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What's our Twenty, Teton Valley? Where have we been? Where are we going?

Dear Members and Friends,

Hard to believe, but if VARD were a person, we'd be off to college. At 18 years old, we've been around to see Teton Valley through many ups and downs, and continue to work toward sustainable, incremental, and thoughtful growth.

What's your 20?
The phrase essentially means, "What is your location?" or "Identify your position" from the original "10-20" used by United States law enforcement.

Teton Valley is at a crossroads. The county has officially re-launched its coding effort, a process that will result in a new zoning code for most of the valley. The impact of this code cannot be overstated. It will give the county's award-winning Comprehensive Plan the force of law, and shape the valley for the next generation and beyond. If we're successful in adopting a new county zoning code, we will be able to protect our rural character forever. If we don't, then we'll be susceptible to another era of sprawl and zombie subdivisions.



Meet Vardy!

Driggs and Victor are reworking their respective Comprehensive Plans. Both cities have faced controversial projects at their edges, and their Comprehensive Plans will hopefully address developers' temptations to build sprawling developments during boom times. If the county adopts a progressive new zoning code that limits sprawl in the county, then it will position the cities well. In the past, development potential has been sapped of the cities by lax county zoning. If we get the new county zoning code right, then we can channel thoughtful, incremental, and sustainable growth toward the many vacant properties in Driggs, Victor, and Teton.ia.

We hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in the various planning, coding, and zoning updates taking place in the valley. There will be so many, it will be hard to keep track! Fortunately, **Vardy** (above) will show you the way on the following pages. To stay on top of everything, be sure to sign up to our email list at tetonvalleyadvocates.org. Here's to another amazing Teton Valley summer!



- Shawn Hill, Executive Director

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What's our vector, Victor?



Embrace Envision Victor

VARD is proud to have partnered with the City of Victor, the Orton Family Foundation and Teton Valley Trails and Pathways on the Envision Victor project, which was supported by a \$100,000 grant from the Orton Foundation.

Envision Victor was a grassroots effort to define community values and establish a framework for community decision-making.

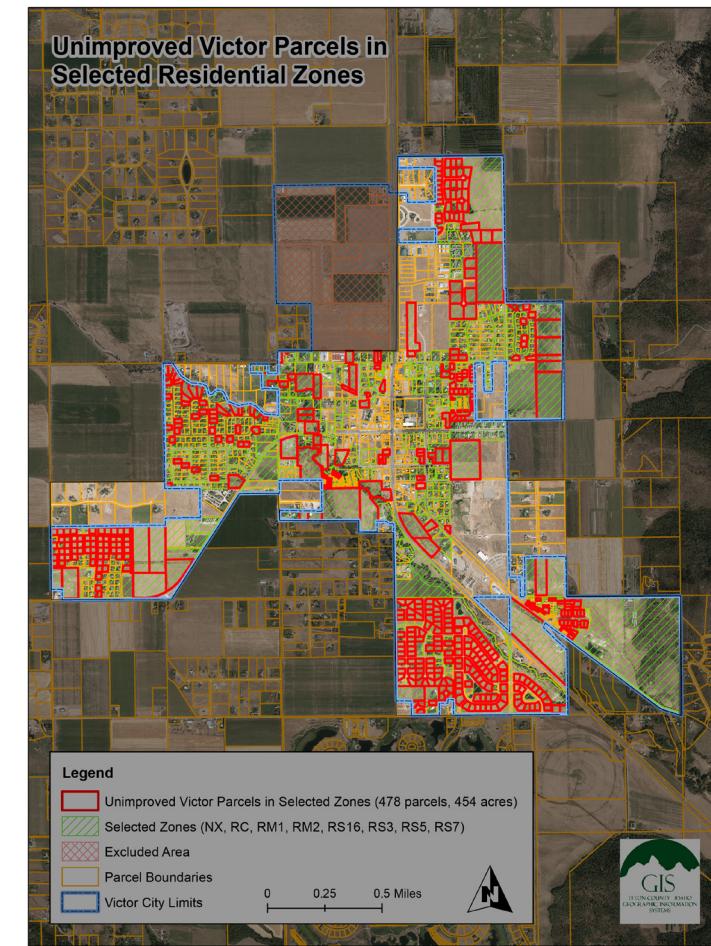
With over 37 public events and over 550 local residents involved in the project, Envision Victor represented a dynamic grassroots effort to explore Victor's "Heart & Soul" and define a common set of values that would transcend traditional social barriers.

