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Platte Profile Citizen Planning Team Defines Priority Focus Areas to Guide Future of County

Citizens encouraged to fill out "Postcard to the Future"

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The Citizen Planning Team (CPT), an advisory group of 35 Platte County residents guiding Platte County's strategic planning process, met on July 31 to develop questions for upcoming focus groups and to begin distributing citizen comment cards to the community.

At previous meetings CPT members prioritized the focus areas encompassing the highest priority needs Platte County will face in the next five to twenty years. These focus areas will cover goals and objectives for the county in eight key areas, including growth and planning, economic development and tourism, transportation and infrastructure, parks and recreation, community services, public safety and emergency preparedness, partnership and collaboration and environment.

CPT members also received bundles of "Postcards to the Future," which are citizen comment cards that will be distributed by members throughout Platte County. These cards will help determine what Platte County residents want their community to be in the future.

Several steps in the process will be taken over the next three months. Focus groups on the eight key topic areas will convene for two evening meetings in August and September. The CPT will meet on September 27 to discuss potential plan goals, and an open house will be held for the public in October. A community survey will be conducted in November. The final plan will be completed in spring 2008.

Visit www.platteprofile.com for more information on the Platte Profile planning effort or contact Dana Babcock, Platte County Director of Administration, at 816.858.3332.

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