

Regional Community Development News – October 4, 2006 [regions_work]

A weekly compilation of news links about and for regional communities pursuing local and regional development. Published on line since November 11, 2003.

1. Regional government would solve Tri-State economic woes, panel says - Bizjournals.com - Charlotte, NC, USA

A panel of economists Friday urged the exploration of a regional government to help the Tri-State cope with meager economic growth.

The advisory panel presented its annual economic outlook to the Cincinnati USA Partnership for Economic Development in a morning session at the Hyatt Regency downtown.

The panel said the local economy, as measured by the regional Gross Domestic Product, will grow 2.5 percent in 2007. That's well below this year's 3.4 percent growth rate and below the national forecast of 2.9 percent growth in 2007.

The panel expects that Tri-State will lag the nation in total employment growth and that its unemployment rate will remain above the national average.

"They're still good numbers. They're reasonable numbers. They're not knock-your-socks off numbers. They're average," said panelist George Vredevelt, director of the Economics Center for Education and Research at the University of Cincinnati.

Continued loss of manufacturing jobs, higher transportation costs and slow population growth are among the factors that will hold the area back, they said.

The panel's 14-page report indicates the Tri-State could solve many of its problems with "a more elastic form of government, one that enables cities to expand either through annexation or government merger."

Calls for a regional government over the past several years have been ignored by local elective officials. Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky have hundreds of political jurisdictions and no clear mandate to unify.

But, as the panel noted in the report, "Regions that embraced this approach have grown faster. While certainly a charged issue, it is one worth investigating."

Panelist Tom Zinn, director of the Applied Economics Research Institute at the University of Cincinnati, said a more cohesive system of regional government could reduce costs - and taxes and make the Tri-State more attractive to companies making new investments.

But Zinn added that the panel is well aware of longstanding opposition to regional government.

"There's a plethora of problems," said Zinn. "We need to start somewhere."

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RC: [OKI - Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council](#)

2. Back at the table - Kentucky.com - Lexington, KY, USA

The Nov. 7 water referendum has already accomplished something just by nudging the 900-pound gorilla back to the table.

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On Monday, Kentucky American unveiled its partnership idea. Commission members and their engineers will need some time to crunch numbers and evaluate the proposal. But it's progress just to have something to consider.

Thanks to the [Bluegrass Area Development District](#) for pushing for a regional water solution.

At a meeting of the planning agency's board in August, a string of local government officials made passionate pleas for cooperation, and the board urged Kentucky American to rejoin the municipal utilities.

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The Bluegrass Water Supply Commission may already be the best regional planning effort Central Kentucky has ever seen. Its success could be a model for the future.

3. [Groups seek to protect land on free parks day](#) - Jackson Hole News - Jackson Hole, WY, USA

Conservation organizations say that as people enjoy free entrance to national parks Saturday, they should consider a U.S. Forest Service report that documents the ills of increasingly fragmented rural areas and calls for interagency cooperation to address the problem.

National Public Lands Day comes about a month after the U.S. Forest Service's issued "Cooperating Across Boundaries-Partnerships to Conserve Open Space in Rural America," which outlines a chilling picture of development rapidly expanding into countryside. New homes, often built on ecologically fragile areas, are fragmenting forests and farms; roads bisect habitat, blocking wildlife movement and letting invasive species move in, the report states.

The report describes cross-boundary partnerships between multiple levels of government, private interests and landowners as a way to help conserve open space.

In the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the report says, ...

Note: Get Forest Service report from the [Izzak Walton League](#) as download or order hard copy.

4. [Region should pursue future in transport, planners say](#) - Toledo Blade - Toledo, OH, USA

Wherever facilities can be built to support it, Toledo should pursue a future as a transportation and warehousing center for an increasingly global economy, local transportation planners said repeatedly during a seminar at the [Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments'](#) annual Transportation Summit yesterday.

Using vision and appropriate action, Toledo will become "a cosmopolitan city of the world where international commerce flows," James Hartung, president of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, said during the International Freight Hub/Freight Issues forum at the summit, held at Brandywine Country Club.

But references to a proposed location for a constellation of logistics facilities - the so-called "Inland Port" - were consciously vague.

