

Harney County Goal Five Planning Project

Establishing a local baseline of information and policy guidelines to
direct land development in Harney County.

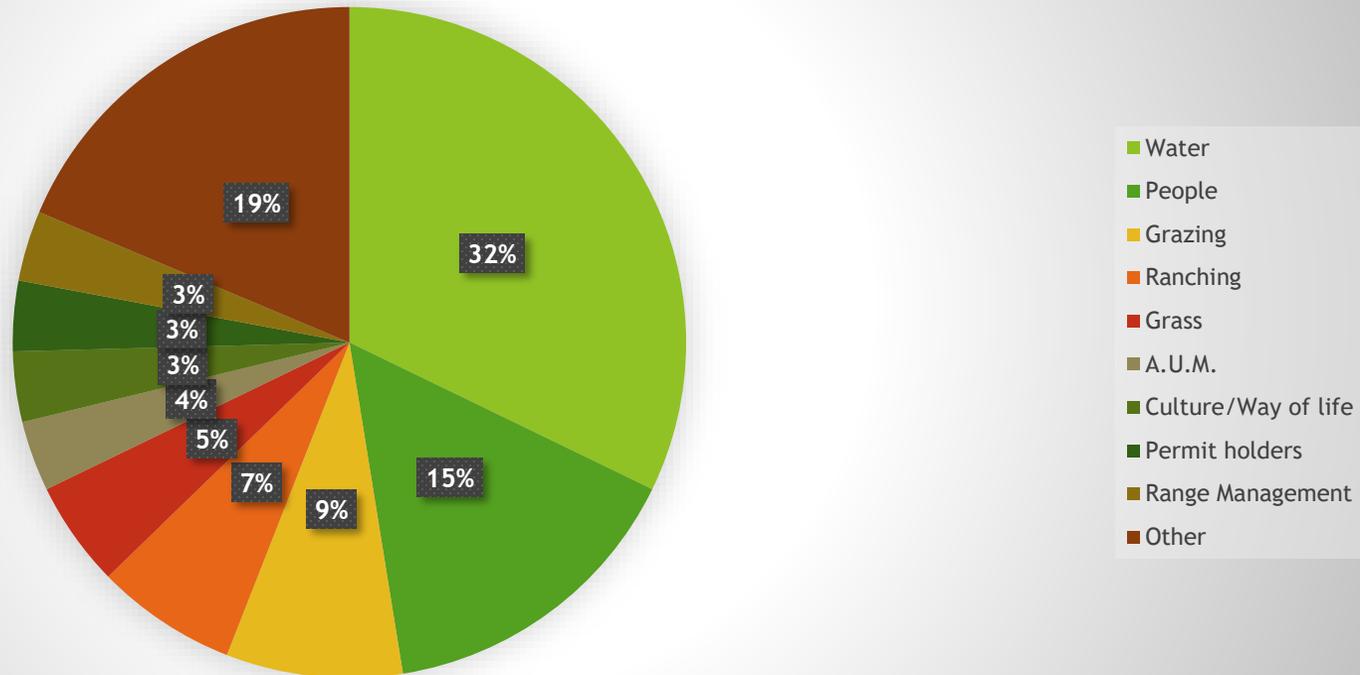
Citizen Involvement Outcomes

- ▶ Number One priority by Area (see complete results in available hand-out)
 - ▶ * Burns (June 22, 2016) Water
 - ▶ * Drewsey (July 18, 2016) Grazing
 - ▶ * Riley (July 19, 2016) Grazing / Grass
 - ▶ * Fields (Aug 2, 2016) Ranching / Farming Lifestyle
 - ▶ * Frenchglen (Aug 2, 2016) People
 - ▶ * Crane (Aug 23, 2016) Water

- ▶ *Sixty total participants in six different locations around the County.*

Citizen suggestions compiled in a single graph

Harney County Goal 5 Priorities



Division 23 guides local government compliance in meeting Goal 5 requirements

- ▶ See hand-out on current Goal Five elements in Harney Co. Comp Plan
 - ▶ Due to changes since acknowledgement, Harney County may no longer need to include some resources in its Goal Five inventory and may add goals to their inventory based on local desires.
 - ▶ Aggregate resources appear to be adequate throughout the county and do not warrant additional protection at this time.
 - ▶ Division 23 requires protection for those groundwater resources which are part of a critical groundwater areas as declared by Oregon Water Resources Division.
 - ▶ Division 23 requires site specific information about wildlife habitat, currently inventories are limited and site specific information not described.
 - ▶ Scenic Resources have not been analyzed through the ESEE process.
 - ▶ Historic and Cultural resources have not been reviewed under Division 23.
 - ▶ Wilderness is a safe harbor designation which should be reviewed by the County.

