

# MAPPING

the Future of Our Community



## PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

Effingham County has enlisted the help of the MAPPING The Future of Your Community program through the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University to take a proactive approach to planning for community and economic development.

The MAPPING program is a participant driven strategic visioning and planning process whereby local leaders and citizen volunteers create a long-range vision for the future of Effingham County and a plan of action for achieving it. A series of five, three-hour sessions, involving a minimum of 25 community members will be held to discuss the questions:

Where are we now? Where do we want to be? How are we going to get there? How do we make it happen? How do we make it happen and maintain the momentum?

Session dates are as follows: (dinner will be provided from 5:30pm-6:00pm)

April 20th, 6:00-9:00 pm

April 27th, 6:00-9:00 pm

May 4th, 6:00-9:00 pm

May 18th, 6:00-9:00 pm

June 1st, 6:00-9:00 pm

All sessions will be held at Koerner Distributor in Effingham.

During the course of these five planning sessions, participants will identify three to six high priority goals for the community, an action plan for implementation, and a break into groups to begin work on their goals and projects. After the conclusion of the MAPPING program, participants will organize a community wide town meeting to share their ideas and projects with the community and invite local participation.

A MAPPING Steering Committee has been formed to look for interested volunteers to participate in these five visioning sessions as well as attain sponsors with a vested interest in the future of Effingham County. The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and the Effingham Regional Growth Alliance are partnering with other community organizations to bring this program to Effingham County.

We wish to invite you to participate in the MAPPING the Future of Our Community program. If you are interested in being a part of these five strategic visioning and planning sessions, please fill out the form below. Participants are asked to make a commitment to attend all five sessions. Forms may be submitted by email to [jniemerg@effinghamcountychamber.com](mailto:jniemerg@effinghamcountychamber.com), via regular mail to 903 N. Keller Drive, Effingham, IL, 62401, or you may drop it off in person to the Chamber Office.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_