



**RealityCheck2050**  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013  
Charlotte Convention Center

**Who Will Participate?** More than 400 individuals from across the 14-county CONNECT Our Future region representing housing, business, transportation, environmental, government, non-profit, academic institutions, civic interests, agriculture and other sectors in North and South Carolina.

What Counties are Included ?		
NC		SC
Anson	Lincoln	Chester
Cabarrus	Mecklenburg	Lancaster
Cleveland	Rowan	Union
Gaston	Stanly	York
Iredell	Union	

**What is Reality Check?** A unique community exercise that will help to prepare potential options for regional growth, with a focus on accommodating the growth of housing and jobs through 2050. This is a step in the CONNECT Our Future process to develop a framework for regional growth that will help us best utilize the limited resources that will be available for the infrastructure and systems necessary for growth.

**How Does it Work?** Each table of 10 participants will be led through a discussion about planning for future growth by a trained facilitator. Through discussion and negotiation, participants place a variety of colored of LEGO® blocks representing the projected housing and employment growth on a grid-covered map of the 14-county CONNECT Our Future region. The results of this work will set the groundwork for regional dialogue and future action to accommodate growth in a way that leverages resources, adds value to our communities and protects our quality of life. The exercise is intended to provoke discussion about where we grow, while future efforts on the local level will consider how we grow as communities.

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