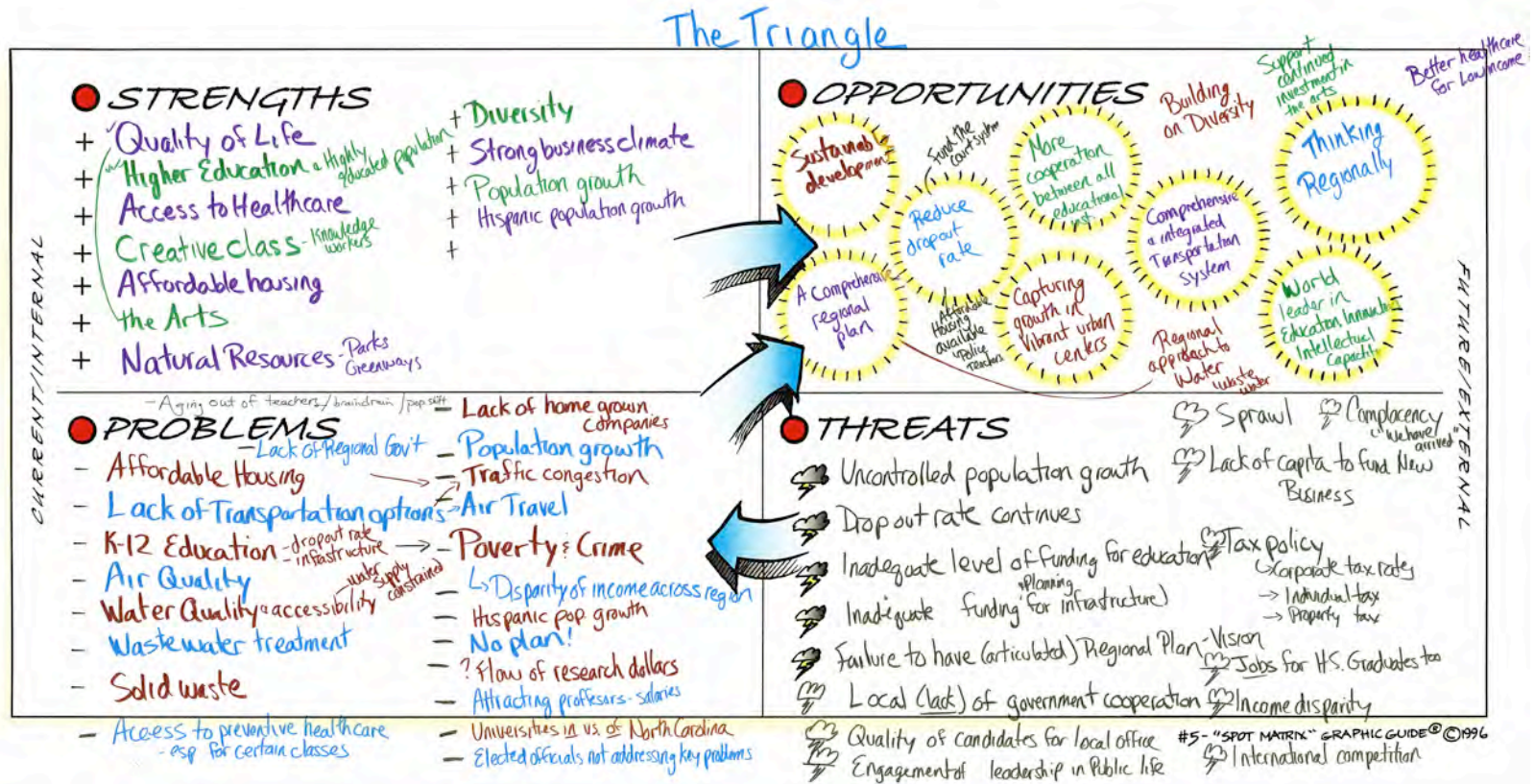


Strategic Planning Session Summary

What Should We Focus on for the Next Five Years?

