COMMUNITY PROSPERITY SUMMIT

Aligning with the priorities identified by the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity, the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) seeks to foster community prosperity in rural areas. To achieve this goal, OPPE wishes to bring together partners who are key to the revitalization of rural America. These summits will bring hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building to the forefront of community development.

INVITED COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- 2501 Grantees
- Minority Serving Land-Grant Universities (1890 and 1994)
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- 1862 Land-Grant Universities
- Members of Rural and/or Agriculture Focused Communities
- Community and Economic Development Community
- Communities of Faith and Opportunity
- Local, State, and Tribal Governments
- Public and Private Sectors
- Faith Leaders
- Other Federal Partners
- Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions

USDA AGRICULTURE & RURAL PROSPERITY PRIORITIES

- Economic Development
- Improving Quality of Life
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- E-Connectivity for Rural America

COMMUNITY PROSPERITY SUMMIT OBJECTIVES:

- Fostering progress toward the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Priorities
- Examining and connecting USDA and other federal programs of value to agriculture and rural communities
- Demonstrating how to identify and approach relevant partners
- Modeling a planning process for helping participants work within local communities to have success moving forward
- Developing and implementing local prosperity councils

TAKEAWAYS - PARTICIPANTS WILL LEAVE WITH:

- A base understanding of USDA programs that can help them address their selected priority
- A tool to guide exploration of range of assets to assist in addressing their selected priority
- A draft partnership list and strategy for making invitations
- A resource list of data sources relevant to the selected priority
- A framework for telling the story of the local need
- A planning tool to guide next steps
- A broader set of networking relationships from among Summit participants
**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Day 1**

- 7:00 Registration and Networking Breakfast
- 8:00 Opening Session
  - Introduction to the USDA Agriculture & Rural Prosperity Priorities
  - USDA Snapshot of Programs
- 10:00 Break and Networking
- 10:30 Success Stories
- 11:30 Working Lunch
- 12:30 Breakout Session: Connecting Assets to Priorities, Part 1
- 2:00 Break and Networking
- 2:30 Breakout Session: Connecting Assets to Priorities, Part 2
- 4:00 Roundtable Discussions
- 5:00 Adjourn

**Day 2**

- 7:00 Breakfast and Networking
- 8:00 Opening Session
  - Overview of the Day
  - Setting the Stage for Partnerships
- 9:00 Breakout Session: Building Strong Partnerships
- 10:00 Break and Networking
- 10:30 Breakout Session: Telling Your Story - Data Session
- 12:00 Working Lunch
- 1:00 Breakout Session: Prioritizing and Planning
- 2:00 Break and Networking
- 2:30 Breakout Session by State - Preparing for Action
- 3:30 Roundtable Discussion and Debrief
- 4:30 Wrap up and Evaluation
- 5:00 Adjourn