



OUR VALLEY
OUR FUTURE'S
**ANNUAL
REPORT**
MARCH 2020



"OUR VALLEY
builds on our
innovative history
and emerging
opportunities to
create a
dynamic,
diversified
and
sustainable
economy
for the
21st century."



Dear community members,

As many of you know, the Our Valley Our Future / Nuestro Valle Nuestro Futuro collaborative nonprofit arose in 2015 out of a response to a rapidly changing world and our desire to face those upcoming changes proactively. We began by developing an overall vision and strategic action plan to create a vibrant region that is true to our roots and yet open to new opportunities, that learns from our past and comes together to address our toughest challenges. Since then, Our Valley Our Future (OVOF) has continued to engage people from all walks of life and to honor what community members told us they envision for the region's future.

This report, which focuses on the outcomes generated by lead partners and by OVOF itself, is another way that OVOF remains true to that commitment.

For background, OVOF released its initial five-year Action Plan in January 2017. This values-based planning document followed 18 months of community outreach, visioning and planning work. During those early phases, more than 5,000 residents offered input and more than 300 residents had a direct hand in developing Action Plan projects and programs.

During the five-year (2017-2021) implementation phase, OVOF has been assisting lead partners and the overall initiative by serving as a convener, facilitator, data-collector, planner, implementer and communicator.

OVOF has adhered to the collective impact model – people from different communities, jurisdictions, groups and interests coming together around a common vision to solve specific problems.

We are impressed by the work that has been accomplished by our lead partners and the community as a whole since 2017. We still have much work to do, but we have gained significant traction and are well on the road to fulfilling our residents' vision for our valley and for our future.

Regards,

Stacy Luckensmeyer
OVOF Board President



Progress of Game-Changer Projects in 2019

The seven game-changer projects in the OVOF Action Plan were designed to “move the needle significantly” by accelerating the community’s long-term vision for the region. Thanks

to the work of lead partner organizations and of OVOF, many of the game-changers witnessed good movement in 2019:



One Community > The One Community Working Group, made up of 14 community leaders, researched and wrote the draft of a “Regional Thinking, Inclusion and Collaboration” white paper to the community. The Working Group met 10

times and held two well-attended roundtable events. The white paper, which features a list of “opportunities” for the region to explore and pursue, is expected to be released in March or April 2020.



Technology Hub > The Tech Hub Working Group, made up of a cross-section of organizations, guided and saw completion of an Emerging Tech Study by Washington State University that identified barriers in expanding the local tech sector.

The study was paid for by OVOF, the Port of Chelan County and the Port of Douglas County. In 2020, the Tech Hub Working Group will be developing community-wide strategies to expand the local tech sector.



Regional Housing > Fifteen of the 18 recommendations in the OVOF Regional Housing Report saw some movement in 2019, the report’s first year of implementation. The Housing Authority of Chelan County and City of Wenatchee and the Columbia Valley Housing Association say the Regional Housing Report was a factor in the two organizations

receiving \$6.46 million in grants in late 2019 for housing. The Housing Solutions Group will focus on increasing community awareness about housing issues in 2020.



Regional Trails Organization >

Wenatchee Valley TREAD became a non-profit, hired its first executive director, and raised \$23,000 for a trails map app for the region. TREAD is negotiating with the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest to take over some of the national forest’s recreational planning work. TREAD also is talking with Chelan County about doing a comprehensive trails plan for that jurisdiction and has plans to do the same soon with Douglas County.



Alleviating Generational

Poverty > In late 2019, the OVOF Board named the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council as the lead partner on this game-changer. Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council has

completed a new needs assessment and strategic plan.



Early Childhood Learning > The OVOF

Board named the North Central Educational Service District as a co-lead on this game-changer, joining the North Central Early Learning Collaborative. In 2020, the two lead partners have plans to

hire a coordinator and to hold a community wide conversation on the importance of early learning.



The Bridge Research & Innovation District >

The Bridge conducted a survey of local businesses and organizations who employ higher education students. The survey was utilized by the City of Wenatchee in its student housing plan for the WSU Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research Center property. In partnership with the WSU Center for Innovation in Spokane, The Bridge began developing an inventory of local businesses and organizations engaged in research and innovation.

