# Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

REGIONAL SWOT RESULTS

#### Introductions

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- Ste. Genevieve
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Planning Prosperity Progress Economy Engine Growth Opportunity Development Improvement

Previous
"One Word"
Results

### CEDS Concept

A strategy-driven plan for regional economic development

The result of a regionally-owned planning process designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region

Considers, integrates, and leverages other regional planning efforts

Required elements include a SWOT analysis, regional demographic and socioeconomic data, target sector analysis, and infrastructure assets

Regions must update their CEDS at least every 5 years to qualify for EDA assistance

A CEDS is a prerequisite for EDD designation by the EDA

### **CEDS Timeline**



#### Preparation

Prepare outreach effort and data for the CEDS public engagement.



#### Vision

Create a plan, goal, and objectives for the new CEDS through public engagement



#### **Public Comment**

Feedback from public on draft CEDS.



#### **Implement**

Implement the Action Plan.



#### **Evaluate**

Monitor change and evaluate success and plan annually.





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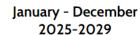
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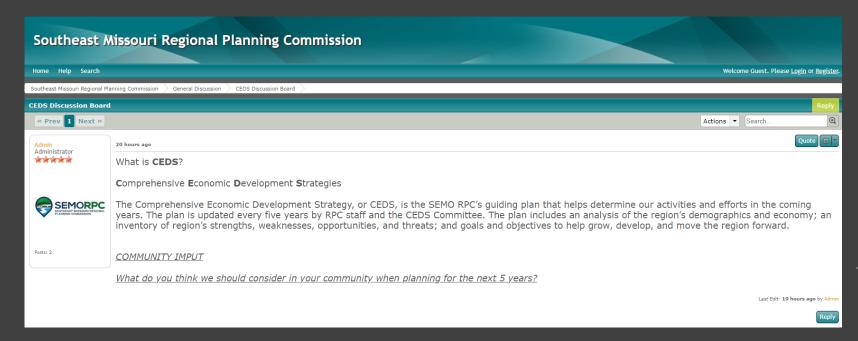
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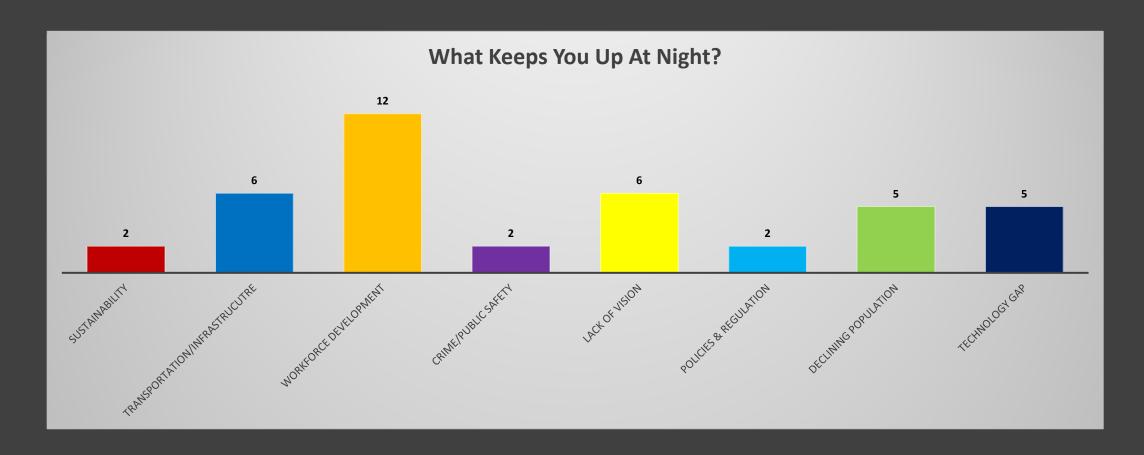
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# CEDS Timeline