Through the efforts of citizens who were involved in the Envision Victor process, the Victor community found new ways to influence their town's future and ultimately strengthen the public decision-making process by embracing the following values:

ENVISION VICTOR VALUES

- Culturally Historic
- Sustainable
- Connected to Nature
- Small Town Feel
- Family Friendly

Frame the City

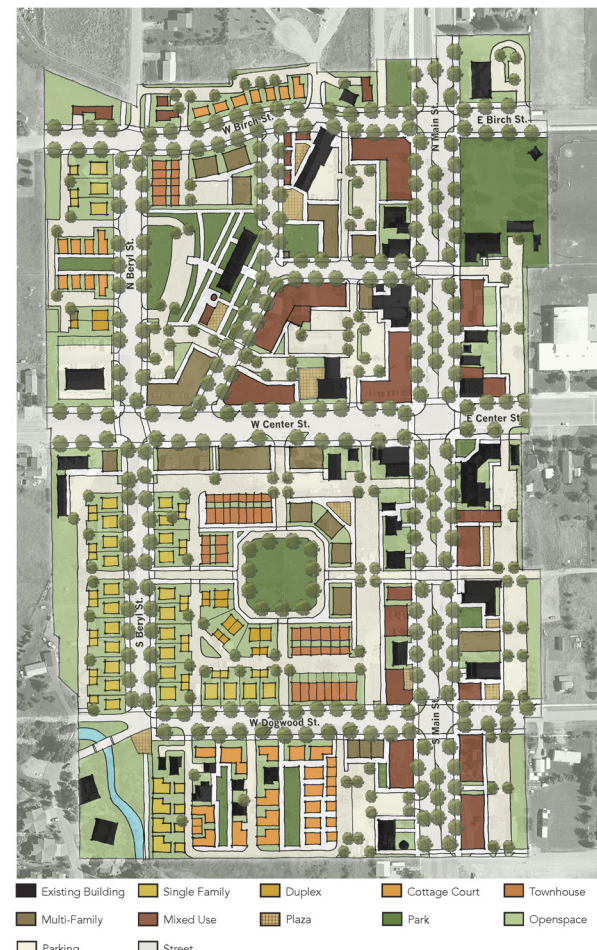


Over the years, Victor has de-annexed parcels in order to promote infill in the downtown area and to protect surrounding farmlands. Recently, a group of citizens filed a petition to de-annex the farm fields west of Hwy 33 and north of Cedron Road. We support this de-annexation initiative because it will allow the City of Victor to create a hard edge between city and country, and channel resources toward implementing the plans and policies designed to improve the city's core.