Outcomes of Projects by Community Organizations

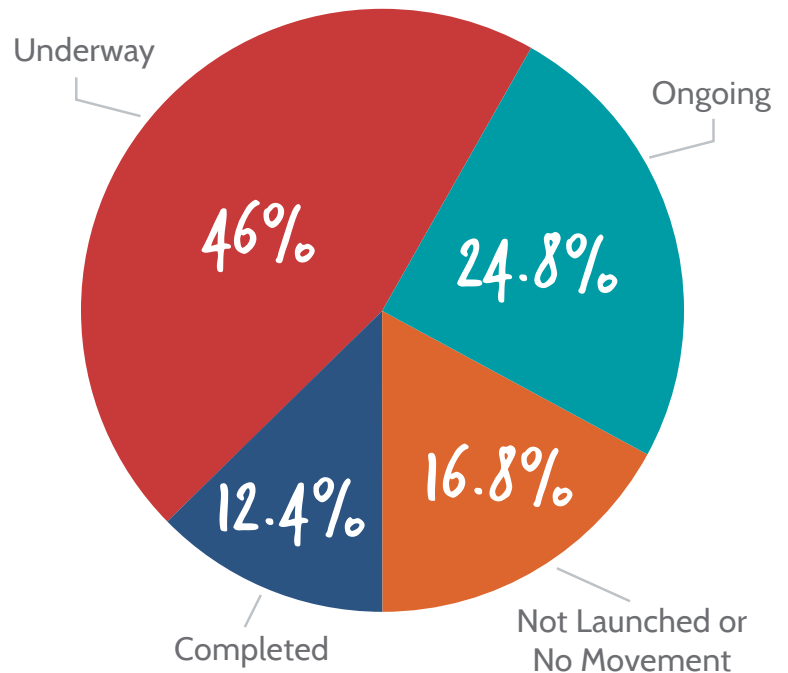
"In the future, our Valley will be the heart of a vibrant North Central Washington."

Since 2017, more than 80 organizations – a mix of governments, nonprofits and businesses – have been leading implementation of the 161 projects in the Our Valley Our Future Action Plan.

Through December 2019, 12.4 percent of the projects (20 projects in all) were completed, 46 percent were underway with completion on the horizon, 24.8 percent are considered ongoing for the foreseeable future, and 16.8 percent had yet to be launched or have shown movement.

To document outcomes, OVOF asked several lead partners to complete a questionnaire on the status of their projects. Overall, OVOF found lead partners are dedicating significant money and staff time on projects and programs identified by residents as priorities. Some also are recruiting volunteers to help out. Here is a closer look at the work of several lead partners (with the OVOF project in parenthesis):

Our Valley Our Future
ACTION PLAN PROJECTS
(as of December 2019)



Chelan County Department of Natural Resources has devoted 200 staff hours toward studying whether a whitewater park is feasible on the Wenatchee River. (Sustain 4.8 / Whitewater Park on the Wenatchee River project in the OVOF Action Plan)

Chelan County Sheriff's Office has spent \$202,000 and set aside an additional \$1.2 million toward a new Emergency Operations Center (Sustain 3.4 / Regional Emergency Operations Center project).



Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council has devoted \$195,552 in staff time and \$1,750 in direct expenses, advancing several transportation projects (Plan 1.1 / Public Involvement; Plan 1.4 / Confluence Pkwy; Plan 4.3 / Bike Trails; and Plan 6.2 / Bicycle Amenities). An additional 4,800 volunteer hours were devoted to the Bike Trails and Bicycle Amenities projects.

City of East Wenatchee has spent \$744,000 completing the construction of the Gateway Park (Prosper 5.6 / Waterfront Destination project).

Climate Conversations has spent \$5,000 in direct donations, plus \$12,000 in sponsorships, on three Eco-Challenges and other work, including coordination. The group also has had volunteers contribute more than 1,500 hours. (Sustain 1.5 / Reducing the Community's Carbon Footprint project).