"We very diplomatically put it [the 'Inland Port'] on the state line - we don't have a location," said David Dysard, the metropolitan council's vice president of transportation.

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5. Re-rigging the Outrigger - On Line opinion – Australia

The idea of regional cooperation in the Pacific first surfaced in 1947, when the colonial powers administering territories in the Pacific agreed to establish a "South Pacific Commission" (SPC) to ensure the security of the region. Since then, the number of organisations aimed at promoting a Pacific regional community has mushroomed, beginning with the South Pacific Forum in 1971 and now spanning macro-formations like the Forum Fisheries Agency to specific regional partnerships, such as the Melanesian Spearhead Group.

While regional cooperation has long been critical to these geographically scattered and widely heterogeneous countries - giving them economies of scale, strengthening their collective bargaining power, and reinforcing a sense of community, among other benefits - it has become, in the words of Greg Fry, a "highly complex political process." This article highlights some of the political constraints on creating a more integrated Pacific regional community, a process that has been ongoing for nearly 60 years but has yet to achieve the outcomes that regional organisations often aspire to achieve.

The goals of regional organisations like the Forum have long been criticised as being inherently politicised, often reflecting country-specific, and not collective, interests. Just as the SPC was initially established to serve the security interests of the colonial powers, so was the original Forum (and its offshoot, the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation) initially a vehicle to engage questions of neo-liberal economics.

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6. Regional governance only real cost-saver - Brooks Bulletin - Alberta, Canada

Member communities of the Wheatland Regional Partnership recently met to discuss two reports they commissioned regarding a regional water study and regional organization and governance. ... the group wanted the consultants to delve into other areas where there could be even more cooperation than already existed in areas such as fire protection, recreation, economic development, planning, public works and administration.

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Those at the meeting in Strathmore were told that, in the long term, full regional governance was the only real cost effective and efficient method for the provision of regional services. Is this something we should discuss for this area?

7. Regional Governance Its About Responsibilities - Scoop.co.nz (press release) - New Zealand

The Palace coup has ended , scarcely before it started. Embarrassingly shortlived, and a lesson for any future work on leadership for our region. Lets work on structural changes together.

There are two distinct issues which need to be discussed. The first is what structure do we use for regional governance? The [ARC](#) or something else like the Greater Auckland Council? What responsibilities should that body should have in leading the region? As a sub set of that discussion , we need to take the running of the World Cup out of that debate. We need to immediately establish a Auckland Rugby world Cup Committee, as was done for the Sydney Olympics by the Australian Government, to get us all focussed on making that event a showcase for our region.

We need to end the boundaries debate, now. I am proud of Manukau the way it is. We have been developing our city for 40 years and we have much to be proud of our " Manukau way". A collaborative and "get on with it "spirit of enterprise and community endeavour, a strong belief in holding and nurturing public assets, an inherent fairness in governing and resourcing, a faith in investing in land for the long run, and a commitment to investing in our family's and youth by not implementing user charges in our libraries , pools and recreation centres.

We have some real economic and infrastructural advantages over other area's of our region. We have the best maintained and youngest water /waste water infrastructure, which impacts less on our budgets. We have the cheapest water, and are closest to the supply of water and waste water treatment. We own our own landfill. The main airport is within our boundary ,of which we own 10% and the primary power company ,Vector, of which we are 32% residual owners, receives it primary supply from the Contact Energy power station , also within our boundaries.

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8. Preserving regional identity - uefa.com Europe's Football Website – Switzerland

In the latest edition of official publication, uefadirect, UEFA Chief Executive Lars-Christer Olsson explained the reasoning behind the new rules on locally-trained players.

To give clubs time to get used to the idea, the new rule on locally-trained players was announced well ahead of its planned introduction in the UEFA club competition season that has just got under way. In the meantime, events on the field as well as transfers and draws, may have relegated it to the back of people's minds, so with the UEFA club competitions almost in full swing again, it is perhaps opportune to explain the reasoning behind it again.

Preserving identification

It should be said, first of all, that the new rule is not a roundabout way of reviving the old '3+2' rule, which limited the number of foreign players a club could field and hindered the free movement of players. Rather, the new rule aims to preserve a club's identification with its town/city and region of origin.

