



Sullivan County Regional Economic Profile

Nov. 15, 2017 Stakeholder Meeting Summary
Diversified Economy & Robust Economic Infrastructure Task Force

Task Force Priority Actions

- Public transport – Claremont > Lebanon
- Identify missing housing stock
- High school renovation projects for housing
- Employer survey for needs

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Meeting Notes

- Worried that towns are dependent on too few businesses (such as Rueger)
- The highest concentration of manufacturing in NH is here
- Want to shift away from mill mfg. to more advanced mfg.
- Interested in expansion of business
- Need for financing
- Need to find out what the future needs and plans of existing business are



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Ideas and Opportunities:

- Identify large, medium, and small businesses
- Talk to banks – ask what they need
- Find out what businesses need and what hurdles they're experiencing
- Find out what type of skills employers need and see what training is available or could be developed; network w/ local Chambers of Commerce; availability of natural resources that would/could be used to create business opportunities
- Discuss w/ business owner what are their challenges
- Talk to organizations like Advance Transit regarding carpooling transportation
- Work with schools to promote hard and soft skills
- Reestablish employment-related public transit-funded bus service
- Who is the workforce and what kind of housing are they looking for à housing stock not fit for workers.
- High taxes
- Limited soft skill classes
- Scholarships to people that agree to stay in the area (tech, etc.)
- Training-partnership w/ businesses & schools
- Southwestern Community Services: a route from Claremont to Lebanon
- Want to expand opportunities
- Find a way to fund Lebanon route
- Identify employers to participate
- Identify missing housing stock—housing stock survey
- Extending broadband (last mile)
- Partner w/ high school to renovate mills
 - Claremont vocation center
- Develop employer survey to identify their biggest needs
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Skills
- Need to include someone from Chamber of Commerce