

Facilitator Discussion Guide *Re~Imagine! Beaver County*

Overarching question

Please read the following paragraph to your table:

What types of sustainable development would you like to see in Beaver County?

This can include specific companies and small businesses, clean transportation, public initiatives, parks, trails, bike lanes and recreation, water features and wetlands, solar/wind installations and other energy infrastructure, agricultural ventures, education and training etc.

Feel free to put your suggestions on the map, using the markers and post-its provided

You can spend the whole 50 minute discussion on the question above. If things get slow, or too contentious, or you simply want to add something else to the mix, you can also select from one or more of the questions below. Or use them as follow-up questions.

What values or principles should guide the re-imagining of Beaver County?

What are some of the existing sustainable resources in Beaver County? Which companies/initiatives/natural resources could be expanded or further developed?

What new businesses/ideas should Beaver County seek out?

Identify potential allies and business prospects.

What needs to change – in this county? In the region?

Who needs to be included in creating this vision? Who is missing from the conversation we've started tonight and how can we involve them moving forward? Who should be invited to future visioning sessions?

What types of renewable energy/sustainable businesses would you like to learn more about in future sessions? (e.g. vertical farming, green chemistry, etc)

What types of implementation strategies would you like to learn more about? (e.g. grants for sustainable development, how other communities have approached sustainable development, what does the state of PA offer in the way of help)

What next steps should be taken?

What can you personally bring to the re-imagining of Beaver County? (including expertise, contacts, skills, etc.)