Many reasons

But why, in these days when sport is a form of entertainment that knows practically no borders, particularly at club level, does anyone want to preserve this regional identity? There are many reasons for wanting to do so, not least a desire to encourage clubs to invest in the training of young local players and to give them a way into first-team football with their clubs, which all too often succumb to the temptation of looking elsewhere for players who are already fully fledged.

Fans' attachment

It is also a matter of preserving the supporters' attachment to 'their' club. The big teams might still attract the crowds despite their lineups consisting almost exclusively of foreign players, but what works for them does not necessarily work for less successful clubs. A club that is not firmly rooted in its region therefore runs the risk of being of interest to no one and even of disappearing altogether.

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9. Commissioners promote regional cohesion - Central Penn Business Journal - Harrisburg, PA, USA

Commissioners from Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland counties used the annual State of the Region Address to promote regional solutions to Central Pennsylvania's problems. Commissioners Jeff Haste of Dauphin County, Warren Van Buskirk of Perry County and Gary Eichelberger of Cumberland County addressed a full house of government, business and community leaders during their speeches at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center in Camp Hill. The address was sponsored by the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Capital Region Economic Development Corp.

Haste said in the future the Central Pennsylvania counties need to "pull together or lose out." ...

RC: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

10. U.S. regional communities - sub-State, State or multi-State - in news articles. Highlighted words are Google search terms. In this and the following section, links to websites of organizations are added to the news excerpt when this is the first time an organization has been found. A goal of this newsletter is to find every regional council in the U.S. in a news story. In most cases, where a full name is present a Google search will quickly get one to that organization.

a) Interim Kerr-Tar COG Director is now permanent

Henderson Daily Dispatch - Henderson, NC, USA

The Kerr-Tar Council of Governments - which helps area communities battle red tape while seeking grants and other funds for local projects - has a new executive director. It is former Assistant Director Timothy "Timmy" Baynes, who began filling in temporarily last May when Neil Mallory retired after serving for two decades in the top spot. ...

b) BART's Financial Woes Weighed at State Transportation Hearing

North Gate News - Berkeley, CA, USA

Most BART riders likely pay little thought to the complex—and costly—infrastructure that keeps the trains running safely and on time. But ever since the property tax bonds that funded BART were retired in the late 1990s, the system has been running on fumes, financially speaking. ... a steady stream of expensive repairs and upgrades plague ...

c) Homeland Security: Assessment of the National Capital Region Strategic Plan

Epicos.com (press release) – Switzerland

... Office of National Capital Region Coordination is to coordinate efforts within the National Capital Region (NCR) to ensure execution of domestic preparedness activities.

... GAO observed that the NCR's strategic plan could benefit from addressing all six characteristics GAO considers to be desirable for a regional homeland security strategy.

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d) Without more road capacity, region's congestion will get worse

Seattle Times - United States

... by 2030, Seattle will have jumped up to the eighth-worst commute in the nation. This forecast comes from our recent Reason Foundation study and assumes that all transportation projects in the **region's** current 25-year plan are actually implemented.

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e) Southern NCCO's first real attempt to pull together joint planning

The News Journal - Wilmington, DE, USA

It's a sad reflection on a state this small that it has taken until now to reach an agreement among governmental and school officials to plan for future growth. ...

Joining the three municipalities in the planning effort are the state, New Castle County, the Wilmington Metropolitan **Area Planning** Council and Smyrna ...

f) Collaboration called key to Mich. future

DetNews.com - Detroit, MI, USA

... Collaboration is already happening, ... But there are many more relationships that must be improved, ... Positioning Michigan, the heart of the struggling domestic automotive industry, as a player in the global marketplace will not only take regional coordination, but also re-branding the state's Rust Belt image, ...

g) Season for most deer crashes near

Detroit Free Press - United States

... Rochester Hills is the regular leader in the annual count of car-deer crashes and again topped all communities in southeast Michigan in 2005 with 186 of the collisions. That's according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the regional planning agency ... areas ... where development is encroaching on deer habitats. ...

h) Regional cooperation chalks up more savings County deal with Ypsilanti makes sense

Ann Arbor News - Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Another example of shared resources and **regional cooperation** is playing out between Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County, and it's a trend we hope to see more of ...

