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This two-part survey is intended to help the Sustainable Economy Initiative (SEI) steering committee focus in on priority implementation ideas drawn from the large number that we've collected thus far in the SEI. The results will help to inform the project staff as they prepare a second draft report for committee consideration in January, and will also inform our January 24-25 meeting agenda.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Please complete the entire survey-getting feedback from all committee members will make this exercise most useful.

This survey is grouped into Section I and Section II.

TextBlock:**SECTION I**

The first part of this survey includes sets of implementation ideas grouped under the five recommendations agreed upon at the Lake Placid meeting. These ideas are drawn from all past committee conversations, project research, inventories of existing work in the region, and staff work.

Please consider and rank each idea on the scale provided. Focus on the essence of each idea as opposed to specific language. The goal here is to get a sense of which ideas are the highest and lowest priorities for you.

The majority of the ideas below do not include a "who" or "how." This is intentional. Please try to evaluate the idea based on the merit you see (or don't see).

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Please note that you do not have to answer every question. This survey is designed to gauge genuine interest in each option.

You can change your answer when you are on a particular page of the survey, however, once you advance to the next page, you cannot go back.

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Section I:

RECOMMENDATION #1:

Foster an environment for investment in entrepreneurship and economic development.

Create a regional endowment to fund a Northern Forest Promise program to provide college scholarships for all Northern Forest children.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			2	7 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			9	33 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			2	7 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Develop flexible, patient loan and venture capital funds to invest in innovation and entrepreneurs

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			15	55 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			0	0 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%



Invest in the development of an eclectic group of people to create a creative, innovative, visionary, and entrepreneurial "BrainWorks" group for business attraction and development

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			9	33 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			7	25 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			5	18 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			2	7 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





Create an annual cash prize in forest innovation as a means to spur innovation and creativity, draw attention to emerging ideas, and identify entrepreneurs

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			4	14 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			4	14 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			3	11 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%




Connect technical schools, colleges and universities in the region to develop and share curricula linking education with emerging workforce needs in the region

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			21	77 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			6	22 %
No strong feelings either way			0	0 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Develop an investment portfolio of financial and skill-based resources to invest in current businesses and visionary individuals, and expansion/development of new companies

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Implement workforce training programs in renewable and emerging energy clusters

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			15	55 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			0	0 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





Enhance Career counselor capacity in local schools with increased resources and training; develop career counselor circuit riders for regional coordination and capacity

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			6	22 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			16	59 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			2	7 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Create a recruitment strategy to target visitors, alumni of higher education, camps and private schools, seasonal property owners, natives living elsewhere, etc.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			4	14 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			13	48 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			6	22 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Create Innovation Jobs Fund to support job-creating R&D in specific emerging industries

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





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Section I:

RECOMMENDATION #2:

Manage and conserve the character and productive capacity of the forest ecosystem.

Create a Northern Forest Early Warning System to anticipate major threats to our ecosystem in partnership with the four states and the contiguous Canadian provinces

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			7	25 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			6	22 %
No strong feelings either way			6	22 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			6	22 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			2	7 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Establish mechanisms and markets to pay landowners for ecosystem services

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			7	25 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			5	18 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Conduct regional green infrastructure planning to identify most productive and vulnerable lands for conservation system of natural landscapes

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			7	25 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			2	7 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Support community, state, and regional land trusts to secure conservation easements on lands

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			10	37 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			4	14 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%







Maintain and strengthen capacity of state forestry agencies to provide tech assistance to land owners and industry

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			11	40 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			15	55 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%






Expand the category of eligible forestry offsets under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

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A good idea, but not one of my top tier			6	22 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			3	11 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Review income tax code, estate tax, etc. to assess impact on intergenerational land transfer; determine course of action to ease transfer

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			10	37 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Increase federal Forest Legacy Fund funding for working forest conservation easements

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			12	44 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			3	11 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Revitalize and fund USFS State and Private programs for land conservation, landowner assistance, and forest stewardship

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			10	37 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Pursue FSC certification for the entire Northern Forest region

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			5	18 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			6	22 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			5	18 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

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Section I:

RECOMMENDATION #3:

Invest in comprehensive community development to make the region's communities attractive places to live, work and play.

Establish prototype "model developments" to demonstrate the utility and profitability of sustainable development

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			10	37 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			4	14 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Develop standards for sustainable community certification and a certification body; certification=increased access to funding

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			5	18 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			10	37 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			6	22 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Launch and/or expand village/downtown/Main Street programs or projects to revitalize community centers

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Expand federal transportation model of prioritizing to other infrastructure needs (water and sewer, broadband, housing, etc.), e.g. coordinated inventory, assessment, coordination

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			12	44 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

Create a 4-state repository of information on economic and social data in the region as a resource for planning and investment decisions

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			6	22 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			16	59 %
No strong feelings either way			5	18 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





Develop a Carbon Action Plan for each community with specific goals for reduction and conservation

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			4	14 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			6	22 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%





Review local planning and zoning regulations and update to reflect smart growth concepts and agricultural and open-space

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			10	37 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			10	37 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			5	18 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





