

## White River Partnership (WRP)

Hybrid Meeting @ Marion Grange – Mar 10, 2025 (10:00AM-11:30AM)

### What's our Why?

- ☑ Serve as leadership group for White River 'Community of Focus'
- ☑ Purpose: *Develop priorities, goals, and measurable outcomes to improve the well-being of White River communities. Serve as a working group to accomplish the outcomes.*
- ☑ Priorities: *Access to Resources, Food Justice, Transportation, Youth Activities, Social Connections, Behavioral Health*
- ☐ Successes: *identified community priorities, \$175,000 investments, RDI leadership team & installation of Wilkeson garden, oversee WRHT \$78k fund, EBT cooler at Buckley Market, increasing resource access, **grant for NE Pierce guide website!!***

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### Action Points from last meeting (2/10/2025)

- The data sets that were analyzed and discussed at the Feb meeting include: The Buckley Comprehensive Plan, The Dataset organizer Excel document.
- The WRP planning team will meet to organize the dataset organizer excel document to identify our next steps and determine the coalition's direction on choosing action projects for 2025 & 2026.

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### Participants (7)

**In-person:** Marcy Boulet, Josh Hosford, Daniel Burdsall, Sara Sutterfield

**Virtual:** Jennifer Fletcher, Leah Haugen, Jenny Holbert

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### Important Coalition Resources:

White River Partnership website: <https://sites.google.com/view/whiteriverpartnership/home>

North East Pierce Resource Guide: <https://www.northeastpierceresourceguide.org/>



## Meeting Guidelines & Reminders:

- We are focused on the greater White River, not just one area/town within White River.
- To use our time wisely, keep your ideas succinct, to the point, appropriate for this meeting.
- Be inclusive and open to all ideas - Remember, this coalition is action-oriented.

## AGENDA

**Purpose:** Setting the space(2-3 meetings) to review and analyze current data sets to identify the need and determine the projects and direction of the WRP.

### Welcome & Quick Introductions (5 min)

Mary Beth

### Review the assignments of the February meeting (10 mins)

Daniel

### Review of requested data sets (60 mins)

Assigned Leads

- Take time to review the dataset individually.
- Open the group for discussion and insights.
- Highlight main takeaway.
- Move on to the next dataset.
- White River Youth Forum - **Mary Beth Holmes** ✓
- Wilkeson Cares/UWT data - **Ashley Murphy, Marcy Boulet, Dr. Matt Kelley (UWT)** ✓ **REVISIT?**
- Health Assessment data - **Daniel Burdsall, Marcy Boulet**
- VMFH Health Assessment data – **Jennifer Fletcher** ✓
- Community Summit - **Mary Beth Holmes (Data unavailable at the moment)**
- WRSD 2023 Healthy Youth Survey - **Mary Beth Holmes** ✓
- Additional White River School District data - **Mary Beth Holmes** ✓
- **2022 SVI data - Marcy Boulet, Daniel Burdsall**
- TPCHD new data - **Marcy Boulet, Daniel Burdsall (Not available at the moment)**
- White River Family Resource Center/Family Support Partnership data + DSHS + ECEAP - **Leah Haugen, FPS team, Ana Castellano** ✓
- **Comprehensive Plan data - Ashley Murphy, Meagan Rhoades, Marcy Boulet, Josh Hosford**
- **Pierce County data(Comprehensive/Sustainability Plan) - PC Staff, Marcy & Daniel**
- Food Bank (Buckley & GoodRoots NW) - **Stephanie King** ✓, **Mary Beth Holmes** ✓

### Next Steps/Adjourn (5 mins)

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- o Next meeting scheduled for April 14 , 2025 (10:00 - 11:30AM) at Marion Grange & Zoom
  - o Discuss with the group to determine which datasets to review.

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### Meeting Notes:

Buckley Comprehensive Plan (2024-2044) - Josh Hosford

10 year update, signed December 2024

- Housing
  - More upward housing can be built yet Buckley's updates on their code is too slow to actually allow development, The Council is too slow
  - Height for housing won't go any higher than 3 stories, due to the high cost of a Fire Dept ladder truck - the community economics just aren't there to make that cost-beneficial.
  - Helpful to observe the income bands on pg. 44 regarding Housing
    - This helps areas be more strategic with housing development that is more realistic to growth.
  - Goal: 60 units of housing per year
    - hoping for more multi-family units
  - Since there is no bank, transit, grocery stores, this prevents any further development from happening.
  
- Housing for Seniors
  - ADU's allowed and the quickest and most efficient way to get more senior housing created.
  - With the new policies in place, ADU's are halved in price to make it more affordable.
  - ADU policies were passed 3 years ago yet the Buckley code hasn't caught up, in border to pass better codes to allow for quicker and expanded development.
  - The City of Buckley seems they don't want to grow any further.
  
- Transportation
  - Plans to add more sidewalks, safer roads, access for non-motorized vehicles
  - Is Rainier Wellness adding a 2nd bus?
    - Josh has met with Sara Stratton and CM Morrell and learned that it would require \$100,000 a year and a \$75,000 van to bring transportation to the area.
  - Could WR HomeTown Fund help support the maintenance fee of a van?
  - What about the PC Transportation RFP?
    - I was put out to community to apply and then rescinded. The RFP plans to be pushed out again, in order for 3 locations to get an equal share of the funding that is currently available.
  
- Suggestion
  - Holding Buckley Council accountable to the Strategic Plan, so they don't forget about it.
  - WRP focuses on outdoor social gathering locations, supporting safer walking and transportation.
  - Show up to a Buckley Council meeting to advocate on housing diversity and other topics
    - WRP members and youth?
    - Quarterly or 6-month attendance by the WRP?
    - Supporting diverse cultures in Buckley
    - Supporting local churches and services

- Sara - Educate the community on the realistic “American” dream of centering community instead of focusing solely on the American individuality. Change is coming, whether wanted or not.
  - Marcy is interested in understanding the age and ethnicity of Buckley?
  
- Potential closure of Rainier school
  - Does housing and grocery develop there?
  - There is an upcoming meeting at the Buckley City Council to discuss its future.
  
- WR Family Resource Center (FRC) - Leah Haugen
  - Currently, Leah tallies the # of folks that utilize services and resources at the FRC.
  - She wants to ask a couple of open-ended qualitative questions, in order to understand the context and details on the needs of her clients.