

## VISION STATEMENT:

In 2030, cost effective, efficient, quality services are available which provide a solid foundation for economic stability, environmental protection, and an enhanced quality of life. The emphasis is on cooperative planning, collaboration, partnerships, shared resources, and consolidation.

### Issues & Opportunities:

- Cost efficiency and value for money, including potential for consistent, long term regional planning for service delivery and employment of multi-use corridors where appropriate.
- Maintaining an uninterrupted electric & gas service.
- Facility siting, as well as the maintenance and extension of existing infrastructure.
- Environmental health.
- Environmental protection and conservation of resources, including energy and water.
- Adequate and safe water supply.
- Corporate and public awareness of factors involved in service provision.
- Facilitating shared resources and equipment.
- Reducing conflicts particularly in the context of the relationship between new development and provision of services.
- Ensuring global competitiveness.
- Volunteer shortage.
- Communication, collaboration and coordination.
- Emergency preparedness.
- Access to education, health and social services and promotion of multi-use facilities and healthy communities.
- Recycling, waste reduction & product reuse.
- Uniform enforcement of existing state laws.
- Promotion of "Healthy Communities".

### Core Goals:

- Promote a collaborative, regional solid waste and recycling strategy that addresses education, as well as the importance of recycling, waste reduction, composting and reuse, alternative financing options, uniform enforcement of state laws; improvement in product design and manufacture, and health and environmental concerns.
- Promote cost effective and efficient wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer systems to service new development, as well as consistent application of rules governing on-site development.
- Encourage efficient water conservation programs that preserve and protect surface and groundwater resources for future use. Ensure that existing regulations are consistently applied and promote awareness of the issues impacting our water supply.
- Promote regional, long-term planning to foster coordination, communication and environmental awareness in the provision of utility infrastructure: gas, electric and telecommunications. Focus attention on multi-use corridors, energy conservation and alternative energy sources, and the introduction of new technology.
- Encourage counties and local government units to work cooperatively to ensure public safety. Explore the potential for developing an efficient regional/statewide communication network, Hazard Mitigation Plans, a regional disaster plan, as well as the capacity for sharing resources and a regional purchasing program.
- Promote access to education, libraries, health, and social service facilities. Explore the potential for alternative funding to compensate for budget shortfalls and explore the possibility of using facilities for more than one function.
- Promote community planning that will encourage healthy, safe, vibrant, and diverse environments for the residents of the region.
- Promote intergovernmental cooperation to cost effectively provide adequate local parks and recreational facilities and ensure a balance of programming and facilities to accommodate diverse interests.

### So What?

The economics and viability of the region are dependent on a highly developed infrastructure of community and public facilities. All development (residential, commercial and industrial) requires basic services:

- A dependable and safe water supply.
- The efficient removal and permanent storage of waste and recyclables.
- A dependable supply and the efficient transmission of natural gas and electric.
- A fast reliable telecommunications network that employs the latest technology.
- An environmentally safe and efficient method of sewage disposal.
- A reliable system that quickly responds to fire, police and other emergency situations and provides a safe environment.
- A diverse mixture of specialized recreational facilities.
- An adequate supply of parks or green infrastructure; a strong education and library system that provides meaningful opportunities for all residents.
- An accessible and affordable healthcare system; and affordable childcare that provides a safe and excellent alternative for all children to contribute to the vitality and enhancement of the quality of life within the region.

### What's Next?

June – November 2004:

- Evaluate goals and identify potential policies to support them.
- Finalize policies.
- Identify targets to enable us to evaluate the effectiveness of policies over time.

January 2005:

- Milestone Report 3: submitted to East Central Commission for approval.



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