Appendix G: Complete Regional Resiliency Analysis

Regional Resiliency

As part of the CEDS process, Committee members discussed “resiliency” in the Western Piedmont Region. Here are the committee’s answers to questions concerning regional resiliency:

How are we resilient now?

Aggressive EDC offices (good talent)
Community foundation/Philanthropy work across counties
Establishment of early college/high school programs
Local governments streamlining their operations in response to lower revenue and property values
Businesses adapted to shifts with economy
Passed 40 million dollar bond (Hickory)
Pull yourself up by bootstraps mentality
There are strong efforts in protecting the natural environment
Re-tooling people who were laid off during recession
Continuing to seek opportunities to replace what we lose
Diversifying our types of businesses
Finding great ways to revitalize some of our downtowns
Repurposing our vacant buildings
The region still has manufacturing at three times national rate
Willingness of our people to get re-training

How can we improve resiliency for our region?

Being proactive in planning
Not waiting another 15 years for a marketing plan
Increasing availability of shell buildings
Accepting individual diversity
More incentives to revitalize and renovate
Public/private cooperation