



**BUILDING  
THE WYOMING  
WE WANT**

***Helping communities preserve  
Wyoming's way of life and friendly  
neighborhoods for our children and our  
grandchildren***

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# About BW3 Initiative

- Helps residents see what future growth might look like and understand the future consequences of the decisions they make today
- Empowers people to make decisions so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy the same great outdoors and neighborly communities that make Wyoming a special place to live





# Managing Growth

- Brings economic growth and diversity to our communities, as well as jobs and community vitality
- While many Wyoming residents believe that many of the challenges and problems their communities face are caused by growth, they soundly believe growth can bring significant benefits to Wyoming and should be “encouraged and fostered.”





# Knowing What We Want

How can we make decisions today that will protect what we love and value about Wyoming?

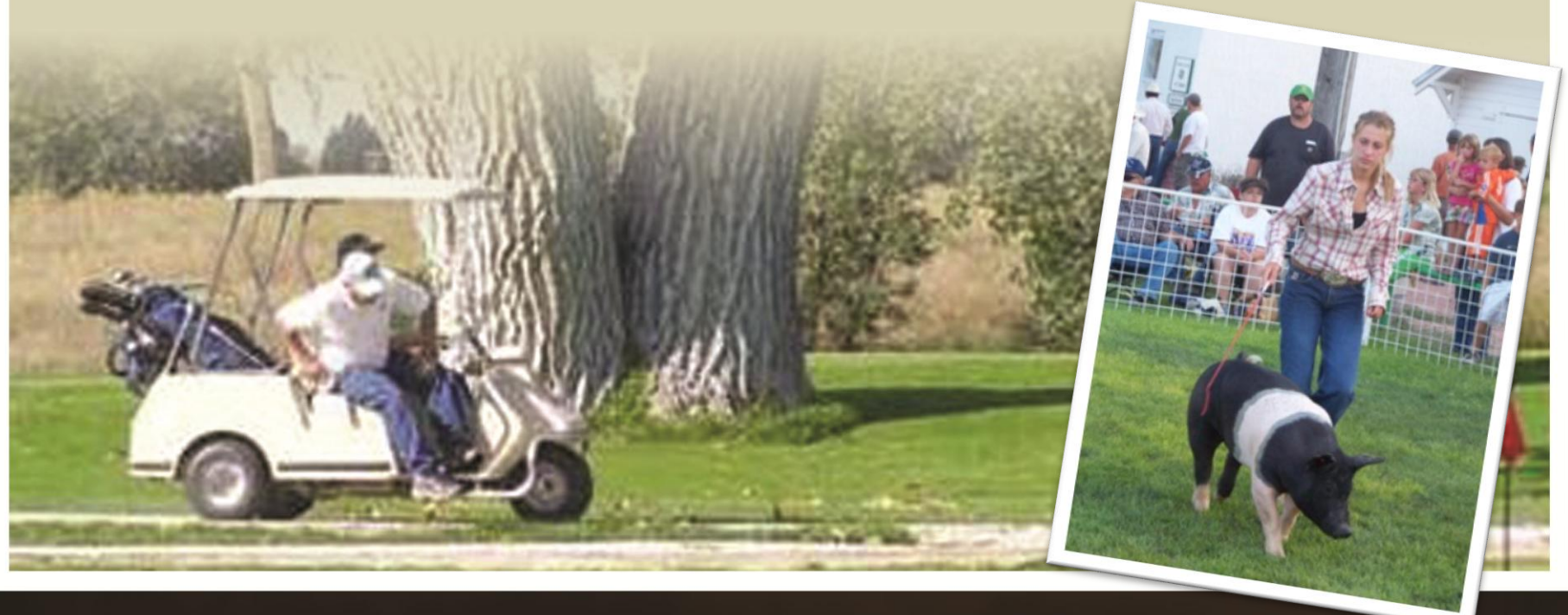
*“Values research uncovers what people prize most in their lives and the means by which they achieve it.”*

- Dee Allsop, Heart & Mind Strategies





The purpose of the High Plains Initiative is to create a long-term vision that will ensure a high quality of life for Goshen and Platte residents for years to come.





## What are the challenges facing the area?

- Economic development and job growth
- Environment, air quality and water quality
- Agriculture
- Land consumption
- Growth in housing needs
- Recreation
- Oil exploration and wind energy



## What is the process?

- Steering Committee- formed in February & March; 30-40 members from both counties
- Conducted regional values study:  
Great place to raise family, small town feel, friendly people
- Create baseline, business as usual and alternate scenarios

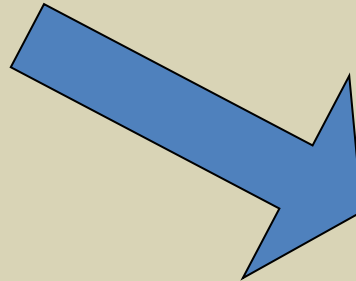
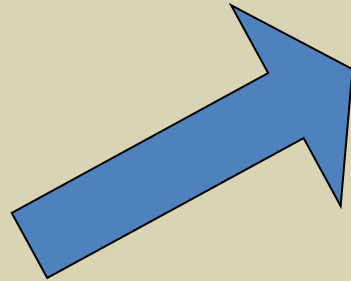


## What is the process?

- Hold workshops to work with the public about regional issues, and seek their input
- Develop a vision document and guiding principles/values
- Create implementation committee to ensure future use of public planning document

# Scenarios help evaluate and present choices

Contrast today's choices by showing long-term consequences





“When I consider the most significant challenges facing Wyoming and its future, high on the list is how we can welcome growth and prosperity and still protect the things and places that make Wyoming a special place to live.”

- Governor Dave Freudenthal

**The first step is getting involved at the local level in defining your community's future.**

**GET INVOLVED!**



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