



**Participants in the Elk River Valley Round Table Event will be able to discuss:**

- 1. Eight Broad issues that are currently occurring in the region,**
- 2. Develop local approaches to addressing these issues, and**
- 3. Create next step strategies round the following those topics**

**Examples of the topics and some of the questions that will be explored throughout the day:**

- Healthy Living & Wellness**
  - Looking at what is the most significant health and wellness Issues in the region
- **Substance Abuse Prevention**
  - Looking at prevention, treatment and recovery
  - Who is most effected and contributing factors
- **Education**
  - Exploring ways to assess quality of education
  - What are opportunities for enhancing quality of education: K-12, post-graduation, workforce development, etc.
  - Exploring if there are barriers to enhancing educational opportunities, and if so exploring what they are and how to address.
  - Looking at what students have as extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, opportunities?
- Housing**
  - Exploring affordable housing
  - Explore what problems remain with re-building after the floods?
  - If multi-family housing were available, would you or residents in area want to live in it?
  - Is the infrastructure adequate (roads, electricity, gas, water, sewer/septic)
- Transportation**
  - What are the transportation needs to the people living in the area or region (in your neighborhood)?
  - What kinds of transportation service would be used in your neighborhood, if made available?

Are there barriers to public transportation – cost, location of stops, frequency of stops, area of coverage for
- **Other Essential Services**
  - What goods or services are needed that are not easily available now.
  - How do you access the goods and services you need now?
  - Is “walkability” in your area an issue?
- **Youth Development**
  - What do the kids need that they are not getting?
  - How would you recruit youth to this conversation?
- Recreation & Sports**
  - What recreation facilities and opportunities are readily available?
    - If asked, what activities or facilities would they want to use in the region that are not available now
  - Discussion around existing and missing recreation and sporting opportunities