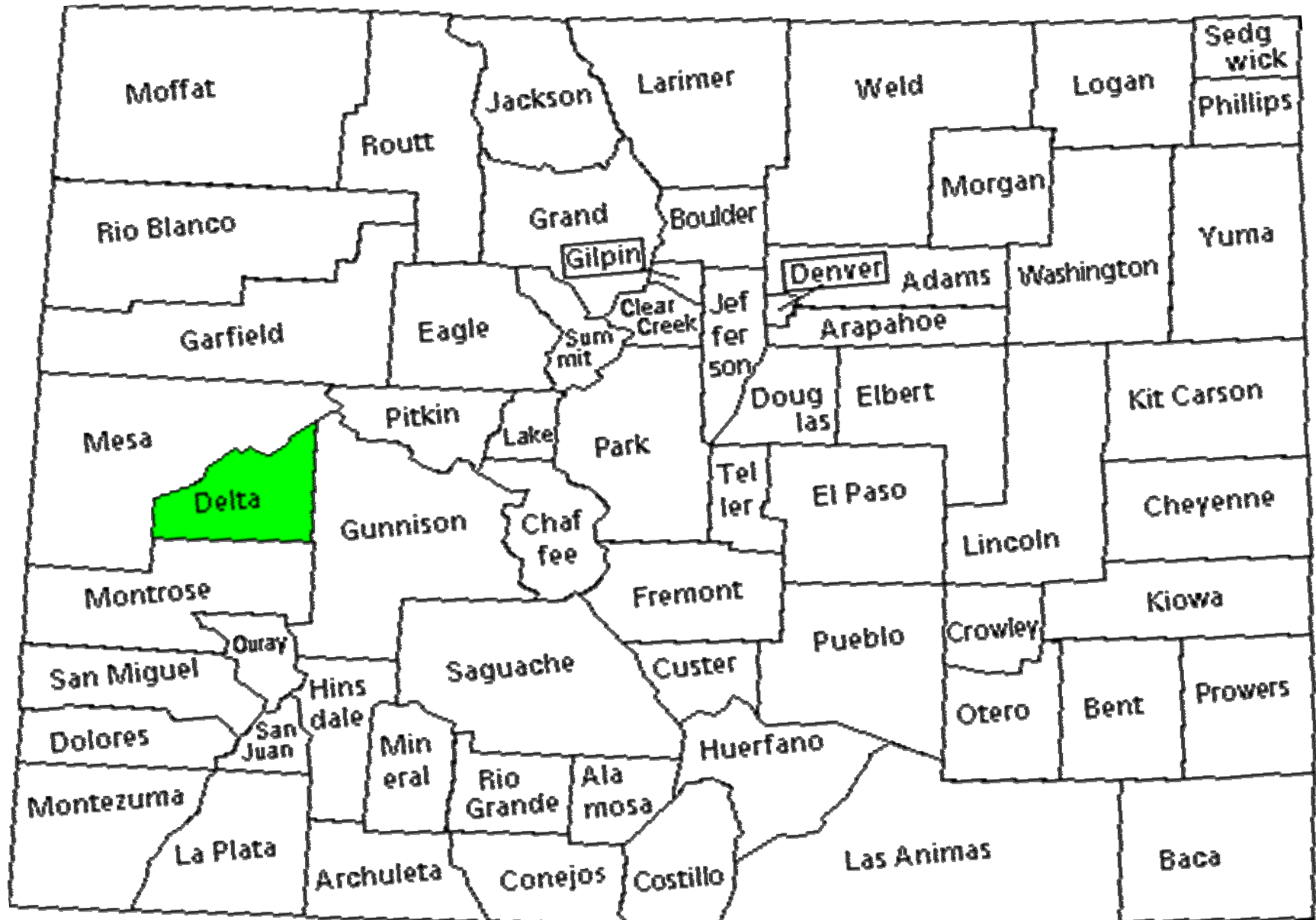


Building a RESILIENT economy

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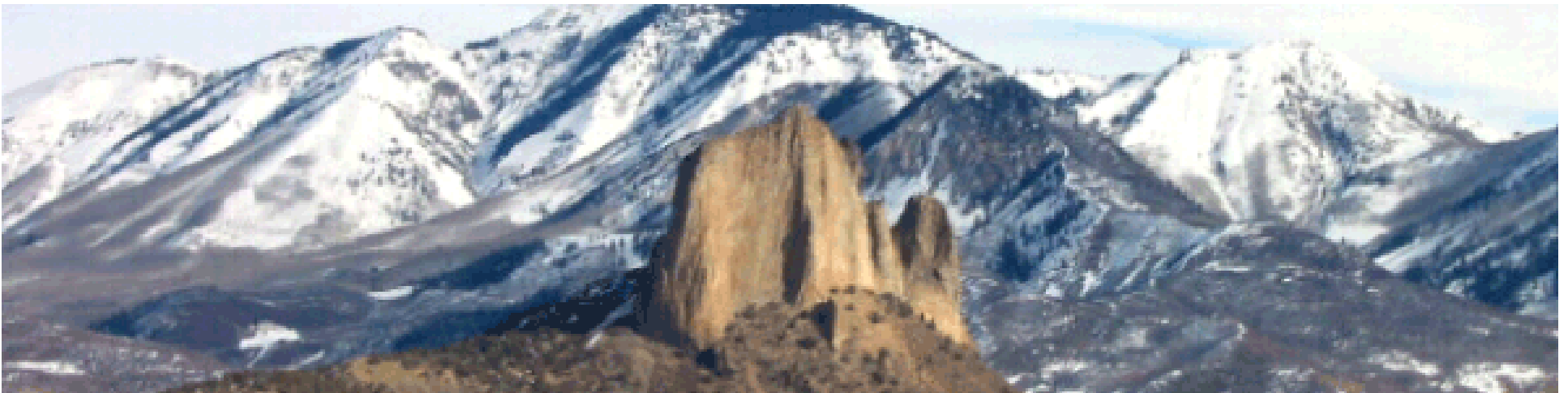


Historic Economy



Regional and Economic Challenges

- Slow Recovery from '08 Recession
- Loss of Coal Mine Industry
- Lack of Economic Diversity
- Free Reduced Lunch from 36% to 63%
- Inadequate Broadband Connectivity