i) Region praised for readying sites for commercial use

Pittsburgh Post Gazette - Pittsburgh, PA, USA

... Institute, a nonprofit real estate development and land-use policy collaborative, that urged local leaders to work together to jump-start **regional development**. ...

j) Inland Empire Officials Seek Greater Say in LA Port Issues

Los Angeles Times - CA, USA

... "There are tendencies by leaders in Los Angeles County and legislators from Los Angeles to focus on goods movement as a port issue only. But it's not just a port issue," said San Bernardino County Supervisor William Postmus. "A huge share of those containers move by truck down our freeways in the Inland Empire." ...

k) Gwinnett leaders to visit Virginia county

Gwinnett Daily Post - Griffin, GA,USA

Gwinnett leaders will look north for a lesson in dealing with growth. Nearly 50 leaders from the government, school system, hospital and business communities are flying this morning to Fairfax County, Va., a Washington, D.C., suburb which has already passed the 1 million mark in population. ... recently compared to the Atlanta suburb ...

l) Council of Governments provides planning, development help to Lee cities

Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal - Tupelo, MS,USA

As officials head into their cities' 2007 budget year, they are looking for any kind of economies that will help them get the job done. The Council of Governments, known mostly to political insiders, may be one of those tools. ... operates under the umbrella of the Tupelo-based Community Development Foundation, is a body of municipal and ...

RC: Three Rivers Planning and Development District

m) Manchin: Change emerging - Coal symposium hears optimistic formula for state, energy strategies

Bluefield Daily Telegraph - Bluefield, WV,USA

... Southern States Energy Board, called for all 50 states to develop individual energy policies that could be the basis for formulating a national policy, drawing on the best of each state. "The federal government isn't going to do it for us," ... "I can tell you that we are working diligently across state lines and **regional boundaries** in finding common ground," ...

n) Will the Chambers Merge?

Oswego County Business Magazine - Oswego, NY,USA

... for everyone" in this "greater **community**," Coakley said ... and villages within this **region**," he added ... a more focused and effective **organization**, Coakley said ...

o) Marketing campaign brings region a dose of imagination

Connellsville Daily Courier - Connellsville, PA,USA

... "As we approach our 250th anniversary, we have an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and highlight the assets that make our region one of the best places in the world to live, work, visit and invest," said Jim Rohr, chairman of the Pittsburgh 250 Commission and the Allegheny Conference. ...

p) Thomas Co. Comprehensive plan complete?

WALB-TV - Albany, GA,USA

... last public hearing Thomas County Commissioners will forward the community's assessment of the plan to the Southwest Georgia **Regional Development Center**. ...

q) Study focuses on need to improve work force

The State - Columbia, SC,USA

... The **strategic** plan emphasizes better **alignment** of work force development, economic development and education. That is exactly what ...

r) US Emergency Departments 'Overburdened,' Unprepared To Deal With Natural Disasters, Disease Outbreaks, Terrorist Attacks, CDC Report

Finds

Kaiser network.org - Washington, DC, USA

Between 40% and 50% of U.S. emergency departments in 2003 and 2004 experienced overcrowding, raising concern that in the event of a disaster, they will be unable to handle large surges of patients, according to a CDC report. ...

s) Speaker will discuss prospects at Regional Roundtable

The Hillsdale Daily News - Hillsdale, Michigan, USA

... expert on regional economic and employment issues, Erickcek will share his perspectives on the Michigan and Hillsdale economies during the **Regional Roundtable** meeting ...

t) Cleveland on Fire: Tax-sharing in Ohio provides benefits for all involved

Case Western Reserve University Observer - Cleveland, OH, USA

... Mayor Frank Jackson emphasized his support for economic regionalism – ... he has pushed this issue in multiple ways including some shared service conversations but most successfully and importantly a 'no-poaching' tax-sharing policy. ...

u) Land-of-Sky Regional Council marks 40 years

Asheville Citizen-Times - NC, USA

... Robert G. Parrish, Sr., Intergovernmental Relations Award, is given in honor of the late council Chairman and first Mayor of Fletcher. ... to an elected or appointed official who has made significant contributions to improving intergovernmental relations. ...

v) DC unveils regional communication center

GCN.com - Washington, DC, USA

... and 18 Virginia and Maryland municipalities, in the event of a **regional** emergency ... the city's rate of abandoned calls and improve answer and **response** times to ...

