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Residents interested in the future of Beaver County's economic development are invited to participate in the first of several "regional visioning" sessions. This regional visioning will involve discussions and sharing ideas around economic prosperity and healthy communities through the building of a clean economy. Join us as we strive to reimagine the best and healthiest opportunities for regional businesses and economic development.

WHAT: *Re~Imagine! Beaver County* A participatory regional visioning session. With a panel of experts, followed by small group discussion

WHEN: Monday, March 6, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Commons Room, First Presbyterian Church, 252 College Avenue, Beaver, PA 15009

This is a free event, open to the public. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagine-beaver-county-tickets-32154875097>

Community members, leaders, and sustainability entrepreneurs will share their views for the region's future including business ventures and opportunities that lend themselves to renewable energy and more sustainable communities.

Panelists include:

- Carl Davidson, who has worked with steelworkers in the [Blue/Green Alliance](#), on balancing the transition to a renewable economy with intense concerns and need for jobs and labor.
- Lisa Graves-Marcucci of Environmental Integrity Project will highlight the job-creating capacity of environmental protection.
- Becky Kretschmann, founder and co-owner of Kretschmann's Organic Farm: Sustainable Farming Practices and the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA).
- Mario Leone, Jr., Monaca Borough Manager, who will speak about the award-winning green initiatives going on in Monaca.
- Jim Price of Sustainable Pittsburgh will discuss sustainable development and planning for Beaver County municipalities, as well as Sustainable Pittsburgh's "Small Business Designation Program" which has engaged 60 businesses in Aliquippa, Ambridge, Beaver, Beaver Falls, Midland, Monaca, and New Brighton.
- Hal Saville of Energy Independent Solutions Solar Installations will offer strategies for creating clean jobs and bringing solar to our communities.

Small group discussions will follow the panel, giving everyone an opportunity to brainstorm possibilities for a new vision of Beaver County's future.

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