

Introduction

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or not see climate change as an issue in agricultur

Industry Growth

Historically, rural towns were strictly agriculture-based economies. Towns were small,

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Family

‘Family’ statements often note a significant effect of family on determining respondents’

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of rural communities, the 'small-town feel,' and kn

Positive feelings of belonging were accompanied by

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careful with how much water we use.” Similarly, ano

Community Impact

‘Community Impact’ statements often resulted in discussions about different aspects of

same ability to do leading back to participants having to look for a career elsewhere rather than their home community.

Economic Influence

‘Economic Impact’ can be seen through small business and cost of living. This parent

spaces and nature can play key roles in helping people form place attachments to their community.

These social, economic, and environmental influences that these young people are facing also extend out towards the greater community. Younger generations in these communities may face a different suite or degree of influences as they reach adulthood. Similarly, older demographics are also not immune to these influences, and it would be important to understand how these factors influence their decision making and attitudes. Currently, they place more prominent roles in these rural communities, and cou

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