



CODY 2020

"Championing Cody's community-defined values!"



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INTRODUCTION

This report is the culmination of a year-long community-input process intended to accurately capture the values and priorities of Cody Country residents and to produce guiding statements for residents, businesses, institutions, and government agencies to follow over the next ten years.

In December 2008, a handful of community leaders recognized the need to create a guiding vision for Cody Country. They recognized the quality of the Vision 2007 project which guided the community from 1997 through 2007 and produced many of the good community developments that make Cody what it is today. Vision 2007 became the model for how we approached the Cody 2020 vision process.

The initial step was to gather together volunteers representing all areas of Cody Country to help ensure that all voices would be heard, and to form an active, dedicated committee whose goal it was to create a process to update the Vision 2007 document. The following people volunteered their time, leadership skills, ideas, and energy over the past year which resulted in this report.

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Mayor Nancy Tia Brown - City of Cody
Heather Christensen - Citizen
Marshall Dominick - FOAL, Cody Canal Irrigation District
Hilary Eisen - Greater Yellowstone Coalition
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Lee Haines - Buffalo Bill Historical Center
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District #6
Joe Reed - Local Rancher
Rhonda Shipp - Facilitator
Representative Colin Simpson - Wyoming Legislature, Speaker of the House
Kathy Spencer - City of Cody
Claudia Wade - Park County Travel Council
Andy Whiteman - City of Cody
Dick & Marge Wilder – Citizens



And especially the **1700+ Cody Country-ites** who participated in two surveys!

The committee recognized that input from throughout Cody Country would be critical to the success of creating a fresh vision document and thus made a commitment to involve as many residents as much as possible. The process was as follows:

Step 1: Gather information from as broad a spectrum of residents as possible about what

they value most in our community.

Step 2: Using this value input, develop common value categories.

Step 3: Invite residents to a meeting to further define those categories.

Step 4: Based on the defined categories, create questions for a comprehensive survey designed to elicit answers to provide specific, actionable guidance.

Step 5: Create vision statements using input from the comprehensive survey.

Step 6: Write a final report that summarizes the results of the surveys, ensuring that future Cody Country residents will have access to the guiding statements as they explore community development issues.

It is important to recognize that these guiding statements are the product of and belong to all Cody Country residents. With this document comes the responsibility to ensure that community leaders, organizations and individuals are held accountable to apply this shared vision as decisions are debated and made about our future.





COMMUNITY VALUES

RECREATION

Provide residents and visitors further recreational opportunities by:

- Completing a connecting trail system
- Developing year-round indoor and specialized outdoor recreation
- Supporting cultural events and entertainment

OPEN SPACE

Enhance open space in all lands by:

- Increasing community awareness and education
- Preserving and expanding access to open space
- Connecting with local government for assistance obtaining and maintaining open space

ENVIRONMENT

Balance land use and environmental protection by:

- Designing policies to facilitate development while ensuring environmental protection
- Valuing and protecting habitat, wildlife, clean air and water, and a quiet environment
- Creating greenbelts and viewing corridors
- Promoting the use of alternative energies, such as solar and wind

SMALL TOWN LIFESTYLE

Enhance western heritage, small town values and economic diversity by:

- Maintaining a neighborly, hospitable and safe community
- Valuing western heritage and natural environment
- Pursuing balanced economic growth in retail, light industry and high tech business
- Developing small and mid-size retail business
- Supporting educational initiatives and opportunities
- Developing transportation options

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Find the complete survey results, a brochure and more at any of the following locations:

City of Cody

www.cityofcody-wy.gov

Forward Cody

www.forwardcody.com

Cody Chamber of Commerce

www.codychamber.org

