

INDIANA RURAL FORUMS

The **Indiana Rural Forums** is an exciting telecommunications project that focuses on the many challenges and issues faced by rural communities. Sponsored by the Purdue Center for Regional Development, USDA-Rural Development, and Purdue Extension Service participants will include local community leaders, rural development resource organizations and other interested individuals.

LOCAL LEADERS PARTICIPATING WILL:

Share their perspectives on pertinent rural challenges and issues facing their community.

Learn solution strategies that have been used by other community leaders around the state.

Network with regional and state rural development organizations.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING WILL:

Gain a deeper understanding of rural issues by engaging the participant around the issues they normally do not have an opportunity to consider.

Enhance communication, understanding and coordination of organizational resources.

Initiate collaborative actions to address rural issues.

RISE 2020 & “HomeTown Competitiveness” - MAY 31st TELECAST: Utilizing four of the seven RISE 2020 pillars, this nationally recognized community development strategy helps volunteers focus on: (1) mobilizing local leaders and building community civic capacity, (2) energizing local entrepreneurs to build a strong economy, (3) capture wealth transfer to raise development dollars, (4) attract young people to strengthen community demographics. Created through the collaborative efforts of the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, the Nebraska Community Foundation and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, the HomeTown Competitiveness Program has a proven record of helping smaller and more rural communities build significantly stronger and more sustainable development.

This final telecast of the series will bring all seven of the RISE 2020 pillars together as well as provide information to participants about an exciting opportunity to participate in an “Indiana - HomeTown Competitiveness” program this fall and next spring! So please join us for this final telecast!

All telecasts are from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. (Indy Time). TO REGISTER please contact your nearest regional telecast location:

- Adams County Extension Office, Decatur (260-724-5322)
- Benton County Extension Office, Fowler (765-884-0140)
- Hendricks County Extension Office, Danville (317-745-9260)
- Hoosier Energy REC, Bloomington (812-876-2021)
- Marshall County Extension Office, Plymouth (574-935-8545)
- Tippecanoe County Extension Office, Lafayette (765-474-0793)
- Vigo County Extension Office, Terre Haute (812-462-3371)
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- Harrison County Extension Office, Corydon (812-738-4236)
- Henry County Extension Office, New Castle (765-529-5002)
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- Pulaski County Extension Office, Winamac (574-946-3412)
- Vanderburgh County Extension Office, Evansville (812-435-5287)

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