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Few major industries	Fewer job opportunities, out migration	Limits environmental impact, things turning around, healthcare, IT, construction, “green” jobs, transition in what industry is
High poverty rates	Fiscal drain on state Strain on infrastructure	Food / education funding to AAAA, grant funding, increase funding to school lunch programs
People remember how to be self-sustaining		
Not impacted by the U.S. economy as much as other towns and states		
Older populations	Need Additional Care- Expense of health care	Volunteerism
Decreasing population		
Chronic Diseases		
State Budget		
Insurance Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital partner rights 		
High Energy Costs		
Local		
Have less energy outages-due to power coming from Canada		
Food cost-good food= high prices		
Increase in hunger(in students)		
Not as much variety in foods		
Gardens- School and Community	Work has to be primarily completed during the summer months, decline in FFA chapters, lack of community feeling of ‘need’ for such projects, resistance from local famers, storage issues, political red tape, shift from vocation to ‘college prep’ programs, curriculum mandates, MLRs	Grant to construct / run community gardens / greenhouses, creating of program to produce and use food resources locally,
More stress on families, leads to substance and domestic abuse		
Increase on tobacco tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good because people are quitting • Bad because less revenue 		

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is coming into the state		
September 11, 2001		
Health Services –dental, eye and hearing care		
Community development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access of walking and biking trails 		
Loss of jobs equals loss of insurance		
Lack of medical and dental providers		