Expand state Smart Growth planning and funding programs

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			12	44 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			10	37 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Invest in community cultural amenities and the creative economy

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Invest in affordable workforce housing

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			8	29 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			17	62 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Invest in health care infrastructure

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			16	59 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			8	29 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





Deliver universal broadband access in the Northern Forest region

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			23	85 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			3	11 %
No strong feelings either way			0	0 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%






Improve east-west rail connectivity across the Northern Forest region

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			7	25 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			4	14 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

Maintain and grow funding for existing federal programs that serve community development in the region
e.g. CDBG, USDA Rural Development, EDA

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			17	62 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			7	25 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Create a "Leadership Northern Forest" program to enhance individual leadership development and civic engagement, building on existing leadership programs in each state

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			11	40 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			10	37 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

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Section I:

RECOMMENDATION #4:

Invest in research and development of products and services that capitalize on the comparative advantages of the Northern Forest.




Develop a regional wood products manufacturers consortium to promote innovation and shared marketing

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			15	55 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			0	0 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%


Negotiate volume contracts of certified wood with The Paper Group, large manufacturers, and biomass energy providers

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			2	7 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			16	59 %
No strong feelings either way			5	18 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%





Closely integrate forestry practices, educational institutions and private businesses to create a "working lab" for development of new forest products in the Northern Forest

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			17	62 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Connect east-west recreation trail efforts across the region.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			9	33 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			14	51 %
No strong feelings either way			4	14 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Collect and disseminate periodic, current, and consistent visitor and market data to inform tourism business decisions and improve responsiveness to visitor preferences.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			10	37 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			13	48 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%






Develop an agritourism base of activity and explore this as an added value product for local farms

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			8	29 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			13	48 %
No strong feelings either way			5	18 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%






Develop and sustain local market outlets for agricultural producers: farmers markets, farm stands, local food to restaurants

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			15	55 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			0	0 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%







Refine regional portfolio standards to call for fuels from sustainably managed forests

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			9	33 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			11	40 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			3	11 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Create regional nature-based recreation and heritage tourism networks to provide comprehensive experiences for visitors

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			12	44 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			12	44 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Mandate local purchasing for public institutions where possible and appropriate (food, energy, lumber, etc for prisons, universities, state buildings, schools, etc.)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			8	29 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			6	22 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%




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Section I:



RECOMMENDATION #5:

Formalize a framework to coordinate leadership and the implementation of these strategies.






Create and fund a federal/state regional development commission (e.g. Northern Border Commission)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			9	33 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			6	22 %
No strong feelings either way			2	7 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			8	29 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

Establish a rural caucus in each state legislature to advocate for rural issues and needs

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			7	25 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			13	48 %
No strong feelings either way			3	11 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			3	11 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

Establish a public-private partnership similar to the SEI model to continue coordination function across the four states and support SEI implementation (e.g. Northern Forest Center as "staff" to a governor-appointed council)

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One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			14	51 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			9	33 %
No strong feelings either way			1	3 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			2	7 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

Create intentional leadership exchanges or sister-town relationships with other Northern Forest communities for shared learning

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
One of my top priorities for inclusion in the strategy			4	14 %
A good idea, but not one of my top tier			16	59 %
No strong feelings either way			5	18 %
I have some reservations/concerns about this idea			1	3 %
I would not support the inclusion of this idea in the strategy			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

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SECTION II

To turn these ideas and strategies into action, we have to identify how and by whom these elements might be implemented. As we have learned in our research of national and international best practices, a key success factor for regional economic development is to have regional "institutions" or networks that are able to implement various aspects of the strategy through collaborative efforts.

Beginning with what already exists in the region, project staff have developed a starter list of networks/institutions that could "own" the implementation of different components of the overall strategy. To frame the committee's discussion at the January meeting, your suggestions and input are essential.

Part II of the survey gauges your reactions to some of the regional networks/institutions brainstormed by the project staff.

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Here's an example of how the project staff developed the ideas you're about to evaluate:

Recommendation: Invest in comprehensive community development to make the region's communities attractive places to live, work and play

Sample Action Steps (sample list of items from Section I):

- Create a 4-state repository of information on economic and social data in the region as a resource for planning and investment decisions
- Provide expanded visioning and planning resources to communities
- Expand federal transportation model of prioritizing to other infrastructure needs (water and sewer, broadband, housing, etc).
E.g. coordinated inventory, assessment, coordination
- Develop a Carbon Action Plan for each community with specific goals for reduction and conservation
- Develop a comprehensive biomass fuels planning process for the community

Examples of existing networks/institutions that would participate in the implementation of these ideas and that would benefit from increased capacity:

- Regional planning commissions, COGs, community development NGOs, state Smart Growth programs

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism suggested by project staff:

- A Northern Forest Community Resource Network to support existing community development developed through collaboration among existing regional planning commissions, and state planning agencies.

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Please consider and rank your initial reaction to the networks/institutions proposed below. As with Section I, in Section II you do not have to answer every question to continue to the next question. This survey is designed to gauge genuine interest in each option.

