How can PlanET make a difference for you, your community, and the region?

We all love East Tennessee’s natural beauty, rich musical and folk art heritage, technological assets, relaxed pace, and friendly people. But a changing economy and rapid rates of development have brought challenges to our region, including rising housing costs, more time and money lost each year due to traffic congestion, diminished employment opportunities for many segments of the population, air and water pollution, and higher rates of health problems. These issues affect the entire region—not just Knoxville, but our small towns, rural communities, and cherished natural areas too.

How can we make the region more affordable?
How can we grow our economy and provide better jobs?
How can we help our workers develop their skills?
How can we provide more transportation choices?
How can we grow in ways that benefit our health and environment?

WE NEED NEW SOLUTIONS.

PlanET gives us an opportunity to rethink the region and come together in unprecedented ways to tackle our shared problems. PlanET will focus on the region, but will not lose sight of our local communities. It will help us solve tough issues jointly so that we grow, innovate, and prosper, and know that we are leaving our children a more livable, beautiful, and welcoming region.

Plan East Tennessee (PlanET) is a regional partnership of communities building a shared direction for our future. We seek ideas about protecting our valuable resources and addressing our challenges regarding jobs, housing, transportation, a clean environment, and community health. Our goal is to create long-term solutions for investments in our region and to define the next chapter in our rich history, leaving a legacy of optimism and opportunity for future generations.

Funded through a combination of federal dollars and local support, PlanET is a three-year process that will focus on five counties in the Knoxville metro area: Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, and Union counties. PlanET is designed to:

- Foster ongoing citizen involvement in planning for the region’s future.
- Develop a regional “blueprint” to guide development over the next decades.
- Increase local capacity for dialogue and plan implementation.
PlanET has over 60 partners, including:

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Who is involved?

PlanET enjoys widespread support at the local and state levels and across our region’s private, public, institutional, and non-profit sectors. It will be led by the Board of Mayors from the five counties and a Community Leadership Team, which includes representatives from local government agencies, non-profit groups, and institutions throughout the region. Citizens throughout the five-county area will have numerous opportunities to become involved and stay involved in PlanET.

How can I participate?

PlanET began its public events with a Kickoff Celebration on October 11, 2011 and Regional Forum meetings in November 2011. If you missed these, don’t worry—there will be many other opportunities to participate! Be sure to check the PlanET website for information on upcoming meetings and utilize its interactive features to give us your ideas and comments.

We want to hear from you!

Upcoming Events

REGIONAL FORUM SERIES 2
Join us for meetings in your county!
April 23 - 28, 2012

REGIONAL FORUM SERIES 3
Fall 2012; Details TBD

VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE: www.planeasttn.org

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