Building Community Capacity and Prosperity: Leadership, Technology, & Innovation

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Session Objectives

• Understand impacts of changes in technology
  • Growth concentrated in larger centers
  • Changing roles of regional hubs in development process
  • Options that technology offers to smaller communities
  • Accommodating increases in elderly and declines in working age groups

• See examples of how regional hubs are adapting

• Learn about resources available in the DCEO statewide plan

• Gain new ideas and insights to implement locally

• Promote regional economic development efforts with outcomes
Session Presenters

**Moderator:** Norman Walzer, Senior Research Scholar, NIU CGS

**Panel:**

Marc Thorson, Exec Director, Regional Technology Services, NIU
“Future of Local Government Technology”

Danny D. Langloss, Jr., City Manager, and Councilman Mike Venier, City of Dixon
“Predicting the Future: Creating Thriving Communities in Times of Change”

Agnes Masnic, Asst. Dep. Dir., Office of Regional Economic Development, DCEO
“Five-Year Economic Development Plan”

**Audience Participation and Take-Aways**

Important local development issues
How CGS can help promote local development in the future
Projected Population Changes by Age, 2019-2029
Northern Illinois Region

Generation Z
Lose 143,476

Millennials
Lose 65,634

Generation X
Lose 65,144

Baby Boom
Gain 18,676

Silent Generation
Gain 205,573

Ways to Participate in this Exciting Effort

• Complete *Strategic Action Planning Matrix* for session notes
• Identify major issues facing your community (*Shape the Future cards*)
• Be active in local development initiatives
• Contact CGS for ways to help in local development efforts
• Have fun and celebrate successes!!!