Build on the Block Study

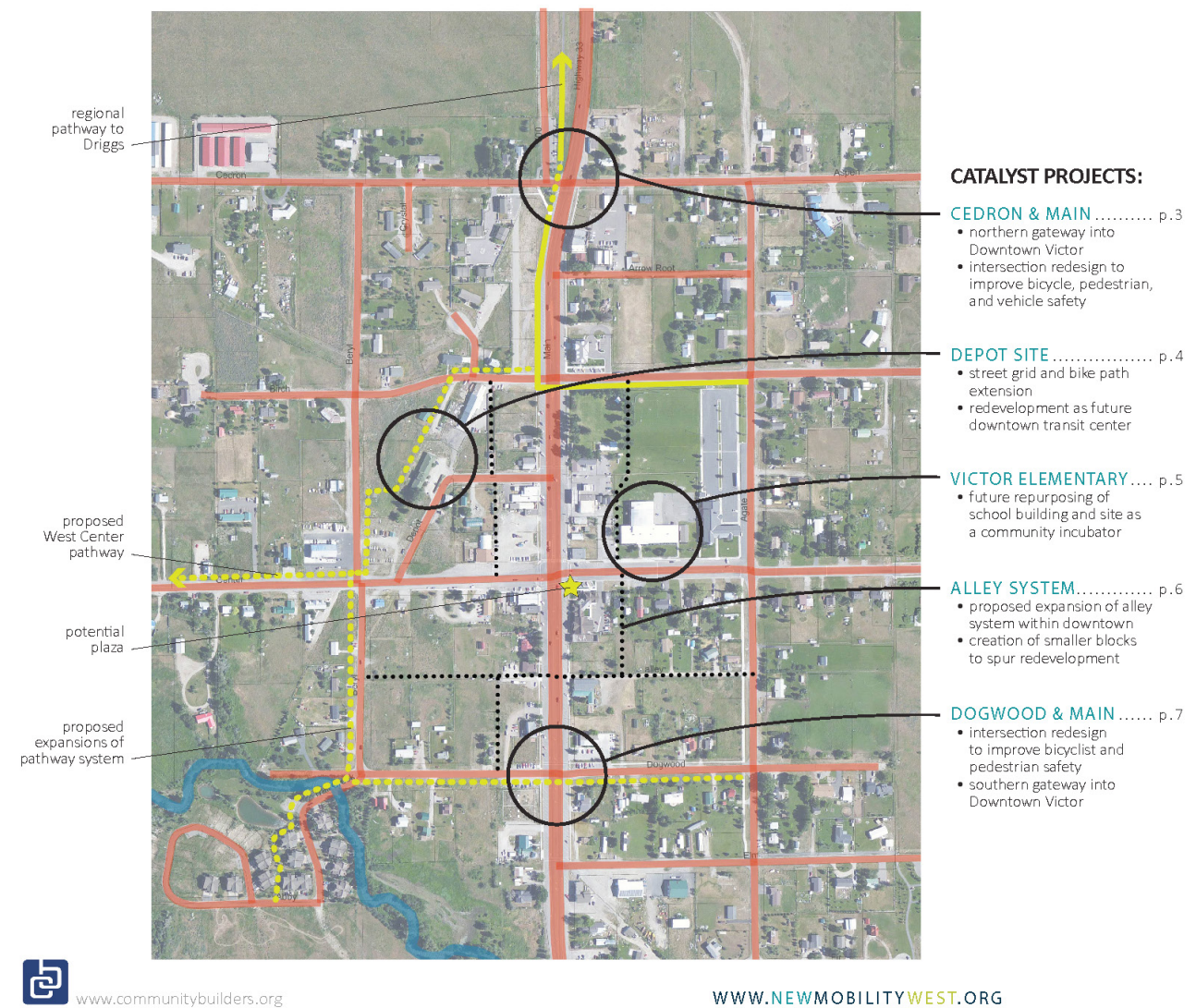
In 2013, consultants Code Studio, Third Coast Design Studios, and Urban Advantage designed key areas within Downtown Victor. The keystone of this effort was the Downtown Victor Block Study, which illustrated how infill development could be carried out in accordance with the city's new land use code. This is a good blueprint to guide future growth in downtown Victor. Though some new development has not followed the Block Study, close adherence in the future will ensure Victor grows in a way that is consistent with Envision Victor values.

VICTOR - DOWNTOWN BLOCK STUDY



Mobilize the Mobility Plan

NEW MOBILITY WEST Activating Downtown Victor: A Strategic Plan



In 2016, consulting group New Mobility West held a 3-day charrette to bring City staff, area residents, business and property owners, the Idaho Transportation Department and other stakeholders together for an intensive look at how to attract appropriate development to Downtown Victor. Their efforts produced "Activating Downtown Victor: A Strategic Plan." The plan identifies five catalyst projects designed to set the stage for private sector investment.

