Strongly Agree A=Agree N=No Opinion D=Disagree SD=Strongly Disagree

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| 9. Attracting new industries should be one of the region's goals. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 10. Attracting new small businesses should be one of the region's goals. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 11. Retaining existing businesses should be one of the region's goals. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 12. Revitalizing downtowns / central business districts should be one of the region's goals. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 13. Public water systems should be extended to new service areas. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 14. Public sewer systems should be extended to new service areas. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 15. New industrial sites should be developed by the local governments. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 16. Additional training opportunities for adults should be developed. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 17. A small business incubator should be constructed to support new businesses. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 18. Developing an industry based on tourism should be one of the region's strategies. | SA | A | N | D | SD |
| 19. The region should work to improve broadband/communications infrastructure. | SA | A | N | D | SD |

20. How did you learn about the CEDS public meeting?

- Newspaper Advertisement RVARC/CEDS Web Site CEDS Mt. Flyer
 Other _____

Please write any other comments you have:
