



White River Partnership (WRP)

Hybrid Meeting @ Marion Grange – January 12, 2026 (10:00-11:30AM)

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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!!***

Action Points from last meeting (12/8/2025)

- The WRP gathered in-person to celebrate the 2025 year around bowls of soup, holiday treats, and good friends and spirits. Additionally, we reviewed the coalitions' praises, challenges, and suggestions for the new year.

Participants (13):

In-person: Stephanie King, Marcy Boulet, Josh Hosford, Megan Rhoades, Sara Sutterfield, Amy Boucher-Kiss, Daniel Burdsall

Virtual: Sue Z Hart, Trip Hart, Anna Costellanos, Danielle Renee, Leah Haugen, Lynsey Sharp

Important Coalition Resources:

1. White River Partnership website: <https://sites.google.com/view/whiteriverpartnership/home>
2. North East Pierce Resource Guide: <https://www.northeastpierceresourceguide.org/>

If you have any questions, feedback, ideas, send them to whiteriverpartnership@gmail.com.



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: Engaging the group in a SWOT activity to prepare for 2026, review updates from subgroups, and provide intentional time for subgroups to meet and coordinate external meetups.

Welcome & Quick Introductions (5 min)

Marcy

Group SWOT Activity: (20 mins)

Daniel & Marcy

- [Group SWOT document \(Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats\)](#)

Review Project Categories, Lead/Support Interest, Support Feedback (10 mins)

Daniel

Subgroup Share-Outs (20 mins)

All

- Subgroup Leads & Support Members to Share Updates & Awareness, if any.
- Success? Barriers? How can the WRP support?

Subgroup Coordination & Planning Time (30 mins)

All

- Open & unstructured opportunity for subgroups to meet, coordinate, and organize.

Next Steps/Adjourn (5 mins)

Marcy

- o Sub-groups are encouraged to meet and organize - Reach out if contact info is needed!
- o The next WRP meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026 (10:00 - 11:30 AM) at Marion Grange & Zoom.
- o The next Families First Coalition (FFC) meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2025 (3:30 - 5:00 PM) at the Buckley Fire Dept & Zoom.

Meeting Notes (Green highlight = Assignments):

Subgroup updates:

- Subgroup List
 - o Daniel to make it public on the website and connected to WRP agendas
 - o Daniel will make sure to organize and make sure names are accurate.
- Social Vitality Subgroup
 - o Sara has created a logo for the WRP (on next page)
 - o Amy has developed a brochure that shares information for the White River Partnership and the Families First coalition
 - She is gathering input on what else to add?

- Add WR Hometown Fund and and NE Pierce Resource guide
- Amy plans to submit the brochure to the Buckley newsletter to be sent to resident locations and via email.
- Amy is looking for ways to print out a large amount of brochures for engagement events, which include
 - TPCHD
 - WRSD - she will start here first
 - Todd with Building Beyond the Wall property
 - Potentially apply for funds via Hometown fund
 - VMFH



- The Social Vitality subgroup is planning to put on a 3-day event to support the river corridor, which will include tree planting, Coke oven restoration, and group litter pick-ups.
 - Planning for the April 18, 2026 weekend.
- Communications and Community Access Subgroup
 - Meagan plans to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and Buckley Downtown Association(BDA) to share and discuss the idea of a community app
 - Hoping to garner interested and drive engagement

White River Hometown Fund (WRHTF):

- Find out what % GTCF takes for admin for WR Hometowns Fund (Marcy)

- Get stories and quotes posted to HTF google page (marcy/Meagan)
- Find out if WRP brochure can go into Buckley's biannual newsletter
- Put 2026 dates on website (Meagan)
- Locate space for in person allocation meeting (Marcy)

WRP Member Assignments:

- Reach out to your subgroup lead to coordinate or set up a subgroup meeting between now and the next WRP general meeting on February 9th.
 - Continue working as a subgroup on the action tasks identified in your subgroup.
 - Bring updates to the next WRP general meeting