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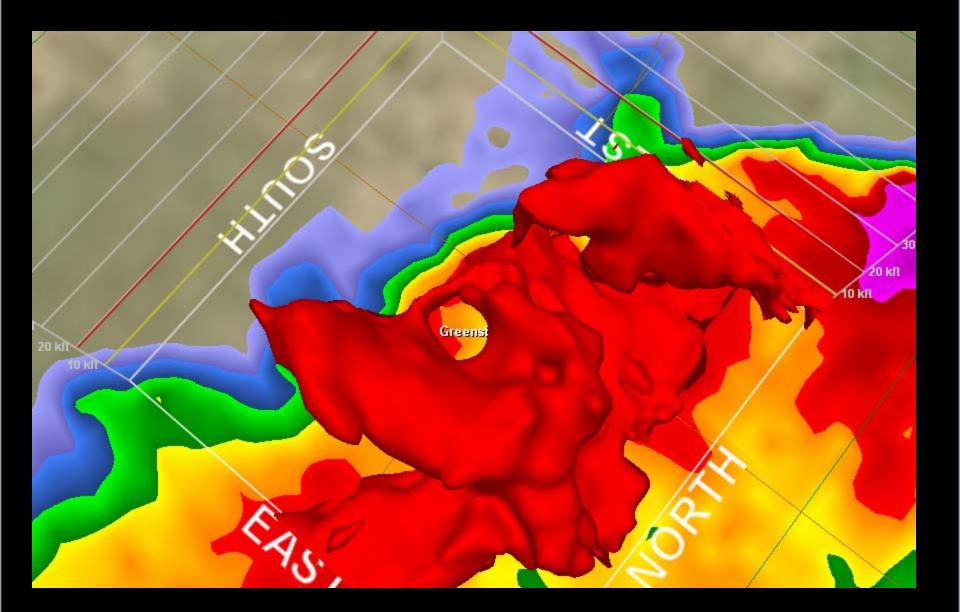
Greensburg Rebuilding...













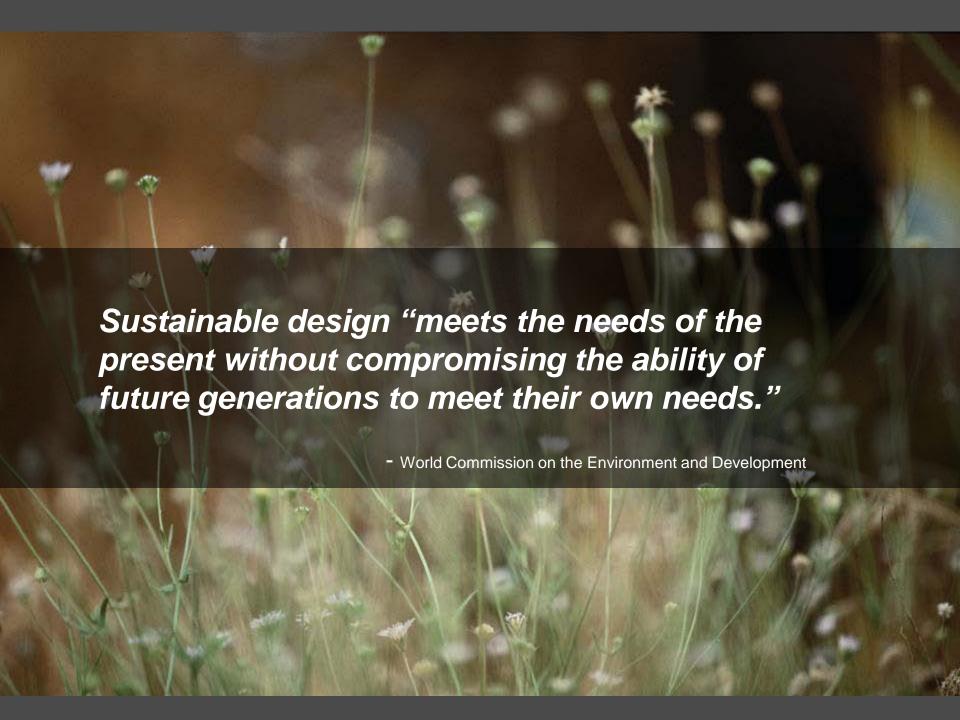


















COMMUNITY

A progressive community that offers urban services within the unassuming feel of a rural, Midwestern community.