11. Other in the news: Highlighted words are Google search terms.

a) What next for English?

Malaysia Star - Malaysia

... “The current enthusiasm for English in the world is closely tied to the complex process of globalism. Global English is still not a ‘done deal.’ “It is already possible to see another story unfolding in which present forms of globalisation give way to greater regionalism and more complex patterns of linguistic, economic and cultural power,” ...

English Next can be downloaded at www.britishcouncil.org.my

b) Europe diary: Political lies

BBC News - UK

BBC Europe editor Mark Mardell on the Hungarian prime minister's admission of lying, the motives of the protesters hoping to bring him down, and the difficulty of selling painful reforms to voters. ... with online feedback from Hungarian citizens.

c) SCO considers working with ASEAN in fight against terror

People's Daily Online - Beijing, China

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is to consider cooperating with the

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in fighting terrorism, said a leading SCO anti-terror official. ...

d) Report monitors trends in region's transport

Scoop.co.nz (press release) - New Zealand

... "An integrated, efficient land transport system is vital for the long-term sustainability of the region," Mr McDavitt said. "It's pleasing to see a reduction in road congestion and a dramatic increase in numbers using public transport. Not so good is the increase in road and cycle casualties." ...

e) Alpine regions show potential but are at risk

Swissinfo - Switzerland

Regions in the Swiss Alps could increase their development potential but some will not be able to survive without direct support continuing, according to a study. Researchers are therefore asking for open debate on whether some of the remoter areas should face up to inhabitants leaving them completely. ...

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f) Cashing in on the fear factor

Asia Times Online – Kowloon, Hong Kong

... Some peak-oil theorists have, however, done us all a disservice by suggesting, ... well, a sharp peak. ... for those of us living now, the "peak" is more likely to feel like a plateau - lasting for perhaps a decade or more - in which global oil production will experience occasional ups and downs ... Eventually, of course, we will reach the plateau's end ...

g) An Alternative Strategy in the Middle East

Policymatters.net

... What we lack in the Middle East are not policy alternatives. The region lacks a *policy process*—a security framework that helps regional powers eliminate bad policy alternatives and guides them toward shared goals. ...

h) Joint council sorts through waste management issues

Georgian - Stephenvil, Newfoundland, Canada

The Southwest Coast Joint Council of municipal representatives is trying to figure out exactly where waste management or garbage disposal is heading ... He says the strategy of **regionalization** is going to kill his town unless there are guarantees against higher costs. ...

i) Conservatives pledge to scrap regional assemblies

Conservatives.com - UK

... village, she protested that under Labour's 'straitjacket', decision-making was being taken further away from local communities under the guise of **regionalism**. ...

j) Teen brain exposed

The Age - Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

... "It is one thing to inspire students about your topic but another challenge again to be able to break down the knowledge into relevant 'chunks' and orchestrate learning so that the relationship between these ideas and concepts is transparent. Children need to know how to search for and negotiate information and strategies to learn about anything." ...

k) Smart whiteboards, H2O and communities of practice

Information World Review - London, UK

... I stumbled across [H2O Playlists](#) at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School. Were you to watch the explanatory "Go with the flow" video, you'd think educators would be the main beneficiaries. In fact, anyone with an open, collaborative, sharing kind of attitude to their work would benefit. ...

l) University implements yearly password change initiative

Penn State Live - PA, USA

... "We strongly encourage **community** members to ... e-mail, ANGEL and all of Penn State's **network**-based resources ... make this change now to prevent any **risk** of expiration ...

m) Google caves in to copyright court order

Silicon.com - UK

... on its Belgian website a court order that forbids the internet search engine for reproducing snippets of Belgian press on its news **amalgamation** service. ...

