75% of Natural & Cultural Resource Preservation

40% Government Sector

4% National Defense

Economic Vitality
Top Ten Fastest Growing Urban/Rural 100 Years of Decline
Frontiers Objectives

1. Build Regional Vision
2. Identify Connections
3. Develop Toolbox of Solutions

Vision

The people of the Flint Hills will work together to:

- Preserve the tallgrass prairie for its scenic beauty and valuable environmental services,
- Encourage growth and new opportunities in our existing communities,
- Foster the health, wellbeing and education of our residents, and
- Welcome visitors to share the beauty and great stories of our homeland.
Developing Regionalism

Flint Hills Frontiers
Community Toolbox

A collection of tools, solutions, and strategies developed during the Flint Hills Frontiers project.

Issue Area

- Natural Systems
- Social Systems
- Cultural Systems
- Farming and Ranching
- Economic Opportunity
- Mobility and Transportation
- Built Environment

Audience

- Citizen Leader
- Local Government
- State Government
- Federal and Tribal Gov
- Community Organization
- Planning and Development
- Org
- Educational Organization

Expand a Succession Training Program

Rural America faces a growing challenge, as population continues to decline and towns and economies shrink. Many of the businesses that came to be the cornerstones of many communities now face closure due to a failure to continue their practices. KU’s Red Tire succession planning and partnering system is one example of how training might be developed to help rural communities in the future. It currently serves a certain sector. Additional expansion could help rural communities adapt and thrive in the future.

Incorporate Entrepreneurial Skills in K-12 Education

With just 12% of the American population in entrepreneurial activities and over 40% of the Flint Hills economy related to government, the diversification of the Flint Hills economy could be the cornerstone of a healthy future economy. Teaching entrepreneurial skills is often left to the college years, yet, these skills can be taught through learning years and through various formats. Developing learning modules that could forge these skills into a centerpiece of educational programming for the future.