

**GREENSBURG, KS**  
*Rebuilding . . .*  
**STRONGER, BETTER, GREENER!**







Greensburg

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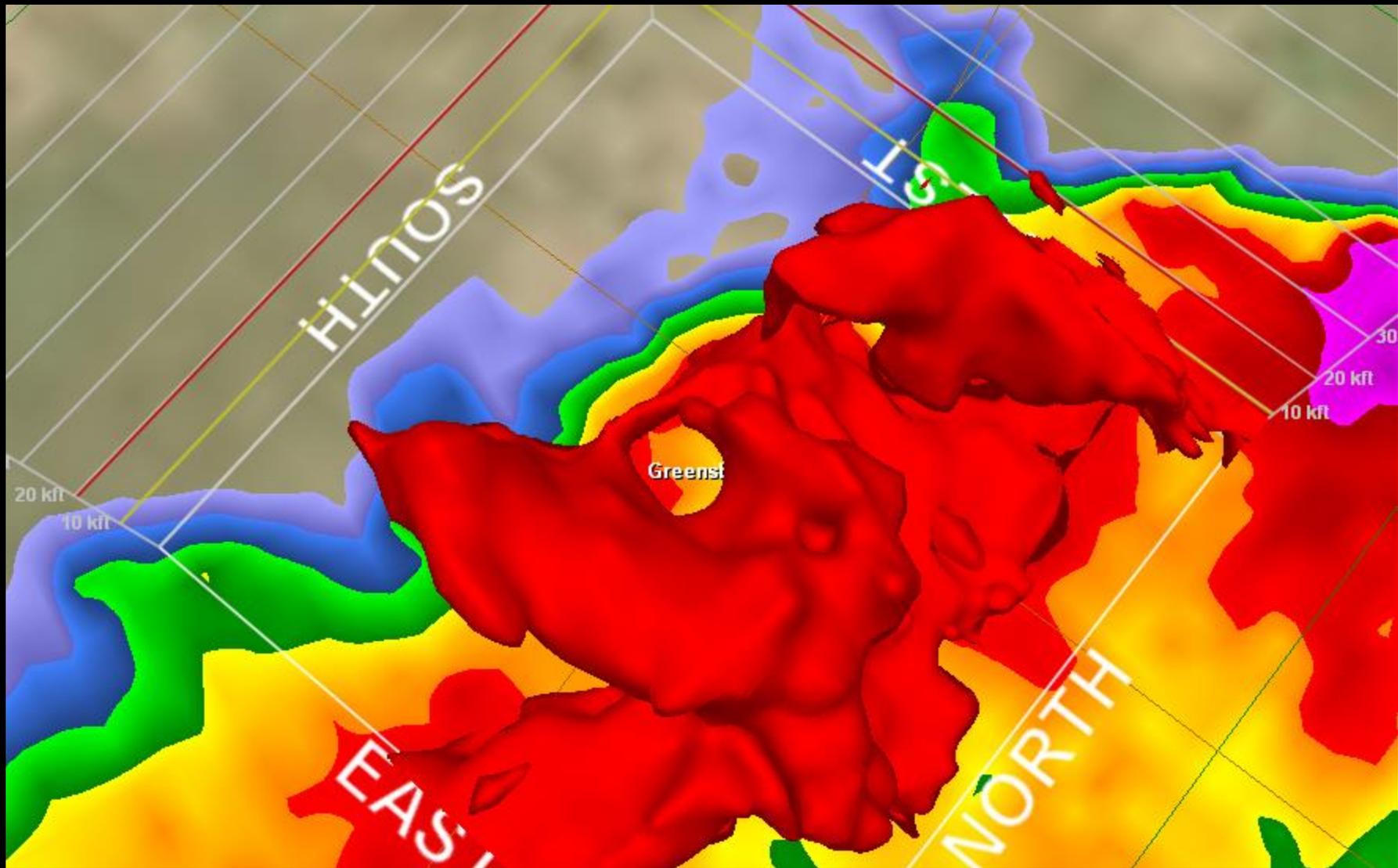
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- Public Square Steering Committee
- Recovery Action Team
- Business Sector
- Planning Commission
- City Council
- City Planning Staff
- Community-Wide Meetings



## **COMMUNITY**

A progressive community that offers urban services within the unassuming feel of a rural, Midwestern community.

## **FAMILY**

A community that provides opportunities for its young people in the way of jobs, education and recreation as reasons to stay in Greensburg.

## **PROSPERITY**

A community where entrepreneurial spirit, customer service, and a sustainable economy permeate the business sector and where residents, travelers, and tourists enjoy a full line of locally owned businesses that provide jobs and services to an exceptional example of smalltown America.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

A community that recognizes the importance of the natural environment and balances the need for growth and economic development with the maintenance and improvement of the environment.

## **AFFORDABILITY**

An up-to-date, affordable rural community where housing plans and strategies incorporate energy-efficient design and materials and serve as a regional and national model for integrating residents of all ages and needs with services of all kinds.