12. Sub-State Regions - Missouri - U.S. Census – Midwest Region; West North Central Division, FIPS Code 29

Following is a selection of links relating to regional arrangements in Missouri. This year each issue features a State with links to maps of regions and regional related resources. The [Census Regions and Divisions of the United States map](#) (PDF) is being used going, region by region from the Northeast to the South to the Midwest to the West.

a) MACOG-MO Association of Councils of Government

b) MODOT Numbered Districts

c) MO DOT- Socio-Economic Indicator

d) Missouri Workforce Regions

e) MO Solid Waste Management Districts – Click “Solid Waste Management Districts”

f) MO Assn. of Convention & Visitor Bureaus

g) Missouri - Homeland Security Regions

h) MoDNR Regional and Satellite Offices

i) **MO Regional Planning Commissions - Fed Assist Ofc**

j) **Missouri Regional Grazing Schools**

k) **Missouri PTA Regions**

13. Announcements and Links

a) **San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Program in Merced County - 2050 Ideal Futures - Responses from Communities**

b) **yahoo mindset beta** - Mindset: Intent-driven Search * Find the results you like. * Sort the way you need.

A Yahoo! Research demo that applies a new twist on search that uses machine learning technology to give you a choice: View Yahoo! Search results sorted according to whether they are more commercial or more informational (i.e., from academic, non-commercial, or research-oriented sources).

c) **North American Cities of the Future 2007/08** - www.fdimagazine.com

In April 2007, Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) magazine will publish a ranking of the economic, business and financial strengths of cities across the NAFTA region. We want to find those cities, small and large, with the best prospects for inward investment, economic development and business expansion. We will be looking at more than 60 criteria covering everything from cost effectiveness to human resources and infrastructure. Could your city come out on top?

fDi will also name the best small city (metropolitan areas of under five million people) and best large city in the following categories:

- Best economic potential
- Most cost effective
- Best human resources
- Best quality of life
- Best infrastructure
- Most business friendly
- Best FDI promotion

Our editors are now inviting investment promotion agencies, economic development units and local governments across the United States, Canada and Mexico to supply information about their cities. [Click here](#) to download an entry form. Contact: charles.piggott@ft.com Deadline for entries is 31st December 2006.

d) **Region - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia**

(figuratively) The inhabitants of a **region** or district of a country. ... **Regions** are conceptual constructs and, thus, may vary among cultures and ...

14. Subscription link story.

Ron Henry Strait: Regional meetings beg new questions - San Antonio Express (subscription) - San Antonio, TX,USA

Most Texas Parks & Wildlife regulations regarding coastal fisheries apply coast-wide, and it's easy to understand why the agency feels its one-size-fits-all management style is not a good working model.

Water quality, climate and geography differ widely between Beaumont and Port Isabel, and each region poses distinct management problems.

The solutions to those problems seem to lie in a system of regional regulations.

The agency's move toward regional fisheries management continued in September and focused on speckled trout in the Lower Laguna Madre, the bay system between Port Mansfield and Port Isabel.

As part of that process, TPW last week held five scoping meetings on regionalization. The one I attended on Wednesday was held at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, a presentation by Randy Blankenship, TPW's ecosystem leader for the Lower Laguna.

Accepting that regional management on the coast is a done-deal, Wednesday's scoping meeting created more questions than answers.

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15. Google News for "Regional Community"

Other menu sections available from this link include: Regional Development; Regional Council; Regional Commission; Regional America; Regional Asia; Regional Europe; Regional Competition; Regionalism; Intergovernmental and other search terms. They can be sorted by date or relevance. These are among the 50 search terms I use to produce this newsletter.

My name is Tom Christoffel. I've worked in the field of intergovernmental cooperation since 1973. As a consequence, "I see regions." *Regional Community Development News* is published weekly based on news reports as of Wednesday. Making visible analysis and actions at multi-jurisdictional regional scales is its purpose. "Think globally, act locally" was innovative in its time. Today the local scale is often too small to address today's needs and opportunities. "Think local planet, act regionally," is my candidate paradigm. (No one said we're only allowed one paradigm.) We can see that "regional communities" are organized locally and now act both to avoid tragedy in the commons and gain benefits. An effective multi-jurisdictional regional community has DNA: it is geographically Defined; has a common Name and its Alignment is inclusive of smaller communities and participatory in larger communities. So, by scanning this compilation, reading articles and checking organizations - you too will be able to see the regional communities that already exist. News references are found using the Google News search service. Media article links are "fair use" to transform globally scattered reports to make regional approaches visible. Links go to the publisher and do not compete with it. Such

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