

What is a CEDS?

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a regional plan. It is the result of a community-based planning process designed to guide the economic growth of an area. It helps to coordinate the efforts of individuals, organizations and private industry concerned with economic and community development. This process should promote sustainable economic development and job opportunities, foster effective transportation systems, enhance and protect the environment and balance resource use through sound management of development.

This CEDS document will be readily accessible to the economic development stakeholders in the community and should be useful as a tool for local decision making.

Our region encompasses roughly 22 small communities. Our goal is to bring these small communities together to voice a vision and priorities for the entire region, with their community's perspective in mind.

What are the Benefits?

The CEDS will make organizations in the region eligible for funds under the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) such as EDA public works, economic adjustment and planning programs. Funding and support for the revision of the CEDS has come from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. A yearly performance report will be made available to the community where progress on each measure adopted by the CEDS will be tracked.

Why

participate???

Choose Your Role in Your Community

- PREVENT CHANGE FROM HAPPENING
- MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN
- WATCH CHANGE HAPPEN
- WONDER WHAT HAPPENED

- **Community Projects should be Community Driven**
- **Don't let outside forces shape your Community**
- **Advocate for your Community lifestyle**
- **Guide those that speak for you outside of the Community**



CEDS 2012

The Copper Valley Development Association invites you to participate in the revision of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan





How do I participate?

CVDA will hold a number of community meetings over the next few months in each community. Members of that community will have the opportunity to be heard on what they value, what makes their communities thrive, opportunities and constraints within those communities and their desired way ahead. These meetings are your opportunity to shape the community plan which becomes a key component of the overall regional plan.

If you are unable to attend your community meeting but would still like to participate, CVDA has created a survey you can fill out at your convenience and return to our office.

Who are the Players?

CVDA is partnering with key community leaders in the revision of this document. A strategy committee has been assembled whose members represent the main economic interests of the region. These include community leaders, representatives of workforce development organizations, education, minority groups and private businessmen. As members of the committee, their responsibility is to oversee the planning process.

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When and where do I participate?

Meetings will begin in January 2012 and a schedule will be announced on KCAM and the Copper River Record.



TIMING IS EVERYTHING!

SEE YOU THERE!!