

Regional Resiliency

How are we resilient now?

- Aggressive EDC offices (good talent)
- Community foundation/Philanthropy work across counties
- Establish early college/high school programs
- Local governments streamline their operations in response to lower revenue and property values
- Our 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
- We are re-tooling people who were laid off during recession
- We continue to seek opportunities to replace what we lose
- We diversified our types of businesses
- We have found great ways to revitalize some of our downtowns
- We repurpose our vacant buildings
- We still have manufacturing at three times national rate
- Willing of our people to get re-training

How can we improve resiliency for our region?

- Being proactive in planning – 10 votes
- Not wait another 15 years for a marketing plan – 10 votes
- Increasing availability of shell buildings – 8 votes
- Accept individual diversity – 6 votes
- More incentives to revitalize and renovate – 4 votes
- Public/private cooperation – 4 votes
- Bring in more large industries – 3 votes
- Partnerships for the greater good – 3 votes
- Make sure our broadband infrastructure stays technologically current – 2 votes