JOIN THE DISCUSSION!
Input on strengths and challenges gathered at the first public forums is being discussed now in our virtual town-hall.

VISIT OUR FORUM SERIES 1 PAGES to view the results of each of the community forums held in November.

DOWNLOAD MEETING IN A BOX if you were unable to attend a forum and would like to hold your own.

Keep the Conversation Going: New PlanET Input Tools Launched
Not able to attend the first round of PlanET Regional Forums? No problem! You have more than one opportunity to submit your ideas.

We know community meetings can’t fit everyone’s schedule; so throughout the PlanET process, you can expect us to provide more than one way for you to make sure your ideas are heard. PlanET has launched a virtual town-hall allowing the discussion that occurred at the forums to continue online. This virtual town-hall, called MindMixer, will allow users to respond to the same questions discussed in the first round of forums.

Another tool designed to create more opportunities to participate in PlanET is called Meeting in a Box. Meeting in a Box is designed for use with small groups who could not attend the regional forum meetings, allowing PlanET team members or community volunteers to work with citizen groups at their convenience.

Read the entire article on our website.

Common Themes Emerge at PlanET Forum Series 1
During a first round of public forums held the week of November 14th, several common themes emerged around strengths and challenges that citizens see in their own communities and throughout the five-county PlanET region.

Forum Series 1 meetings were held in each county, and, working in small groups, participants were asked to identify assets and positive attributes of their community and surrounding area. They also were challenged with the task of identifying things that were not working well, liabilities to the area’s quality of life.

At each session, the small groups submitted ideas to the forum as a whole, and the top 10 to 15 most frequently mentioned themes were shown. Participants then used real-time polling to vote on their top three strengths and top three challenges. Ideas tied to workforce and economy, natural beauty, transportation, housing, and health rose from the discussions as key themes.

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