

## Shaping the region's future in the 21st century

Welcome to our tenth quarterly update on the regional comprehensive planning process. Since the last edition of Rapport, the Commission has adopted Milestone Report #2, Issues / Opportunities and Visioning. The full text of the report, as well as a summary, is available on our website. If you want to receive a hard copy of either the report or summary, please contact Dolly Haney at 1-920-751-4770 or by email at [dhaney@east-centralrpc.org](mailto:dhaney@east-centralrpc.org).



### What's New? Milestone Report 2: Issues / Opportunities and Visioning

We produced Milestone Report 2, which was adopted by the Commissioners in July 2004, for three main reasons:

- clarify our aspirations for how we want the region to look in the future;
- explore the impact of current and projected trends on the region and identify the match/mismatch between our envisioned and probable futures; and
- establish core goals to help us work toward the future we envision for ourselves and the next generation.

- promote a well reasoned and balanced discussion on how to achieve our identified goals and select the preferred policies and strategies for action;
- identify which organizations could most appropriately take the lead and support roles in implementing the recommended policies;
- develop targets and performance measures, which will enable us to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the adopted policies overtime; and
- make explicit the links between different policy areas, as well as their intended and unintended consequences.

### What's Next? Milestone Report 3: Goals and Strategies for Action

The envisioned future and the core goals identified in Milestone Report # 2, provide the starting point for the next report: Milestone Report #3: Goals and Strategies for Action. Since May 2004 and through to January 2005, staff, working cooperatively with stakeholders and Technical Advisory Committee members, will develop strategies and policies for action.

We are producing Milestone Report 3, which we hope to bring to the Commissioners for approval in January 2005, for four main reasons:

There are, of course, many different ways to achieve the goals that have been established. There is no one right answer. The process we are currently going through will help us to identify the best way forward, taking into account the practical realities of budgeting, staff effort, and scheduling. This stage of the planning process requires us to consider and discuss all the possibilities, affording each the same respect. We must also focus on the links and impacts which the different policy areas have upon each other. Make sure that your view is represented - let us know what you think! Write, call, or email.