Columbia Valley Community Health has spent \$450,000 for a new East Wenatchee Park and for additional mental health services in the region. (Live 2.7 / New East Wenatchee Park project; and Live 4.4 / Enhance Mental Health Services).

Eastmont School District has spent approximately \$1 million on new school facilities (Learn 1.1 / New School Facilities action item).

Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort has devoted an estimated 3,000 hours in staff time toward expanding the resort. (Sustain 4.6 / Mission Ridge Expansion)

North Central Educational Service District has spent approximately \$9.9 million on early learning and another \$2.4 million on college and career readiness. (Learn 3.1 / Awareness of College and Career Pathways).



Outcomes of Grants to OVOF Lead Partners

In 2017, Our Valley Our Future received money for a small grants program for OVOF lead partner organizations, via the Community Foundation of NCW and the United Way. The two jointly applied on behalf of OVOF for this support from Philanthropy Northwest, with funding through The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Through December 2019, OVOF has awarded 21 grants totaling \$85,000 to lead partners.

To document outcomes, OVOF had grant recipients report back on the status of their projects. More than half of the grant recipients (55 percent) said the funding they received helped get their project or program to the next level. Another 35 percent said the money helped get their project or program started.



How funding was leveraged by grant recipients

To secure additional funds and investment >

Wenatchee Valley College Center for Entrepreneurship leveraged its \$5,000 grant to apply for and receive \$213,822 in additional funding. **Cascadia Conservation District** leveraged its \$5,000 grant to apply for and receive a \$25,000 grant through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative for youth outdoor education programs. This in turn led to two additional successful applications – totaling more than \$125,000 over four years – to continue to offer this wildfire education program to most sixth graders in the Wenatchee Valley.

To help others secure funding > The Our Valley Our Future **Housing Solutions Group** spent its \$4,000 grant on a white paper researching why home construction costs are so much higher in the Wenatchee area compared to other cities in Eastern Washington. In 2019, the information in the white paper was utilized by the **Housing Authority of Chelan County** and the **City of Wenatchee** to receive a \$6 million state grant for housing and the **Columbia Valley Housing Association** to receive a \$460,000 state grant for housing.



To show community support > **North Central Regional Library System** officials say OVOF's \$2,500 grant help make it clear to donors that its capital campaign to remodel the Wenatchee Library had broad-based community support and would benefit everyone in the valley. **Pinnacles Prep** mentioned OVOF support in its charter school application.

To create more data and knowledge >

Wenatchee Valley TREAD's \$2,000 grant was used to conduct a survey of trail users in the field. This provided TREAD with data that shaped recommendations in a Wenatchee Foothills Trail User Report. **WenatcheeOutdoors** developed an inventory of outdoor recreation groups and made the list accessible to the public with its \$2,500 grant. **Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council** developed a map of bike trails and routes, including an online version, along with a resource center for bicycling with its \$1,100 grant. **Cascadia Conservation District** participated in the Co-Management of Wildfire Risk Reduction research project (seven universities and USDA Rocky Mountain Research Station).



To expand programming > **Chelan-Douglas Health District** sent two home nurses to training in Colorado with its \$2,500 grant. Those nurses are now each serving 25 clients (mothers) in the region and are better prepared to engage and retain clients. **Apple STEM Network** leveraged its \$5,000 grant to find additional partners and resources, which has led to an annual multi-day, multi-stakeholder professional development event for regional STEM educators in Wenatchee. **Sustainable Wenatchee's** \$5,000 grant launched the organization's community education program, including classes and workshops.

To give birth to new groups and organizations >

The \$2,000 grant to **Wenatchee Brewers Row** launched this alliance of local craft brewers. A \$10,000 grant to the **WSU Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research Center** brought the science, education and economic development communities together for a series of workshops and ultimately a strategic plan for The Bridge Research & Innovation District.



"OUR VALLEY maintains its friendly, small-town atmosphere, where community members reach out and care for one another."