What's our Direction Driggs?

Embrace Envision Victor-Like Values

Envision Victor was created by and for the City of Victor, but its values are directly attributable to Driggs and the rest of Teton Valley. Smart, inclusive decision-making will allow Driggs to grow incrementally while preserving its heart and soul.

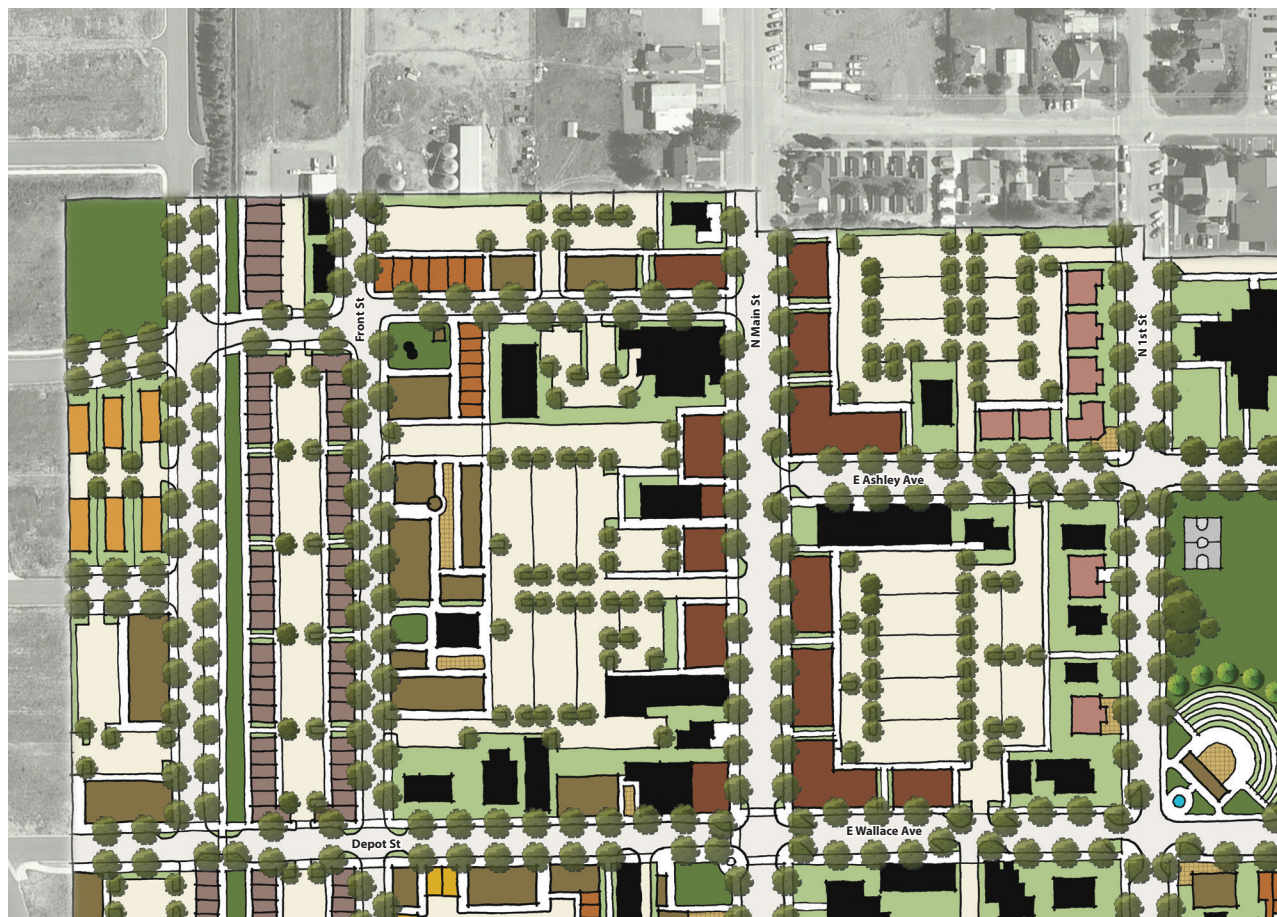
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In recent years, the City of Driggs has received requests to annex surrounding lands and zone them as commercial. Just like in Victor, there is an abundance of vacant lands within the city. By drawing a hard line around the city, we can promote infill development and nurture the compact, small-town feel of Driggs.