FAMILY

A community that provides opportunities for its young people in the way of jobs, education and recreation as reasons to stay in Greensburg.

PROSPERITY

A community where entrepreneurial spirit, customer service, and a sustainable economy permeate the business sector and where residents, travelers, and tourists enjoy a full line of locally owned businesses that provide jobs and services to an exceptional example of smalltown America.

ENVIRONMENT

A community that recognizes the importance of the natural environment and balances the need for growth and economic development with the maintenance and improvement of the environment.

AFFORDABILITY

An up-to-date, affordable rural community where housing plans and strategies incorporate energy-efficient design and materials and serve as a regional and national model for integrating residents of all ages and needs with services of all kinds.

GROWTH

A community that opens its doors to new residents and visitors without affecting the values and lifestyles of its current residents.

RENEWAL

A community that Makes proactive decisions that use this opportunity to reverse the decline of the community and build a progressive city with a strong future.

WATER

Treat each drop of water as a precious resource.

HEALTH

Improve quality of life by promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

ENERGY

Promote a high level of efficiency in new construction and look to renewable options for generation.

WIND

Greensburg's vast wind resources are part of an emerging economy and should be harvested.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Build a town that encourages interaction between residents, welcomes guests and serves as a model community. New development should be durable, healthy, and efficient. City projects will lead the way by becoming examples of green practices that are built to last.



We face a unique time in our history...



We need to shift our approach to insure resources for future

generations...

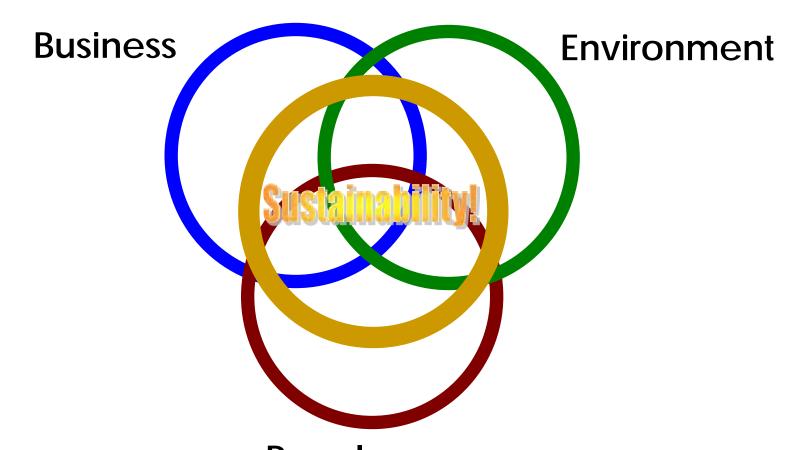


Sustainability is...

- The capacity to endure.
- Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Source: Wikipedia

Sustainability is System Thinking



How do we run the community system to provide a better place to work and live?

- •Discuss the issues what do you care about?
- •Define where you want the Region to be 50 to 100 years from now. What community do you want to leave to your children?
- •Don't let the realities of today cloud your vision of tomorrow. A lot will change don't be confined by the little things.
- •Begin to identify what you might be able to change in the short-term.
- •Remember sustainability is about changing problem solving techniques and decision-making processes.





New Water Tower





5.4.7 Arts Center

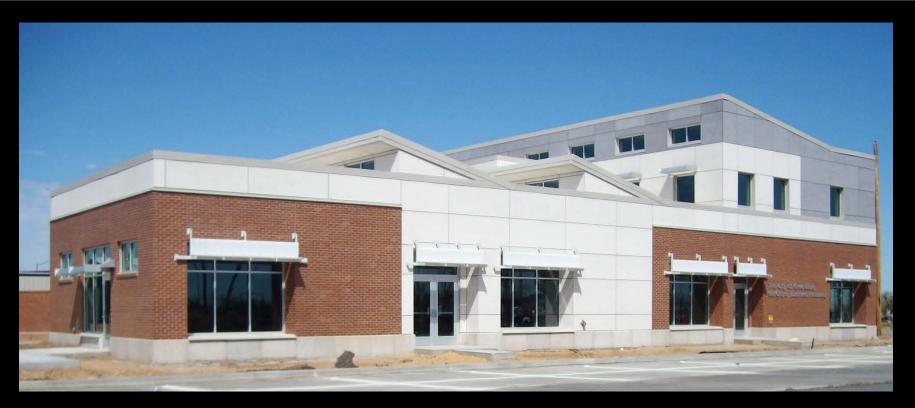
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