

Speak to the Future!

- ◆ *What does our community need for the future?*
- ◆ *What would make life better for everyone who lives here?*
- ◆ *How do our future needs differ from today's?*
- ◆ *How can agencies and organizations work together to improve the quality of life?*
- ◆ *What can you do to help make things better?*

Through the Texas Community Futures Forum, a statewide “town-hall” process, people all over Texas will answer these very questions and many more.

Beginning in January 2004, Texans from all walks of life will study, discuss, and define their community’s current and future needs. A “community” may be one or more neighborhoods, towns, counties, or regions.

Texas Cooperative Extension will facilitate this process to identify needs and will also help to coordinate the partnering of county government, state agencies, organizations, businesses, and other groups to organize action teams to address them.

This is a unique opportunity for many individuals and groups to work together to build a better future for Texas.

What can I do?

As an individual, you can bring your best ideas to your County Forum, and work with your fellow residents to identify local needs and set priorities.

Later, you will receive a report of your county’s priorities, and you can get

involved in planning and working to address those needs.

What about my organization?

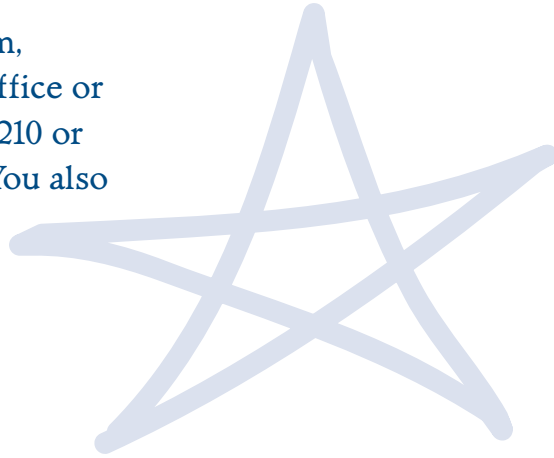
You can make sure that your agency or organization sends a representative to participate in the County Forum. Later, you can use the Forum results in your own planning process and as a guide for developing partnerships with others.

All of the items identified locally will be posted and available on the Internet for you to review and use. You can also receive a printed report by contacting your county Extension office.

The Futures Forum results will help groups to focus their activities and resources to address local needs. And by encouraging cooperation, the Futures Forum will enable you and your partners to plan for action that will truly make a difference in the lives of Texans and their communities.

Speak to the future! As an individual or as part of an organization, your participation is essential!

For more information about participating in the Texas Community Futures Forum, contact your county Extension office or Extension Education at 979.845.7210 or e-mail: futuresforum@tamu.edu. You also can visit this web site: <http://futuresforum.tamu.edu>



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