## **GROWTH**

A community that opens its doors to new residents and visitors without affecting the values and lifestyles of its current residents.

## **RENEWAL**

A community that Makes proactive decisions that use this opportunity to reverse the decline of the community and build a progressive city with a strong future.

## **WATER**

Treat each drop of water as a precious resource.

## **HEALTH**

Improve quality of life by promoting a healthy and active lifestyle.

## **ENERGY**

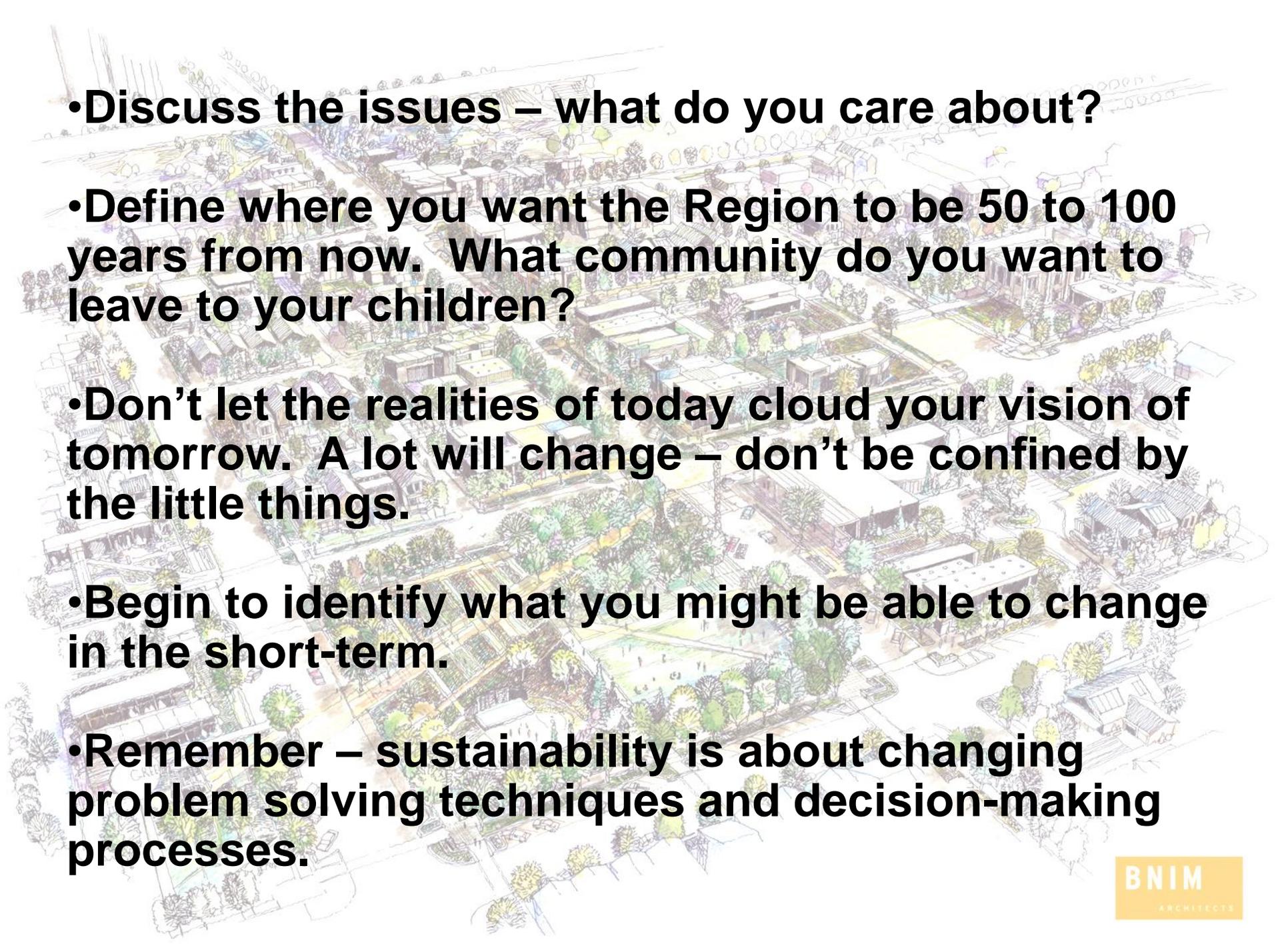
Promote a high level of efficiency in new construction and look to renewable options for generation.

## **WIND**

Greensburg's vast wind resources are part of an emerging economy and should be harvested.

## **BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Build a town that encourages interaction between residents, welcomes guests and serves as a model community. New development should be durable, healthy, and efficient. City projects will lead the way by becoming examples of green practices that are built to last.