Building Diversity

Industry Clusters

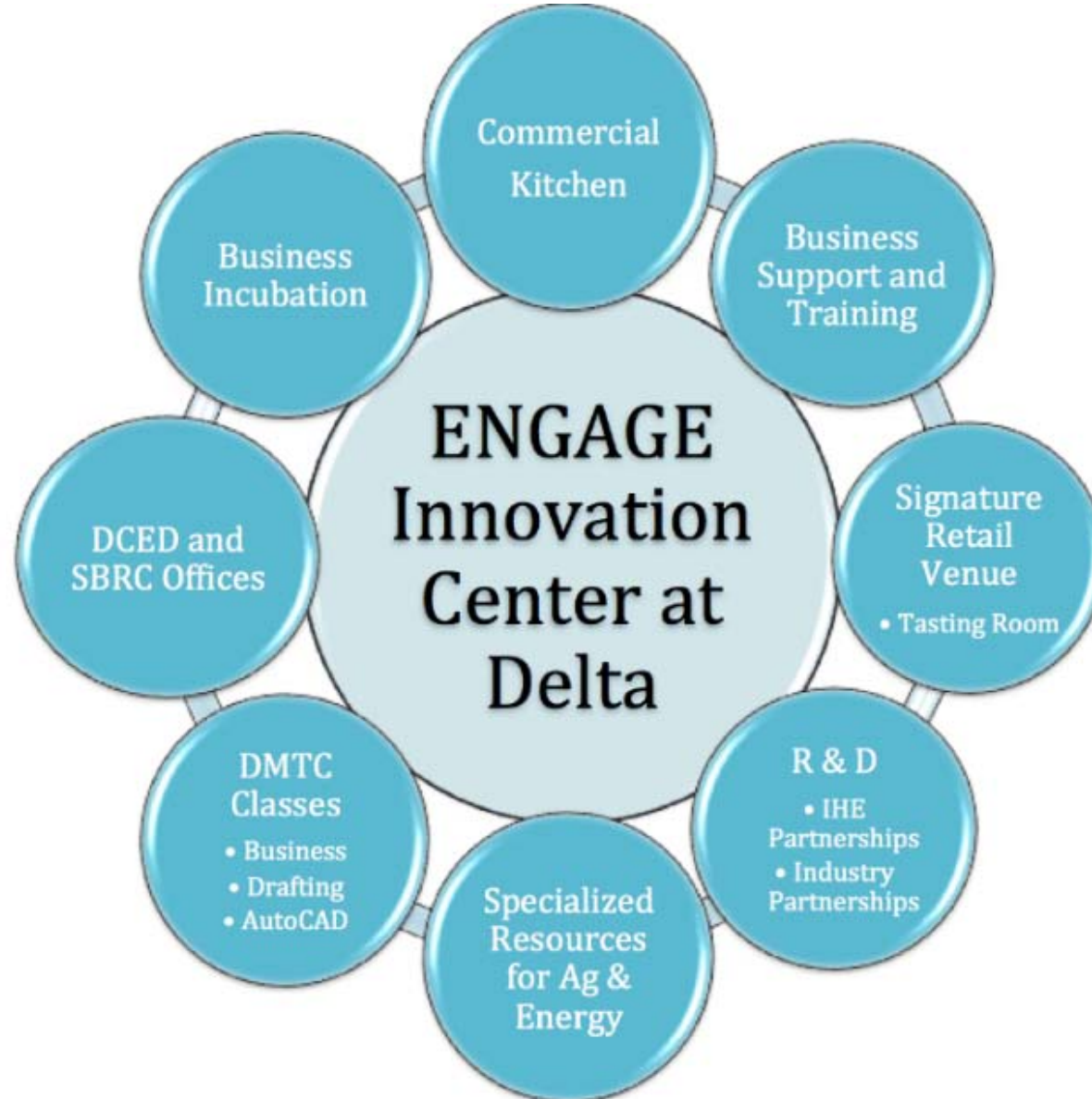
- **Agriculture:** Crop Diversification, Value Added Processes, Organic, Technology, Broadband
- **Energy:** Renewable Energy Development, Alternate Use of Assets, Technology, Broadband
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Increase trails and awareness, branding and marketing of natural assets





