



Regional Plan for Sustainable Development

Final Plan Outline

Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium

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Regional Plan for Sustainable Development (RPSD)

- Is intended to serve as a comprehensive resource plan and sustainability strategy for the region south and west of Yellowstone National Park
- Will provide well-researched, regional guidance to local, state and federal agencies operating in the four consortium counties – for voluntary implementation
- Will outline how all consortium partners can take voluntary, measurable steps towards sustainability



Section I. Project Introduction and Regional Overview

Background Info

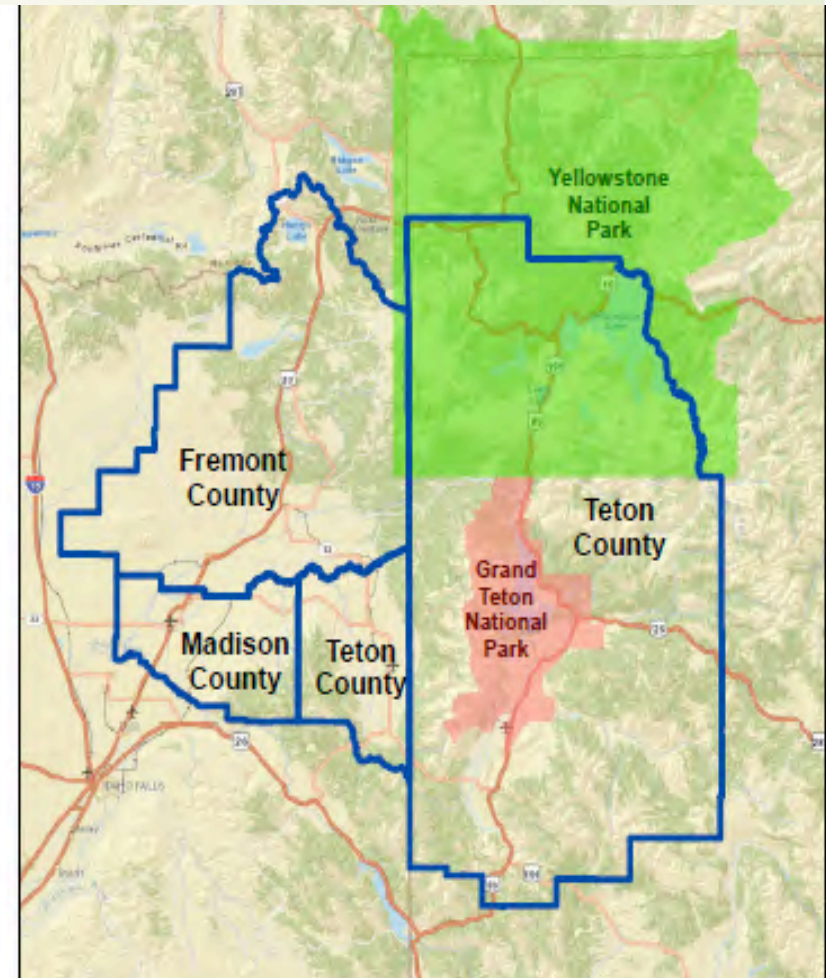
- History of project and region formation
- Demographic and socioeconomic data
- Issues/observations from past regional studies
- Identification of Livability goals in existing plans

Public Participation

- IAP2 Principles
- Team Training
- Approaches used to engage public interests
- Challenges in reaching the under-represented and political sensitivities
- Lessons learned