A Draft Goal statement to be considered added to several goals within the Harney County Comprehensive Plan.

- ▶ Goal Statement Concept:
- ▶ It is the policy of Harney County to plan for and manage our lands and natural resources for the long-term sustainable use of the people of the county. All land-use decisions shall support the economic, energy, environmental and social fabric of our community. Activities which seek to restrict or limit local use of our land and natural resources shall be discouraged and/or determined to be in non-conformance with the goals of the Harney County Comprehensive Plan. This policy shall address both public and private lands within Harney County.

What's next ?

(All steps below are a public process open to citizen participation at all steps)

- ▶ 1. Planning Commission considers the findings from the Citizens Involvement Process and evaluates highest priorities for Harney County.
- ▶ 2. Planning Commission reviews draft “Goal Five Roadmap” to recommend a pathway forward for the County Court to consider in adopting the roadmap (next steps).
- ▶ 3. Through work sessions in October and November, the Planning Commission will recommend a final “Goal Five Roadmap” to the County Court.
- ▶ 4. The County Court shall review the recommendations in a public meeting for consideration and adoption.
- ▶ 5. The County Court shall determine the appropriateness of the next steps and make changes if necessary.
- ▶ 6. The County Court shall seek future funding from DLCDD to implement the first steps in the Goal Five Roadmap.

Any updating will require following the ESEE analysis. (ENERGY, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENT, & ECONOMIC)

▶ PROCESS OVERVIEW

- ▶ 1. What are OUR priorities? -Select the specific resources to be addressed
- ▶ 2. Collect Data on specific resources (estimate 4-8 months)
- ▶ 3. Analyze and refine the data (estimate 2-4 months per resource)
- ▶ 4. Determine the significance of specific resource and location (estimate 2-4 months)
- ▶ 5. Categorize the data (sufficiency, conflicting uses, need additional information - estimate 4-6 months)
- ▶ 6. Craft new policy statements to address conflicts and usage.
- ▶ 7. Initiate the legislative change process with DLCD (estimate of 180 days)
- ▶ 8. Follow the required public process to conduct hearings and adopt language.
- ▶ 9. Planning Commission-to County Court- to Dept. of Land Conservation and Development.
- ▶ Complete one and start the next resource (average time per resource 12-18 months)

Harney County Goal Five update process

- ▶ What are the most doable areas to address which could have the most favorable outcomes for Harney County?
 - ▶ Include an overall goal statement which makes supporting people in the county a key policy statement in several appropriate goals: agriculture, forest, natural resources, water, energy, and economic development
 - ▶ Focus on Historic and Cultural as first resource update.
 - ▶ Review water policies to consider potential impact of policies.
 - ▶ Engage federal partners in a wildlife review of specific areas which are considered potential conflict areas (ranching and farming regions of the county.
 - ▶ Set a timeline for complete updating of the key resource goals.
 - ▶ Secure the needed resources from the State of Oregon to complete each step of this process.

Harney County Citizen Involvement Process

- ▶ What is missing from our current outreach process?
- ▶ All next steps are part of a public process -stay involved
- ▶ The wheels of change move slowly but with a good roadmap we will have a pathway forward.
- ▶ The County Court under state law is the local body which will provide the final local approval for whatever we do.
- ▶ You have made a significant contribution in making this project a truly citizen driven process - Thank you!

LOCAL PLANNING BEGINS WITH YOU!

▶ HOW CAN YOU STAY INVOLVED:

- ▶ Participate at the Planning Commission level to get the best outcome possible.
- ▶ Support the future planning efforts by ensuring that your voice is heard.
- ▶ Participate in the data collection process by providing your historic and cultural knowledge of specific resources (cattle driveways, historic watering holes, gathering and branding areas, etc..)
- ▶ Support your County Court as they advocate for more local control with the Department of Land Conservation and Development.
- ▶ Let your state representative and senator know that you support Harney County's local planning effort.