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- **Discuss the issues – what do you care about?**
  - **Define where you want the Region to be 50 to 100 years from now. What community do you want to leave to your children?**
  - **Don't let the realities of today cloud your vision of tomorrow. A lot will change – don't be confined by the little things.**
  - **Begin to identify what you might be able to change in the short-term.**
  - **Remember – sustainability is about changing problem solving techniques and decision-making processes.**



[Greensburgks.org](http://Greensburgks.org)



# Sustainability is....

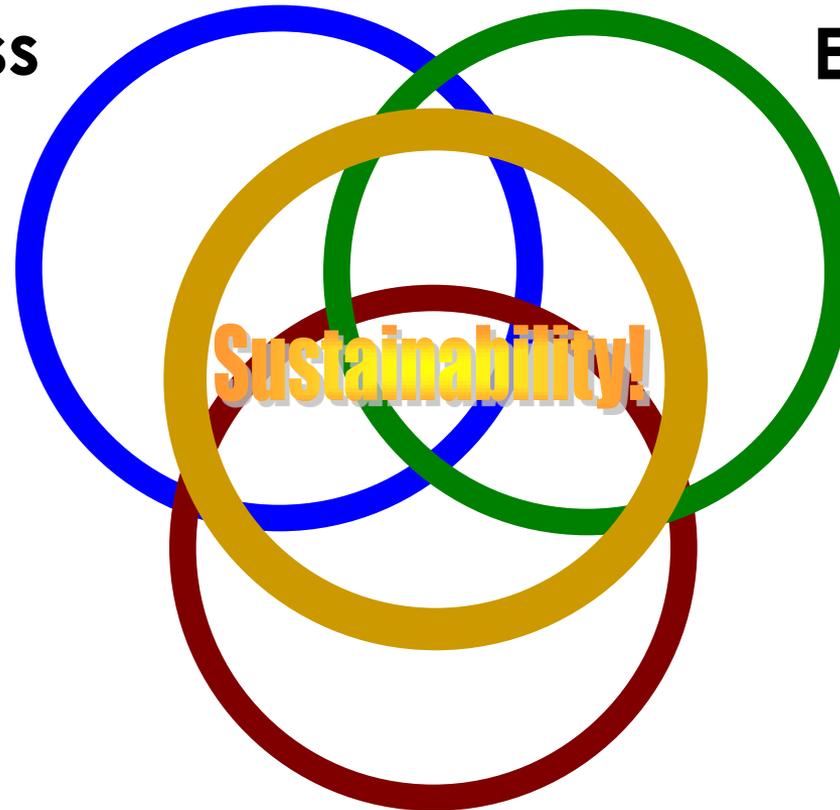
- The capacity to endure.
- To continue in existence



# Sustainability is System Thinking

Business

Environment



People

**How do we run the community system to provide a better place to work and live?**



*Celebrating clean,  
green energy  
in Greensburg!*

**Greensburg**  
Wind Farm



JOHN DEERE

AMERICAN EXPRESS

USDA

KANSAS SMART POOL





# New Water Tower



# 5.4.7 Arts Center

## 1<sup>st</sup> LEED Platinum Building in Kansas





## Prairie Point Townhomes

**1<sup>st</sup> LEED Platinum  
Residential Facility  
in Kansas**





# City of Greensburg Sun Chips Business Incubator 1<sup>st</sup> LEED Platinum Municipal Building in Kansas





## **New All LED Streetlights**

**1<sup>st</sup> City in the U.S. to  
have all LED  
Streetlights**





The City of Greensburg  
City Hall

City Hall   
GREENSBURG



**PUBLIC WORKS  
FACILITY**  
CITY OF GREENSBURG



GLMVA









**Kiowa County Senior Center  
Opened April 2012**

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2008

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# Robinett Building Renovation Only Building on Main Street Business District to Survive





S.D. ROBINETT 1915

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OPEN



Dillons Store Grand Opening February 11, 2009



Family Dollar Store  
Opened March 2012



**BTI-  
Greensburg  
John Deere  
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Wind Energy

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## Welcome to **THE BIG WELL** MUSEUM

Every town has its stories – some shared, some whispered, and some debated. Our Greensburg tale begins in the 1880s when a few men decided this spot should be the railway seat. It grew because of available transportation, fertile land, and water by well.

Over 100 years later, after an EF-5 tornado destroyed the town in 2007, people rallied to rebuild in a different, sustainable way.

We chronicle the past, a visionary view of one night, and a bright future. These three chapters – the well, the tornado, and building green – help convey the narrative of a resilient, optimistic, and strong people.

So, welcome to Greensburg – and to many more.

### lets to be told **A Tangled Saga**

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**Timeline**

- 1882: Greensburg is established.
- 1885: The town is destroyed by a fire.
- 1890: The town is rebuilt.
- 1900: The town is destroyed by a tornado.
- 2007: The town is destroyed by a tornado.
- 2008: The town is rebuilt in a sustainable way.
- 2010: The town is a model of sustainable living.

# Greensburg Churches



# New Homes



# New Homes





Blessed with a unique **opportunity**  
To create a **strong community**  
Devoted to **family**,  
Fostering business,  
working **together** for future **generations**.



Do we want to leave the world a better place for them?

