



## Focus Areas for Research, Models and Future Ideation

### How might we:

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2. Make local agriculture diverse, interconnected and dynamic
3. Convert the value residents and visitors place on agricultural lands into support (financial and expertise) that keeps working lands economically viable and working
4. Provide educational support for the legacy of agriculture
5. Encourage partnerships that provide support and incentivizes the protection of senior water rights in the County
6. Educate the community on the value of agricultural lands & the challenges/benefits/needs of local producers

### Next Steps:

Team members will collect additional information about these areas, summarize their insights in the Action Insights Form and share with teammates by 22 February on the team website. In our next team meeting we will discuss this information and develop plans to seek solutions and best practice ideas from other communities and sources.



### Team Homework

Information to be obtained	Resource	Who is doing it? (By 22 Feb)
<b>Focus growth in and around existing development nodes of Salida, BV, Johnson Village, Granite, Maysville and Nathrop</b>		
Routt County, TDRs/ROSI/Rural Cluster, Invite City planners to join website, Mt. Powell Ranch – Summit County	Chad Phillips (Routt Co)	C Barton
Custer County & Larger land trusts – TNC, TPL Open lands		Buffy
Summit County and Basin Planning Commission		Rick Hum
Boulder/Boulder County, State with 3 mile radius urban growth boundary		Keith Krebs
Sonoran Institute		Keith Baker
Web info & No leap frogging – dev next to existing dev.		David Holt
<b>Make local agriculture diverse, interconnected and dynamic.</b>		
CSA's VRBO Connections	WeatherVane/Pinto	Nancy
Festival type stuff	VBAR, Vertex	Rick
Agri-tourism	White Oaks	Luz
Food Hubs/Networks	VRFH	Jen
Certification of "Brand"	Oregon Tilth	Chuck
<b>Convert the value residents and visitors place on agricultural lands into support (financial and expertise) that keeps working lands economically viable and working</b>		
CA models to fund Ag, Park City, Utah (what are they doing), and GOCO (great programs)		Lucy
Contact Alan Robinson – does he have helpful connections; Investigate on web what countries like Switzerland/Netherlands are doing; Share/upload Chaffee Co. willingness to fund study from CSU; and, DOLA – what CO counties have conservation finance measures and what are they?		Sig
Ask cattlemen if they have any relevant info, How does Boulder Open Space program work?		Brady
What is Bend, OR doing?; and Does the CO Tourism board have any examples of tourists on biz funding ag conservation		Alison
Follow up on Sheridan WY/Routt Co ideas; TPL Research (Rec users paying for ag land conservation?, Funding mechanisms in similar places and how they were passed?, Funding for eco-system services?, Creative Ag-biz – eco-system services & county funded easements; Center for Private Lands Conservation – CSU & WY		Cindy
<b>Provide educational support for the legacy of agriculture</b>		
Google internet for specific examples of successful succession planning (legal, financial, tax and practical) for agricultural lands		Susan Nies
Research successful family run corporations do succession planning		Janet Franz



Determine models/programs currently in use for training/educating future farmers/ranchers		Maureen Murphy
<b>Encourage partnerships that provide support and incentivizes the protection of senior water rights in the County</b>		
Lease following	UAWCD	Chelsey Nutter
Legislation		Ken Baker
Plumbing of the Arkansas		Terry Scanga
Water 101	Chelsey Nutter	Karen
<b>Educate the community on the value of agricultural lands &amp; the challenges/benefits/needs of local producers</b>		
Research local models (Gunnison & Crested Butte)		Louise
Nordic Countries best practices and small counties – very protective – good communal attitude – how do they do it?		Elise

### Brainstorming Outcomes - Challenges by Focus Area

#### 1. **Town Density** (43 points)

- Encourage growth in urban areas, focus housing growth (around municipal growth nodes), look at zoning changes to increase buildable land in towns, encourage growth in town via a more relaxed code or comparable code to the county & encourage the municipalities and county to work together to focus development in/around towns (make towns more attractive) (39)
- Make living in town more desirable and affordable (4)
- Make town feel more like country
- Focus growth in and around existing development nodes: Salida, BV, Garfield, Maysville, Nathrop, Granite, JV.
- Create incentives for growth in/near towns
- Define rural  
 Research Models & Resources: Routt Co 160, Custer Co, Summit Co. TDR Boulder, Galatin & other from Cindy, Sonoran Institute, Jackson WY, Basin planning commissions, Existing subdivision abuts existing development, TPL, COL

#### 2. **Economic** (37 points)

- Make ranching profitable, help ag become more economically dynamic & apply community skills to help make local ag more economic (29)
- Strengthen the local ag product market and agri-tourism to support ranchers to diversify their profit (6)
- Diversify business enterprise on rural lands (alt energy, alt-enterprises) & rethink agricultural practices and types of productions (2)
- Encourage domestic beef purchases (in order to support ranchers BRANDING)
- Create market opportunities for ag  
 Research Models & Resources: Distribution network: Valley Roots Food Hub – potato growers, CSAs – Weathervane Farms, Valley Roots Food Hub, Co-op/buying clubs, Oregon Tilth, Vertex, White Oaks, Gunnison VBAR Ranch

#### 3. **Funding & Incentives** (36 points)

- Encourage better (than existing) funding/support for conservation easement(s) (10)



- Monetize the enormous value residents and visitors place on agricultural lands (9)
- Enable the community to pay ag owners to conserve/protect the most valuable habitats (8)
- Provide direct subsidy to ag ops (5)
- Increase external funding of ag and its community value (2)
- Encourage conservation easements (2)
- Use transfer of development rights to help ranchers protect our most valuable lands
- Capitalize land without losing it

Research Models & Resources: See Team Homework

4. **Support** (18 points)

- **Support the continued legacy of agriculture (18)**

Research Models & Resources: Google internet for specific examples of successful succession planning (legal, financial, tax and practical) for agricultural lands and successful family run corporations. Determine models currently in use for training and/or education of future farmers/ranchers. Research potential labor resources.

5. **Rights** (13 points)

- **Have the community support water and historic water rights and rancher use of water (ditch rights) & protect the water right in Chaffee County (12)**
- Dis-incentivize Buy and Dry (incentivize) (1)
- Encourage and incentivize senior water rights to stay in the county

Research Models & Resources: See Team Homework

6. **Education** (13 points)

- **Educate the community on the value of agricultural lands & the challenges/benefits/needs of local producers (13)**
- Incorporate ag into our community experience
- Encourage the community to have pride in local ag and know how to support it

Research Models & Resources: See Team Homework

7. **Collaboration** (5 points)

- Develop creative partnerships to leverage resources and funding (5)

8. **Labor** (2 points)

- Create an ongoing labor pool & provide labor support to current ranch and farm land owners and encourage the next generation of ranchers and farmers (2)

9. **Value**

- Identify the values of agricultural lands

**Exploration and Insight Development for TOP Challenges by Ranking**

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Vision #4 – Agriculture and Development in Towns



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