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BROADBAND



Delta County Opportunities



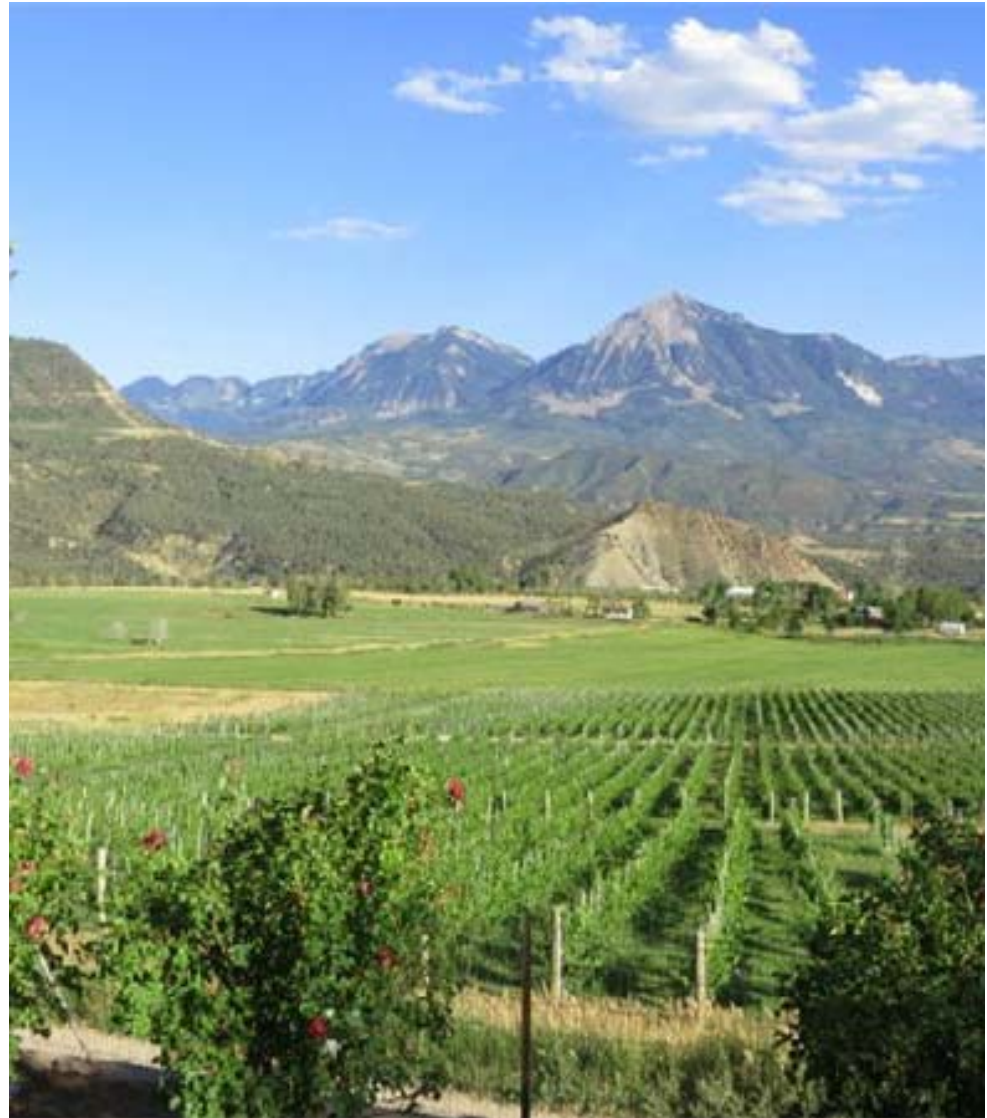
- Breaking down of county “regionalism”
- Political Will
- Leadership from public and private sector
- Hope
- Recognition of need to diversify
- Broad participation in economic development



**Delta County's Future: Many
pieces to the puzzle**

Lessons Learned

- Be true to who you are
- Finding common ground
- Identify your champions
- Involvement of the private sector
- Tell your story
- Find your support
- Be champions of change
- Take risks
- Sense of urgency



*“Never doubt that a small group
of thoughtful, committed
[organized] citizens can change
the world; indeed, it’s the only
thing that ever has.”*

Margaret Mead