Crowley County 2021 CEDS Projects Meeting

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Economic Development District

Goals for Last meeting

- Examine past planning efforts
- Update and Review
  - SWOT
  - Opportunity Zones
  - Economic Clusters
  - Identify additional economic strategies that play on your region's strengthens and opportunities
  - This process is being conducted across the entire 13 County Region

Goals for Tonight's meeting

- **Review economic strategies and policy lists for Crowley County**
- **Refine project lists and assign responsibilities for implementation**
- Identify economic resiliency projects and policies that address future threats

Crowley County Strengths

- AGRICULTURE / RANCHING - Yes
- PUBLIC LANDS- No
- TOURISM, RECREATION, ARTS, CULTURE – Yes
- ENERGY AND EXTRACTION INDUSTRIES – Energy Yes Mining - No
- FAVORABLE COST OF LIVING - Yes
- PRESENCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION - No
- CHEMICAL AND PLASTICS MANUFACTURING - No
- RAIL ACCESS - No
- LOWER COST OF LABOR THAN BALANCE OF STATE - Yes
- FAVORABLE CLIMATE - Yes
- REGIONAL HUB AND SPOKE - No
- CORRECTIONS ECONOMY - Yes
- LIFESTYLE/OUTDOORS - Yes
- LOWER TAX BURDEN - Yes
- Regional Transportation - No
- Government Collaboration - Yes

Crowley County Weaknesses

- BROADBAND/INTERNET CONNECTIVITY - Yes
- HOUSING - Yes
- ACCESS TO CAPITAL - No
- LABOR PARTICIPATION - Yes
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Yes
- WATER SECURITY - No
- GRANT WRITING/PROFESSSIONAL SERVICE CAPACITY - Yes
- BRAND POSITIONING AND SELF IMAGE - Yes
- FOUR YEAR HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT - Yes
- AVIALABLE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SPACE - Yes
- AVAILABILITY OF LABOR - Yes
- HIGH UTILITY COSTS - Yes
- AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE – Yes
- Succession Planning-Small Business - Yes
- Critical Infrastructure - Yes
- Business Attraction – Yes
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Crowley County Industry Opportunities

- FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING - No
- AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE - No
- CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING - No
- HEMP - Yes
- CONSTRUCTION-RELATED MANUFACTURING - Yes
- PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SERVICES - Yes
- REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION - Yes
- WOOD PROCESSING - No
- REMOTE WORK - Yes
- CRAFT INDUSTRIES - Yes
- MANUFACTURING - Yes
- METAL RECYCLING - No
- SMALL BUSINESS/RETAIL/MAIN STREET - Yes
- OUTDOOR RECREATION INDUSTRIES - Yes
- Value-added Agriculture - Yes
- Renewable Energy Production - Yes
- Tourism – Yes
- Marijuana – Yes

Crowley County Natural Threats (Hazard Mitigation Plan 2017)

NATURAL THREATS	BACA	BENT	CHAFFEE	CROWLEY	CUSTER	FREMONT	HUERFANO	KIOWA	LAKE	LAS ANIMAS	OTERO	PROWERS	PUEBLO
DROUGHT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FLOOD		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
WILDFIRE			X		X	X	X		X				
WILDLAND FIRE	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X
PANDEMICS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
POWER OR GAS OUTRAGE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EARTHQUAKE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PROBLEM SOILS			X		X	X		X					
EROSION/DEPOSITION, EXPANSIVE SOIL/SUBSIDENCE			X		X	X	X		X				
STREAM BANK EROSION		X									X	X	
EXTREME TEMPERATURES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SEVERE WEATHER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LANDSLIDES			X		X	X	X		X				
DAM/LEVEE FAILIURE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
TORNADO	X	X	X	X				X				X	X
AVALANCHE			X		X				X				
WINDSTORM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WINTER STORM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Crowley County Economic Threats

- WATER SALES/TRANSFERS - Yes
- LOSS OF MAJOR INDUSTRY - Yes
- BROADBAND INADEQUACIES - Yes
- WORKFORCE HOUSING SHORTAGES - Yes
- CAPITAL AND FUNDING - Yes
- GOVERNMENT REGULATION - Yes
- SUBSTANCE/OPIOID ABUSE/DRUG TRAFFICKING - Yes
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL - Yes
- CYBER HAZARDS - Yes
- REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION - Yes
- FRONT RANGE POPULATION BOOM - Yes
- CRITICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - Yes
- ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY - Yes
- HEALTHCARE - Yes
- CIVIL UNREST - No

Access to Capital

- SoCo Angels Support
- Angle Fund
- SBA 504 Packing
- Rural Downtown Mixed-Use Revitalization Program

Agriculture/Ranching

- USDA Certified Butcher / Slaughterhouse?
- Certified Scales?

Broadband

- Broadband Support Office

Business Development

Critical Infrastructure

- Crowley County Water Line Installation
- Crowley Wastewater Lift Station Repair

Workforce/Attainable Housing Strategies

- Educational Staff Housing
- Revolving Loan Fund

Education/Workforce Development

- Education Facility Renovation

Renewable Energy

Recreation and Tourism

- Recreation District
- All Weather Track and Field
- Town of Ordway Dog Park
- Crowley County Recreation Facility Upgrades
- Crowley County Fairgrounds Facilities
- Lake Meredith Intall new boat ramp

Health Care/Public Health/Mental Health

- Mental Health Enhancement

Transportation

Other

- Town of Crowley Heritage Center Ramp
- Town of Crowley Heritage Center Electrical Upgrade
- Town of Crowley Heritage Center Roof Replacement
- Town of Crowley Heritage Center Track Upgrade

Next steps

- Continue to Complete County Project Sheets
- Board Review in June/July
- Work with Brent on Scoping Projects

County project sheet

Email completed forms to regional representative

- Upper Arkansas (Lake, Chaffee, Custer, Fremont) – michael@scedd.com
- South-central (Custer, Huerfano, Las Animas) – bob@scedd.com
- Eastern plains (Baca, Prowers, Bent, Otero, Crowley, Kiowa) – brent@scedd.com
- Pueblo county – eric@scedd.com

Thank you for coming!

Not able to make it tonight? Send in those Project Sheets!