#1: LEADERSHIP

Example existing networks/programs:

Lead Western Maine, Leadership North Country (NH), Vermont Leadership Institute, Leadership Adirondack

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A Northern Forest Leadership Institute to facilitate the development of current and future community, business, and NGO leaders of the Northern Forest region

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			13	48 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			13	48 %
I don't like this one.			1	3 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

#2: INVESTMENT

Example existing institutions:

Maine Community Foundation, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Vermont Community Foundation, Adirondack Community Trust

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A Northern Forest Foundation or network of charitable foundations.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			9	33 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			11	40 %
I don't like this one.			7	25 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

#3: PRIVATE INVESTMENT & ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

Example existing networks/institutions:

ANGEL investor groups, Small Business Development Centers, Coastal Enterprises, Inc., Vested for Growth, BEDCO, NCIC

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism

A regional "Growth-Ready" Capital Network to provide patient investment capital for Northern Forest businesses tied to sustainable use of the region's resources.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			19	70 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			6	22 %
I don't like this one.			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

#4: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Example existing institutions:

VT Sustainable Jobs Fund, NH Workforce Opportunity Council, State University systems

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism

A Northern Forest Jobs Initiative to design and implement workforce training programs.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			13	48 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			12	44 %
I don't like this one.			2	7 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

#5: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Example existing networks/institutions: regional planning commissions, COGs, community development NGOs, state Smart Growth programs

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A Northern Forest Community Resource Network to support existing community development developed through collaboration among existing regional planning commissions, and state planning agencies.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			14	51 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			10	37 %
I don't like this one.			3	11 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%

#6: FOREST CONSERVATION

Example existing networks/institutions:

Northern Forest Alliance, Two Countries One Forest, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, community land trusts

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A Conservation Coalition to develop and implement a plan for identifying and conserving the region's most critical working and wilderness landscapes.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			11	40 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			11	40 %
I don't like this one.			2	7 %
No Response(s)			3	11 %
Totals			27	100%

#7: FOREST MONITORING AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Example existing networks/institutions:

North East State Foresters Association, Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, Northeastern States Research Cooperative, The Nature Conservancy, state forest services

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A Northern Forest Ecosystem Roundtable to provide monitoring, information and data on the health and productivity of the Northern Forest ecosystem and pursue markets for ecosystem services.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			13	48 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			9	33 %
I don't like this one.			1	3 %
No Response(s)			4	14 %
Totals			27	100%

#8: FOREST INDUSTRY

Example existing networks/institutions:

Empire State Forest Products Association, Maine Wood Products Association, Maine Forest Products Council, Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association, NH Timberland Owners, Sustainable Forest Futures.

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A regional Wood Products Consortium to promote innovation and new efforts to identify and access potential markets.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			16	59 %
I'm intested, but would need more detail.			6	22 %
I don't like this one.			1	3 %
No Response(s)			4	14 %
Totals			27	100%

#9: FOREST PRODUCTS R&D

Example existing networks/institutions:

Maine Forest Bioproducts Initiative, Advanced Engineered Wood Composite Center, SUNY, Mascoma, Fractionation Development Center

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A network of premier R&D labs doing coordinated research on the next generation of wood products.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			18	66 %
I'm intested, but would need more detail.			7	25 %
I don't like this one.			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

#10: NATURE-BASED RECREATION

Example existing networks/institutions:

Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Coos Tourism Initiative, Northeast Kingdom GeoTourism, Adirondack North Country Association, Mountain Counties Heritage

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A regional network of nature tourism businesses, NGOs, and state tourism agencies to develop itineraries and coordinated marketing, share best practice, and develop market research.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			20	74 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			6	22 %
I don't like this one.			0	0 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

#11: HERITAGE, ARTS & CULTURE

Example existing networks/institutions:

Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, Highlands Guild, Adirondack North Country Association, Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network.

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A regional network of arts and culture organizations and businesses to cultivate leadership, develop advocacy instruments and marketing materials, and, distribute best practices and results from local activities.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			11	40 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			14	51 %
I don't like this one.			0	0 %
No Response(s)			2	7 %
Totals			27	100%

#12: AGRICULTURE

Example existing networks/institutions:

Maine Eat Local Coalition, Resource Conservation & Development Districts, NOFA - VT, Adirondack Harvest, Vermont New Farmers Network

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A regional network of agricultural producers, NGOs, and distributors to create connections between producers and consumers and capitalize on growing demand for local agriculture products.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			16	59 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			9	33 %
I don't like this one.			2	7 %
No Response(s)			0	0 %
Totals			27	100%





#13: RENEWABLE ENERGY

Example existing networks/institutions:

Adirondack Energy Smart Park Initiative, Northern Forest Biomass Energy Initiative, Vermont Climate and Energy Action Network, Wood Energy Advisory Roundtable (NH).

Possible Regional Implementation Mechanism:

A regional network for renewable energy focused on expanding use of renewable energy in the region.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like this idea.			18	66 %
I'm interested, but would need more detail.			7	25 %
I don't like this one.			1	3 %
No Response(s)			1	3 %
Totals			27	100%

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. We look forward to sharing the results with you at the next Sustainable Economy Initiative meeting January 24-25.

If you have any additional comments, please place them in the comment box below.