



## Get Involved – Be the Change YOU Want to See!

Following is a list of key issues that emerged through the Brown Bag discussions. Summit II participants identified one priority to address first in each area and signed up to work on the issues important to them. The lists of work group members can be found on the Changing Population website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/columbia/index.html>. These citizen groups are encouraged to connect with one another and work together to build Columbia County.

YOU can get involved with the issues that matter to you. Simply check off the topics that interest you, complete the information requested at the bottom of this page, and mail to: Columbia County Extension, P.O. Box 567, Portage, WI 53901. We will add your name to the work group(s) list so that you can get connected to others who care about the issues that matter to you.

### Please indicate the topic area(s) you are interested in.

- A. Transportation**  
Establishment of regional transit authority
- B. Balancing Taxes and Services**  
Equitable tax collection (certain businesses have been exempt): collect sales tax from internet sales
- C. Synergy with Regions**  
Optimal use of natural resources, history and human resources to encourage responsible business opportunity. Work in partnership with local government to eliminate artificial barriers and boundaries.
- D. Helping Citizens Know What's Going On**  
Cities, towns, county have someone whose responsibility it is to share information.  
Teaching youth about civics, government and community involvement.
- E. Employable Workforce**  
Business could work more with schools: curriculum, counseling and guidance, teachers learning more about commercial industrial sectors in community.
- F. Connecting People to Resources**  
Better dialogue between education/government/private sector to avoid duplication.
- G. High Speed Internet**  
Incentives for companies to have high-speed internet available to more communities/rural areas.  
How to address legislation against communities having their own high-speed internet.
- H. Connecting Volunteers**  
Volunteer database needed: website, time bank. Encourage volunteers of all ages.
- I. Cooperation Between Business/Government/Education**  
Continue open dialogue about what the future should look like.
- J. Developing Youth and Adult Leaders in Communities**  
Make it easier to participate by sharing opportunities and providing leadership training for youth and adults.

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I do/do not (circle one) grant UW-Extension, Columbia County permission to publicly post my contact information on the Changing Population website for the purpose of future discussion in the topic areas noted above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_