

# 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