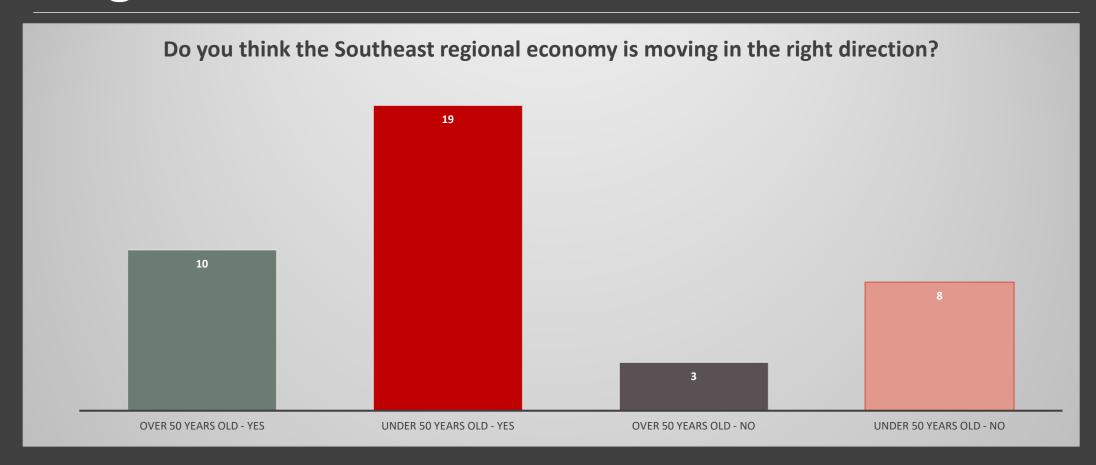


# Discussion Board

# "Up At Night" Results



# "Right Direction" Results



## "Future Outcomes" Results



### SWOT Results

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, & THREATS





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#### Healthcare

Available Workforce

Cost of living Location Recreation Tourism

Economic Diversity
Infrastructure

Industry

Partnership

Agriculture

Community

Natural resources Transportation

Low wages

**Minerals** 

Quality of life

Work Ethic

Growth Vocational training

Manufacturing Leadership

Education

## Strengths Results

#### Vocational training **Economic Development** Business expansion **Technology Downtown revitalization** Attracting remote workers Awareness Minerals Healthcare Financial Resources Community programs Recreation Youth programs Transportation **Economic Growth** Natural Resources Housing development Tourism Diverse industry Partnership **Industry Growth** New businesses Land development Education Cost of living Workforce development

# Opportunities Results

Housing stock

Reentry employer

Population shift Population decline

Nutrition education

New teacher turnover

EMS services Homelessness Perception Youth programs

Technology infrastructure

Social services Funding opportunities Tax base Child Care

## Affordable housing Food security Leadership Developable land

East-west connection

Business recruitment Rural school decline Drug abuse Resource sustainability

Rental stock

Information sharing Low wages

Poverty Venture capital Regional marketing

Access to mental health

Transit Population health

Skills gap

## Weaknesses Results



Natural resource sustainability

# Population decline Population shift Policies and regulations

Generational transfer
Culture dilution Lack of funding

Lack of major retail Technology gap

Loss of industries Adaptability Crime Access to capital Cost of living Siloing resources

## Natural disasters

Transit Superfund Drug abuse

Tax burden Industry attraction

Retaining talent

No public recycling Low wages Mental health

Affordable housing Perception of region Retaining youth

Aging infrastructure Economic growth Vocational trade interest

# Threats Results





## Next Steps

- 1. Compile today's results
- County Action Plan meetings
- Develop goals & objectives
- 4. Committee review of G&O
- 5. Draft presentation
- 6. Public comment

- 7. Adoption by RPC board
- 8. Submission to EDA

#### Stakeholder Invitation

This is **YOUR** plan

Your goals and objectives drive the RPC's efforts

Who should help develop those goals?

- Anyone is welcome to participate
- Share the invitations
- Spread the word
  - Community groups
  - Businesses
  - Local leaders

## Thank you, and please register

#### Questions or comments

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## Upcoming Meetings

Perry Co Action Plan Meeting – April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at SEMO RPC

Bollinger Co Action Plan Meeting – April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Bollinger Co Health Dept.

Iron Co Action Plan Meeting – April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Ozark Reg. Library

Madison Co Action Plan Meeting – April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Madison Co Medical Center

Ste. Genevieve Co Action Plan Meeting – April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Ste. Gen Sports Complex

St. Francois Co Action Plan Meeting – April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Farmington Public Library

Cape Co Action Plan Meeting – May 1st at 12:30 p.m. at Osage Centre (lunch provided)

Regional Action Plan Review – May 21st at 11:00 a.m. at SEMO RPC (lunch provided)

Final Draft Presentation – July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at SEMO RPC (lunch provided)