



Leavenworth Community Visioning



ACCOUNTABLE STEWARDSHIP
September 23

Intro

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Last Session...

Why are you here? What drew you here? What made you stay here?

1. Family and Community Connections
- 2. Outdoor Activities and Environment**
3. Business and Job Opportunities

Ground Rules

Listen Actively and Respectfully.

Pay close attention to others, respect different viewpoints, and build on each other's ideas.

Stay Present and Engaged.

Put away distractions (e.g., *cell phones*) and stay focused on the discussion. Balance airtime to ensure everyone has a chance to speak.

Be Concise and On Topic.

Keep your contributions short and relevant to the topic at hand. Avoid rambling to maintain a productive conversation (i.e., *keep things short and sweet*)

Encourage Creativity and Kindness.

Get creative with solutions while being kind and modeling positive behavior for your generational peers.

Discussion 1

What drew you here?

Stayed here for the same reasons - outdoors. Accessibility for backpacking, hiking, snow sports, mountain biking, the river, small town charm, Icicle Canyon rec, and camping.

It's home. water. mountains. walkability. four seasons, walk, hike, room to spread out, SUP, Stevens Pass, proximity.

alpine glow, nighttime stars, climbing, sunshine, four seasons, family, enchantments, hiking,

hiking, kayaking, rock climbing, partner and job employment, adjacent to nature,

1/2 unfamiliar, moved for jobs, stayed for proximity to skiing, wild rivers, hiking, backpacking, feel a sense of pride living and being here in this region.

all came to this place, (not born here). river guiding, rural east life, nature, mountain access, valley diversity, interact now with land, land manager, restoration, recreationalists, naturalists, derby canyon natives, hunt, fish, gather, forage,

outdoor recreation, living in the valley since 89, ag-related, came here because of jobs, came here for the party, theme proximity and access and variety of options, seasons of life, views, snow, and sun, trails, variety and volume, lots of nearby trails, skiing, mountain biking, playgrounds, safe and clean,

What have YOU seen changed? What is at risk?

original stewards, fully dependant on the land/natural resources, changed since then, timber industry, tree exploitation, transition economy, less dependent on natural resources for well being, river traffic increase, increase in Enchantments, trails, climbing, silence and sounds of nature, snowpack, climatic changes.

lack of recognition of that change (no long-term vision/view). daily access is at risk, funding at risk, forest management, forest and infrastructure at risk due to wildfire risk, water and fish at risk - volume, nature views, negative interactions with wildlife, negative effect, long-term sustainability, trial integrity, winters, space, more people in town, more tourists, crowding, how that affects everything, lost orchards, more wineries, demographics change, cost of living, river, the river is crowded during the summer, defiled, how do we handle that? what do we do? free public transit, different snowpack, watershed differences, salmon runs, wildlife, COVID more wildlife because we were inside, fire season, housing - less housing, cost of living, new housing, disappearing wetlands, redwing blackbirds (hard to watch), cost of living up, alot of traffic which affects everything, no downtime - due to tourists, not much to add - focused on increase and number of people, crowds have changed, put at risk the natural beauty of the area, (alot was already covered), noise on the river, motorized vehicles, areas outside of town, enchantments, canyons, motorized vehicle traffic outside - increased, impact on the environment is greater (razors, jeeps, etc.), accessibility to goods has changes, real busy on weekends, wildlife, creature seen and unseen - pollinators, river recreating, very busy - affect salmon, light and noise pollution, wetlands, green spaces, less local ownership, population density, changes in wildlife. talked about all of those things, unique to our table, affordability, being concerned with the future for our kids, housing in their hometown, public drunkenness, alcohol-related business, pressure on the natural environment, parking, camping, rivers, effects of climate change on rivers - water levels, development on wetlands, watching glacier melt, intensity and frequency of fires - highly destructive fires of today due to several factors - forest management.

piggybacking on that...consensus, evacuation fears, risk of fire, erosion, soils changing, population density, paths in and out, blocked, ability to be mobile in EMS event, less tree canopy, new developments, experiencing variable climate - weather extremes (trees are important), hot asphalt, love the four seasons, weather extremes are forefront, changes to dams in alpine spaces, environmental and downstream impacts, increasing dam capacity, location of ag, orchards are in the valley, moving up to high altitudes, less orchards, more wineries (climate favorable), smoke season, a community of outdoor rec/tourism and dependence on the conditions of our weather - dangerous/not fun, affordability, cooling requirements in housing to stay safe and breathe clean air, changes to fish habitat, those living in town seeing surface water diversion to underground resources to support development (groundwater), natural springs from snow melt changing (erosion), positive spin! change doesn't have to be bad, increased recreational planning, being strategic in the valley, utilizing the existing trail system, increased amount of organizations and partnerships (fed, state, local), rec opportunities development, at-risk list mentioned - increased safety concerns: search and rescue, recreational use, urban interface, clean, peacefulness, water/trail quality - overuse of resources, not a positive spin, too many people crowded rivers, trails, camping, increased fire risk, insurance food, access to water changing, decreased, less snowpack, decreased logging money, decreased of recreational trails, increased noise, increased smoke, QOL at risk. Thank you for the positive spin - add outdoor education, mountain sprouts, WRI, ICCA, and all kinds of outdoor education, building back what we want. Waste Loop all the work they are doing - glass recycling, composting, with more people visiting - finding ways to close the loop (thank you!) Chamber of commerce, shuttle service for river, (it was the city), helped with the traffic, I have seen an increase in public trails created. lots more!

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TOPIC INTROS



Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition



WASTE LOOP



Wenatchee River INSTITUTE



CHELAN COUNTY

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**A PATH FORWARD
COLLECTIVE RECAP**

October 14 (at Fire Hall)