**Action Team – Interview and Data Collection Form**

**Action Team Member:** Cindy

**How Might We:** Keep sustainable Ag and Development focused in town

**Data Source:**

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**Insights:**

* A combination of strategies is critical for keeping rural landscapes. These are:

1. **Keep working lands working**
2. **Protect the most valuable** lands (wildlife corridors, riparian, irrigated Ag). In Gallatan MT this was done by passing two $10M bond measures resulting in conservation of 50,000 acres. The dollars fund purchase of development rights by the county of the best lands. They have been able to greatly leverage the county dollars with matching funds from federal, state, local and Foundation support.
3. **Identify Growth Areas** – get the city and county together and agree on areas for growth. A culture of collaboration between city and county is essential. Then make the plan happen with matching infrastructure and land use planning. For example, in Gallatan the county decided not to support development outside of growth zones with roads etc. (ie taxpayers do not subsidize rural development).

* Opinion –“2 Ac lots and rural landscapes cannot co-exist – and 2 Acre lots do not provide the best value for rural landowners as a glut of cheep 2 ac lots commonly depresses prices for their lands”

**Ideas for Chaffee:**

County purchase of development rights, joint session with city/county to identify growth zones, keep working lands working tool box.