Build on the Block Study

» DRIGGS - DOWNTOWN BLOCK STUDY



In 2013, consultants Code Studio, Third Coast Design Studios, and Urban Advantage designed key areas within Downtown Driggs (as well as Downtown Victor). The keystone of this effort was the Downtown Driggs Block Study, which illustrated how infill development could be carried out in accordance with the city's new land use code. This is a good blueprint to guide future growth in downtown Driggs. Incorporating the block study into the new Driggs Comprehensive Plan will build a solid foundation for a strong, vibrant Driggs.

Mobilize Mobility with the Teton Creek Corridor Project



The Teton Creek Corridor project is a collaborative effort between local Teton Valley nonprofits and private citizens. The project has a number of goals including:

- Creating a pathway from Downtown Driggs to public lands in Wyoming.
- Protecting farmland along the creek.
- Restoring and stabilizing stream banks.
- Preserving critical wildlife habitat.
- Working with landowners to improve existing development.

The Teton Creek Corridor Project can be the crown jewel for the pathway and park system in Driggs and Teton Valley.

What's our Coordinate, County?



Get Densities Right

The vast majority of land within Teton of land within Teton County is zoned for 2.5 or 20-acre lots - but nothing in between. This two-size-fits-all solution does not make sense for our diverse landscape. We need zoning densities that protect the rural character of our county, while preserving the Teton River, scenic vistas, wildlife habitat, and other features that make our valley special.

Allow for Better Subdivisions

Subdivision tools in Teton County are outdated and outmoded. Current subdivision ordinances allow the valley to be chopped up with little regard to open space or the special features of our landscape. There are few options to divide up large acreages - particularly farm land - without a formal subdivision. Small, 2.5-acre lots are allowed in much of the county, but for most, this acreage is usually too small to farm, and too big to take care of. Neighboring counties like Teton County, Wyoming and Madison County, Idaho have devised ways to design thoughtful, sensitive subdivisions that protect large amounts of open space while providing for building lots.

Address Zombie Subdivisions

Several large-scale subdivisions failed during the Great Recession, and it's doubtful they'll ever be viable again. Yet, the scars of these subdivisions remain because of a lack of incentives to redesign and reshape these subdivisions. Making zombie subdivisions economically viable and environmentally sustainable will likely include comprehensive policy solutions.

Protect Scenic Vistas

Teton Valley's economy, ecology, and quality of life heavily depend on the preservation of our vast scenic vistas. Current scenic protections only protect a small amount of land along highway corridors. Large-scale scenic protections can protect our beautiful valley while allowing for practical uses of the land.

Preserve Wildlife Habitat

The Teton County Comprehensive Plan strongly recommends the protection of our world-class wildlife habitat. The county has put forth valiant efforts to protect wildlife, but current regulations lack consistency and reliability - particularly with regard to science and best practices. Robust, straightforward, and objective measures are needed to protect Teton Valley wildlife.

TIN CUP

The 12th Annual Tin Cup Challenge is OPEN!



Saturday, June 1, 2019 - Friday, July 26 2019

All donations must be received by 5 PM on July 26th to the Community Foundation of Teton Valley or Community Foundation of Jackson Hole.

**Tin Cup Challenge: Saturday July 20th
Driggs City Park
9am - Noon**

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