WHAT WILL OUR REGION BE LIKE IN... 2040?
UNION COUNTY
Forum 2 Meeting

April 28, 2012
Union County High School, Maynardville
Have you ever lied to your mother?

0%  1. Yes, but candy was involved.

0%  2. Yes, but my brother/sister made me do it.

17% 3. Only when it was in her best interest.

0%  4. Occasionally.

83% 5. I plead the fifth.

0%  6. Never.
Are you...

86%  1. Male

14%  2. Female
What is your age?

1. Under 19: 0%
2. 19-24: 0%
3. 25-34: 0%
4. 35-44: 0%
5. 45-54: 57%
6. 55-64: 14%
7. 65-74: 29%
8. 75 or better: 0%
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How do you identify yourself?

0%  1. African American/Black
0%  2. Asian
0%  3. Hispanic /Latino
100% 4. White/Caucasian
0%  5. American Indian
0%  6. Two or More Races
0%  7. Other
0%  8. I'd rather not say
Where do you live?

1. Sharps Chapel 17%
2. Maynardville 17%
3. Luttrell 0%
4. Chesney 0%
5. Plainview 0%
6. In Union County, but not in any of the above 33%
7. I don’t live in Union County 33%
If you live outside of Union County, where do you live?

1. Anderson 100%
2. Blount County 0%
3. Knox County 0%
4. Loudon County 0%
5. I live outside the five – county area 0%
How long have you lived in the PlanET area (5 counties)?

1. Less than 1 year: 17%
2. 1-3 years: 0%
3. 3-5 years: 17%
4. 5-10 years: 0%
5. 11-15 years: 0%
6. 15-20 years: 0%
7. 20-30 years: 17%
8. More than 30 years: 50%
### How would you characterize where you live?

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What is your level of education?

1. Less than 9th grade 0%
2. Some high school 0%
3. High school graduate 29%
4. Some college 14%
5. Associate’s Degree 0%
6. Bachelor’s Degree 14%
7. Graduate/Professional Degree 43%
8. Other 0%
9. I’d rather not say 0%
Economy & Workforce

1. Regional economic partnership
2. Keep government out of private business: reduce business regulations
3. Minimize government involvement in the markets
4. Keep local money in local communities without sending and receiving it from state or federal government
5. Better communication between employers (needs) and schools (training)
6. Breaking down “good ol’ boy” government
7. More good paying jobs: increase the amount of manufacturing jobs available in the area
8. Local presence of community college
9. Union County will be more of a retirement area
10. Education will be more electronically available
1. Better maintenance of existing roads; planning for maintenance, scheduling when it is needed
2. Split RPO a barrier to transportation planning/funding in the region
3. Better access to air transportation: airport in Union County
4. Minimize state and federal role in local planning/funding
5. Reform the federal and state process
6. More decisions need to be done by referendum
7. Bridge to connect Hickory Star to Sharps Chapel--with minimal environmental impact
8. More educational programs for youth--and provide transportation in order to gain participation
9. More public transportation options for folks who do not have access--particularly seniors (Union County needs more than ETHRA)
10. Major highway (four-lane)
1. Expand individual rights
2. Need codes to protect other property owners
3. More rental options in Union County
4. Communicator of needs in the marketplace
5. Government housing is creating the blight it plans to stop--make these programs local
6. Union County will be more of a bedroom community
7. Union County will be more of a retirement area
1. Access to medical care in Union County
2. Access to preventative care
3. More opportunities for young people to be involved in healthy activities
4. Union County needs a Boys and Girls Club
5. Increase the availability of health care providers
6. Summit Medical will establish a presence in Union County
7. Instead of providing food stamps for people to be able to eat, provide them with seeds and help them gain the ability to grow their own food
8. Increase availability of locally-grown foods
9. Union County will be more of a bedroom community
Environment

1. Local flexibility to address local situations
2. Find opportunities for farmers: tourism, etc.
3. More public works projects related to water and sewer
4. Increase the amount of and support local foods/farmers
Planning for the PlanET region (5 counties) benefits residents and businesses.

43%  1. Strongly Agree
14%  2. Agree Somewhat
0%   3. Neither Agree nor Disagree
0%   4. Disagree Somewhat
43%  5. Strongly Disagree
I am often involved in community and/or regional decisions.

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The technology used today was helpful.

50%  1. Strongly Agree
0%   2. Agree Somewhat
33%  3. Neither Agree nor Disagree
17%  4. Disagree Somewhat
0%   5. Strongly Disagree
Will you continue to participate in PlanET?

1. Yes, live meetings only (43%)
2. Yes, live meetings and online (29%)
3. Yes, online only (0%)
4. Yes, Meeting-in-a-Box only (0%)
5. Yes, all of the above (29%)
6. No, I will not continue to participate (0%)
7. Don’t know or I’d rather not say (0%)
Keep Participating!

- [www.planeasttn.org](http://www.planeasttn.org)
- Host a Meeting-in-a-Box (materials on website)
- Look for us on Facebook
- Add your ideas to MindMixer: [engage.planeasttn.org](http://engage.planeasttn.org)
- Follow the conversation on Twitter @planEastTN