

**Town of White Creek
Results of Public Workshop
January 21, 2009**

Major Elements Included in the Vision Statements

Agriculture
Alternative and green energy
Balance
Community and Quality of Life
Community Spirit
Culture and History
Diversity
Education
Highways
Housing
Infrastructure
Land Use
Low crime
Minimal laws
No change
No hunting
No tourism
Open space
Pride
Quiet
Recreation and cultural
School children
Sense of community
Small Town environment
Sustainable energy
Taxes
Young Adults

Specific Vision Elements from Participants

A place children will stay in
A rural prosperous farming community
Access to connected greenways and trails
Affordable services, cable, phone, internet
Ag and eco tourism to encourage new business to support growth
Ag is strong and vibrant, diverse and value added
Ag is understood
Agriculture still the main business in town
Amish Village

Avocations of residents oriented to the outdoors and playing in the natural environment – skiing, hiking, snowmobiles, art, fishing, etc.
Become a model for alternative energy
Being able to keep older folks in their own homes
Better roads
Better sense of organization
Business development in village part of town and not rural part
Century farms
Clean water
Cluster housing is used to make land available but minimize impact on open land that will be needed for ag, or hunting or wildlife
Commercialization limited to village and hamlets and major intersections
Comprehensive housing growth
Continued development of local farmers markets – continual access to local produce
Continued health of larger family farms
Control and protection of the development of open lands including hilltop and vision corridors
Controlled and selective development
Cooperative projects among farmers to reduce costs. Generating electricity, buying from each other as farms diversify
Cultural heritage resources and events
Development controls
Development of the town is well thought out
Diverse ag businesses
Diverse cultural and arts events
Diverse local economy
Diversity of architecture
Diversity of local jobs
Enough good jobs to keep population in town and create/attract population diversity
Facilities for shopping, groceries, pharmacy, doctor, culture/art
Farms and forests
Farms are thriving with fresh produce and meats available
Good excellent medical care in easy access and close by
Good schools and charities
Has locally owned business
Have many farms
Having land available from ownership and rent for farmers
High quality cultural activities
High quality public services such as roads, police, fire, EMS
Housing opportunities for young families
Indoor recreation like YMCA
Intergenerational transfer of farms
Internet speeds for the current needs
Its perfect now – no need to over-think it
Keep agriculture for food and land
Large amount of undeveloped land

Large and small farms
Less factory farms
Local availability of goods,
Local merchants and services to satisfy basic needs
Local sustainable energy services
Lots of rural dirt roads
Low taxes
Maintain organic farms
Maintain the farmland
Maintaining good roads
Maintaining neighbor knows neighbor atmosphere
Many farms of all types
Many small business persons
Moderate to light business
More industry
More jobs
More recreational opportunities
Mountains are mountains and open areas are open areas
Multi-generational farming is thriving and economically viable
Need to have new ways for energy
New residential development occurs within existing population centers
No development such as malls
No hotels in town
No hunting allowed in town
No more town laws
No multi-unit housing
No sprawl
Not a bedroom community
Not over regulated
Older homes and farms are still standing and maintained
Open ag land with working farms
Open land
Open space through purchase of development rights
Open spaces and places for recreation
Open woodlands, rivers, streams, open fields
Opportunities for young adults
Pastoral beauty
People pitch in with local government, volunteering
People take pride in their homes and properties
Place for non-ag businesses that support the town financially with no impact on rural
landscape
Planned development with open spaces
Preservation of existing historic buildings
Progressive education in public schools
Protected open space (hunting, fishing, hiking, etc.)
Quiet way of life

Recreational fields
Respect neighbors
Retain rural life while allowing controlled development to grow tax base to share tax burden
Roads for ag equipment and cars
Safe community and streets
Same open spaces and farmers as in 2009
Scenery is preserved
Schools growth of technology
Schools the same size or smaller
Self-sufficient community with local food and fuel supplies
Self-sufficient energy
Services have kept up with growth
Shopping is conveniently clustered in the village and not sprawling mini-malls
Single family homes sporadically throughout
Slow development
Small farm opportunities – alternative farms
Small town environment
Small town rural feel
Smart growth
Some growth and development – progressive businesses and employment opportunities, housing but planned
Spaces available for recreation – horse riding and snowmobiles
Sparsely populated still a rural feeling
Stay away
Stay the way it is
Strong business structure
Strong community backing for school
Successful farms, working farms
Tax free farm land
Taxes lower/affordable
The ball field still hosts the White Crick Tournament
Tolerance and patience with farm vehicles on the road
Town park or recreation center for children
Up to date cable and cell service
Valuable services for taxes
Vibrant Main Street
Walkable community
Well funded schools
White Creek BBQ still thrives
Wildlife and open space has been preserved
Wildlife habitat preserved
Wish to see small farms still around White Creek
Would like to see majority of country people still in town
Youth center for young adults who have no outlets in town, such as YMCA

Summary Vision Statements by Table

Table 1:

State parks, state land, trails, 3000 acres
Vibrant Main Street, Spirit, local food, fuel supply (wood, geothermal)
Small town environment
Dirt roads
Open spaces
Century Farms, intergenerational, transfers of properties
Culture and History
Young Adults have opportunities and jobs

Table 2:

Sustainable community using agriculture as a base to create jobs and opportunity to develop the next generation of farmers and other supportive businesses. Diversification of use of land with agriculture and eco-tourism, fiber, nursery stock, organic foods. Energy independent.

Table 3:

Maintain a low population
People feel safe in town
Maintained and upgraded infrastructure
Protected agriculture land and natural resources
Keep old fashioned community
Economically viable

Table 4:

Spaces and places for diverse outdoor recreational pursuits
No sprawl, compact development, planned development
Low taxes
A rural, prosperous farming community
Diverse available jobs and services that support the area (health,, agriculture, non-agriculture)
Architecture
Infrastructure and energy independence

Table 5:

Balance between development and maintaining open space
Infrastructure is present, reliable and progressive
Recreation and cultural
Education is strong, community supported, and progressive
Farming is diversified, family oriented, starting new farms
Alternative green Energy
Sense of community