

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.

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a regional strategy which reflects local economic development needs and priorities and recommends a regional approach to achieving sustainable economic development. A CEDS is required to qualify for Economic Development Administration (EDA) assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and most planning programs. Most importantly, a CEDS can be used as a regional strategy for coordinating economic development efforts and obtaining funding support from various federal and state sources.

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. A detailed listing of projects has been developed by the committee. 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 project listing. Responses are all anonymous. You may return the survey to staff at the public information session or you may return it by mail. If returning by mail, 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 May 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"/> Retired |
| <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. How did you learn about the CEDS public meeting?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> RVARC/CEDS Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Announcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Official/Meeting | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

7. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

The projects listed in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy adequately address key issues in the Alleghany Highlands.

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

Five years is a reasonable amount of time to implement the projects listed in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

- Strongly Agree Agree No Opinion Disagree Strongly Disagree

