Community Economic Renewal PWT Progress Report for 2009

1. Name of PWT: Community Economic Renewal

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3. 2009 CER PWT Activities and Accomplishments:
   - The CCE Energy Survey was completed and information was gathered from CCE associations across the state. The information was summarized and reviewed by the CER PWT and CCE administration, as well as shared with related PWTs. A new CCE Energy Investment Steering Committee was formed to look at the investments needed to enhance program and organizational development to support energy research and outreach. Key energy program areas identified were: Households, Agriculture, and Community.

   - PWT members participated in a special meeting on May 12th at Cornell to learn about “Transition Towns”, a unique community development and decision-making approach gaining some momentum in Europe.

   - Based on results of the survey, and with the understanding that other PWTs such as the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation PWT would be addressing other concerns, the CERPWT members met in October and discussed what role the PWT could play. Key areas identified were: Energy Literacy, Community Leadership Development, Intersection of Municipal Planning and Energy Issues, Workforce Development, and a Summer Energy Internship Initiative.

   - Members of the PWT met in November to begin work on an Energy Literacy Initiative. The primary focus will be to enhance the competence of CCE educators and to develop an energy context or framework from which educators from various disciplines can begin to see the connections and related impacts related to energy.

   - Other members of the PWT met in December to begin work on an Energy and Comprehensive Planning Initiative. The initial goal is to identify available resources and tap into existing organizations and/or efforts which would provide needed training opportunities for CCE staff.
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