

Wanted: Your Ideas and Energy!

You are invited to play an important role in making Wichita and surrounding towns a more livable and sustainable community. Please join us for a planning session about transforming our region into a “Mecca” of healthy, livable, sustainable communities, with the goal of retaining existing populations and revenues—and attracting new ones—to Wichita and South Central Kansas.

What are healthy, livable, sustainable communities?

Healthy, livable, sustainable communities are designed to serve people of all ages and needs, now and in the future. New life models are available for all age groups, from young families to active retirees. There is great opportunity for our communities to determine the best models for our existing populations and new residents.

If we build it, who will come?

Young professionals nationwide are seeking lucrative jobs in secure careers. Our region is creating many of these jobs in abundance. These young professionals are also seeking communities that meet their lifestyle needs. Healthy, livable, sustainable community models adopt lifestyle standards to attract these young professionals.

More than 5,000 **Baby Boomers** are retiring every day to join the ranks of the largest, healthiest, best-educated, and most affluent generation in American history. These retirees are taking their energies and their money to communities that serve their physical, cultural, and social needs. Healthy, livable, sustainable community design does this and will attract these retirees.

These two demographic groups have much to offer, as do our existing populations. Communities and regions that respond to meet this growing need and market themselves to these groups will enjoy an enormous share of this capital.

The discussion:

We need your help defining what a “healthy community” is for Wichita and the surrounding area and ideas for setting this in place. Please join us at one of these meetings to help create a new vision for the future of South Central Kansas:

June 17, 11:45 AM, United Way of the Plains,
Luncheon, \$15 per plate

June 22, 11:45 AM, Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce,
Luncheon, \$15 per plate

Seating is limited. Please call Cathy Landwehr at (316) 660-5232 or email Cathy clandweh@sedgwick.gov to RSVP no later than June 15.

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