

Except from the 2017-2022 Berkshire County CEDS, Executive Summary, page i:

The foundation of the 2017 Berkshire CEDS is the Vision Statement. The 2017 CEDS Vision Statement is:

“To create a diverse and robust economy that creates sustainable prosperity for all its residents. While capitalizing on the region’s heritage, intellectual vigor, cultural assets, agricultural and natural resources we will encourage innovation, collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit.”

From this statement, the CEDS Strategy Committee established six goals and thirty-one objectives to guide the CEDS process and future economic development. These goals and objectives represent a roadmap for the region’s economic growth and stability. These measures build upon the unique assets and abilities of the region and support key clustering industries and emerging entrepreneurial innovators to generate regional and local economic activity and capacity, particularly in underutilized or economically distressed areas.