

Rural Workgroup Notes from August 5 Kick Off Event

We want what we are missing without giving up what we love!

Definition of Rural Sustainability:

- Informed, proactive, planning for rural areas which creates educational and economic opportunities for current and future generations without compromising the essential benefits of rural quality of life.

Biggest Asset:

- Environment

Biggest Challenge:

- Quality Growth

General Notes on Rural Sustainability:

- Flexible transportation system
- Consideration for natural resources
 - Land preservation, clean water
- Balance regulations for rural and urban areas
- Consideration for agriculture
- Preservation of greenspace
- Probation of polluting businesses
- Context-sensitive development
- Development of park & rides (connectivity)
- Proactive planning
- Education
- Thinking of generations
- Positive opportunity
- Managed growth
- Need more creation of high-paying jobs
- Passenger and freight rail connections
- Capitalize on rural airports
- Agriculture

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