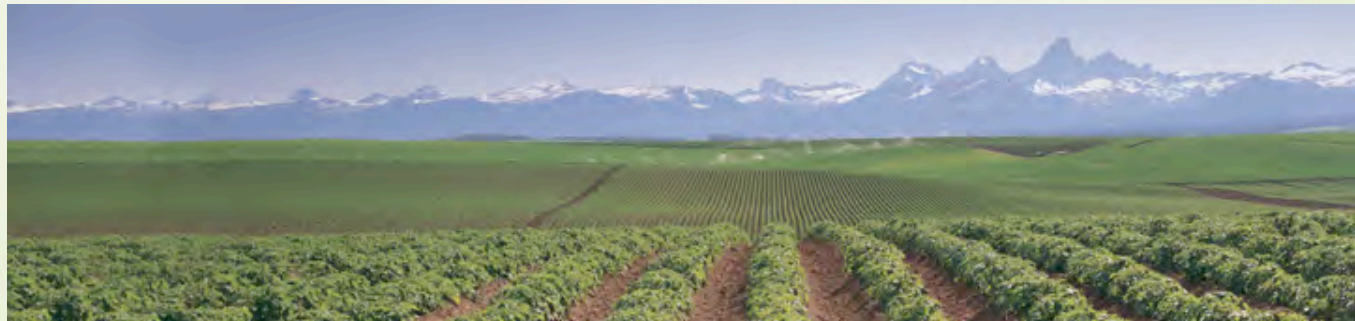
Five Unifying Goals for 4 Counties

- Preserve Our Agricultural Heritage
- Sustain Our Small Towns
- Enhance Our City Centers
- Steward Our Wildlife, Public Lands and Special Sites
- Support Four-Season Recreation



Section II. Preserve Our Agricultural Heritage

- Crop land/production across the four counties
- Plans of soil & water conservation districts
- Water resource plans for Snake River, Henry's Fork
- Public/private range management programs
- Potential ag & forest certification programs



Section III.

Sustain Our Small Towns

- Compare/contrast our comprehensive plans
- Analyze economic bases; development activities
- Workforce stats; EITC
- Housing Needs (AI)
- Driggs, Victor, Teton Co. Development Code
- Victor Complete Streets
- Transportation priorities



Section IV.

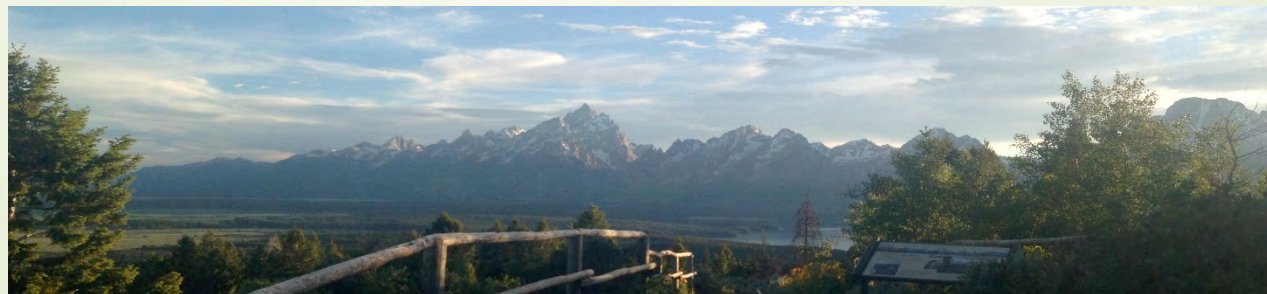
Enhance Our City Centers

- Contrast Jackson and Rexburg's comp plans
- Summarize economic bases & development
- Workforce statistics
- Educational offerings (BYU-I, CWC branch)
- Housing needs (AI)
- Intra-city transit, trails



Section V. Steward Our Wildlife, Public Lands and Special Sites

- GYE biodiversity and high mountain landscapes
- Federal/state land management plans
- Wildlife populations and habitat management
- National parks and special site designations
- Resource protection at city & county levels



Section VI. Support Four-Season Recreation

- Outdoor recreation unlimited - a regional overview
- Value of hunting and fishing
- Dispersed recreation
 - Motorized
 - Mechanical
 - Non-motorized
- Regional trails network
- Developed recreation
 - Major ski resorts
 - Campgrounds
 - Dude ranches
- Island Park Recreation Area (resort tax study)



Section VII. Upgrade/Integrate Public Facilities & Infrastructure

- Regional Utilities/Power
- Regional Broadband and Communications
- Regional Transportation & Intercity Connectivity
- Regional Recycling System and Materials Recovery
- Regional Surface and Ground Water Protection
- Natural Hazards – Status; regional preparedness



Section VIII.

Our Collective Path Forward

- Better name for region?
- Proposed policies, strategies, ordinances
 - Action by localities
 - Need for COG or regional association
 - Voluntary certification under new model code
- Regional Index of Sustainability Indicators
- Appendix in Section IX

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HUD GRANT & COMP PLAN



Over the next 6 months the Western GY Consortium will:

- ▶ Complete new economic development studies
- ▶ Provide \$42K of technical assistance to local jurisdictions if directly related to grant purposes
- ▶ Issue 1-2 RFPs for planning assistance on the RPSD
 - ▶ For chapters on towns, cities and public infrastructure
 - ▶ For chapters on agriculture, recreation and natural resources
- ▶ Conduct public participation activities for entire RPSD
- ▶ Where possible, start planning for project implementation and begin the grantwriting process...

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