- Regional Advisory Council Members
- Nov. 9th
- Past five years:
 - Air Quality
 - Benchmarking
 - Land use
 - Workforce Development

“SPOT”



Many Strengths

- Educated, diverse population
- Excellent academic institutions
- Business climate
- Quality of life

Current and Future Challenges

- Adequate infrastructure
- Regional disparities
- Global competition
- Leadership

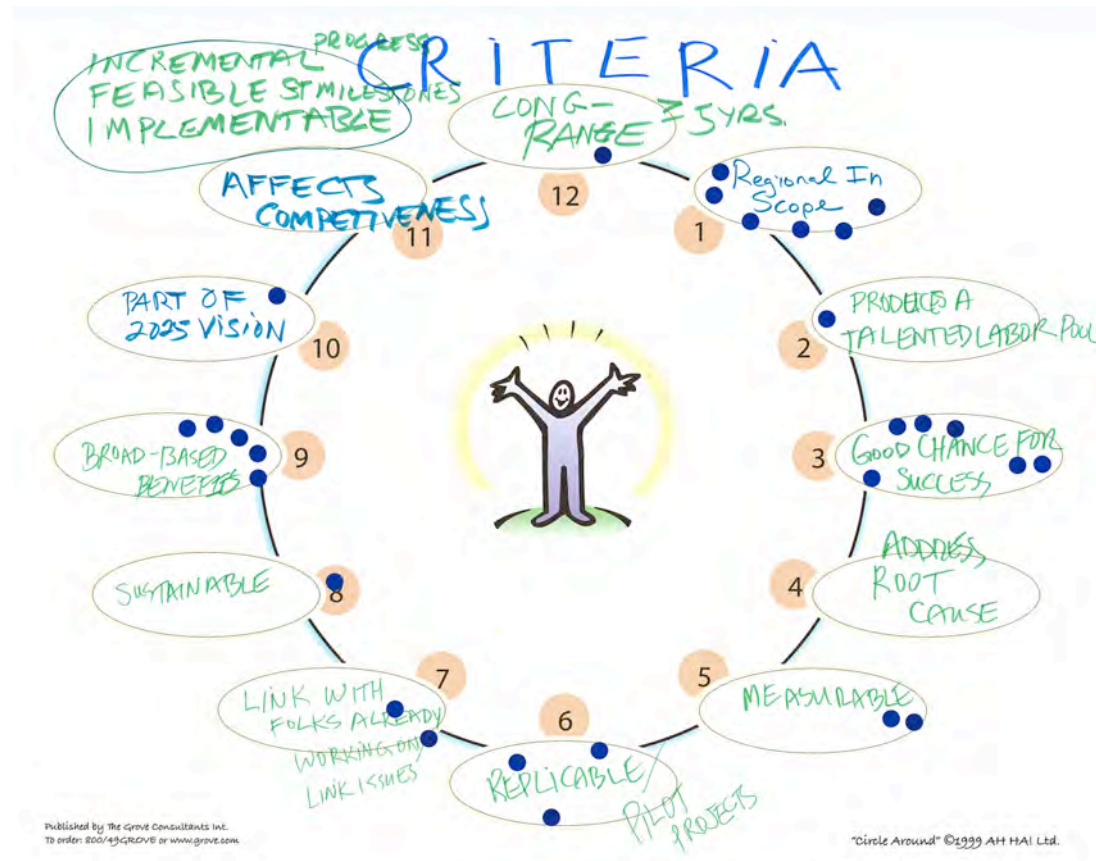
The Triangle Region Makes the Front Cover in 2025



Cover Story Headlines Echo Strengths

- Zero percent drop out rate
- Record set for new companies, full employment
- Triangle Universities lead world in R&D expenditures, patents, spin-outs
- Availability of affordable housing drives down commute times
- Increase in green space/citizen for 10th straight year
- Lowest crime rate in major metro
- World's best transportation system

What's Important in Deciding What to Focus On?



A Few Criteria Rose to the Top

Preferred

- Regional-in-scope
- Good chance of success
- Broad-based benefits

Other

- Measurable
- Long-range
- Sustainable
- Produces talented labor pool

A Few Common Themes

- Education K-12
- Shared Benefits of Growth
- Regional Planning around Infrastructure
- Reduction in Crime
- Vibrant, Innovative Economy

Education and Planning are Top Areas of Interest

Education

- Dropout prevention is top interest
- Teachers, principals, redesign, standards, and funding are others
- Education and crime reduction are closely linked

Planning

- 20-year plan for infrastructure
- Regional government as an enabler
- Infrastructure key to attracting top talent

What Do You Think?

- Survey
- Contacts
- Action planning
- Work groups