Devolution

Who’s responsible for Rural America?
What is devolution?

- transfer of responsibility and control of public policy and development to local governments.
Constitutional Basis

- 10th Amendment Reserved Powers
History

- Individualism
- Government Assistance
- Federalism/Devolution
Your Presidents

- Nixon - block grants
- Reagan - little government
- Clinton - welfare reform
Challenges for rural America

- Funding
- Technical expertise
- Increasing Diversity
- Inequality
- Uneven Markets
Responses

- Sharing Resources
- Private Sector Providers
- Inventive markets like tourism
Reconstructive Thinking

- Representation of Diverse Interest
- Continued Gov’t Assistance School Taxes
- Time to Reconstruct economic development as a global phenomena
- Multifaceted Division of Responsibilities
- Local agencies provide for locally relative data
- Change the way we view methods-oral histories, GIS and qualitative analysis.