Outcomes for grant recipients

Cross-cultural > Wenatchee

Valley College Center for

Entrepreneurship

launched four new programs, one of which is a Spanish-language business startup program that has more participants than any of WVC's English-language startup programs. **Chelan-Douglas Land Trust** redesigned its Foothills Trails Map so it is bilingual for the first time. **Pinna-**

cles Prep used its grant to hire a bilingual Family and Community Engagement Coordinator to help remove language barriers. The remodeled and renovated **Wenatchee Public Library**, set to open in spring 2020, will now be able to offer a wide variety of cultural and educational programs.



Completed projects >

Eastmont Metropolitan

Parks District has completed the installation of a new playground and splash pad at Eastmont Community Park.

Evergreen Mountain Bike

Alliance completed the last two trails of the trail system build-out at Squilchuck State Park.

Expanded programming and elevated interest/awareness >

Tread Lightly Friday has witnessed the community taking more interest in environmental sustainability.

Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council has raised awareness of local bike routes and the work of its Regional Bike Advisory Committee. **WenatcheeOutdoors** assisted in the formation and coordination of the Outdoor Recreation program at Wenatchee High School. The **Apple STEM Network** professional development conference has attracted more than 1,000 educators over the past four years.

Strategic planning > The Bridge Research & Innovation

District has released a three-year strategic plan. The Bridge also conducted a survey of businesses and organizations that employ higher education students. The survey results were utilized by the **City of Wenatchee** in its student housing master plan for the WSU Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research property. **Indoor Sports and Recreation Facility** proponents have completed a feasibility study and outlined an action plan. WSU's Emerging Tech Study of Chelan and Douglas Counties, paid for with the help of a \$10,000 grant, has opened the door for the **OVOF Tech Hub Working Group** to develop strategies to expand the tech sector.

Economic impact > Wenatchee Brewers Row

has become a tourist attraction and is being marketed as such by the **Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce**. The **Squilchuck State Park mountain biking trails** are completed and for the past two years have attracted 1,200 youth at state races, pumping \$314,000 annually into the economy. **Wenatchee Valley College Center for Entrepreneurship** has witnessed 38 program participants launch businesses.

Greater collaboration > Chelan-Douglas Land Trust's work

on a new Foothills Trails Map has resulted in better communication and stronger connections between all the organizations involved. **Sustainable Wenatchee** has established relationships with other organizations – including **Joyful Scholars Montessori** and **Wenatchee River Institute** – and added classes in their programming. **Wenatchee Valley TREAD** has instituted quarterly meetings of regional outdoor recreation groups and land managers to prioritize community recreation needs. **The Bridge Research & Innovation District** has partnered with the **WSU Center for Innovation in Spokane** to develop a local research inventory. **Cascadia Conservation District** has worked with **Chelan County** and others to develop ways to improve codes to reduce wildfire risk.

Outcomes of Presentations to Our Valley Our Future

In 2019, 25 individuals representing 17 organizations conducted presentations before the Our Valley Our Future Board of Directors. These discussions served as an opportunity for the presenters and the OVOF Board members to learn from each other and

to seek ways to collaborate and partner.

Here is a sampling of what transpired following those presentations:

Topic and presenters: Chelan County Superior Court Judge Kristin Ferrera and Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment director Loretta Stover provided the OVOF Board with an overview of the new Chelan County Drug Court program. They expressed interest in having Drug Court become part of the OVOF Action Plan.

Outcome: Following a community survey in 2019 and additional vetting by OVOF, a Substance Abuse Treatment Programs action item (including Drug Court) was added to the 2020 version of the Action Plan.

Topic and presenter: Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance president Travis Hornby spoke about his organization adding 30 miles of new trails in 2018 – and its plans to add more trails in 2019, including in Number Two Canyon, along with a pump track in East Wenatchee. Hornby inquired about the Number Two Canyon Trails System project becoming an OVOF action item.

Outcome: Following a community survey in 2019 and additional vetting by OVOF, the Number Two Canyon Trails System was added to the 2020 version of the Action Plan. Later in 2019, EMBA signed a design contract with the **Eastmont Metropolitan Parks District** for a pump track and raised \$50,000 to build the track. It also added the first six miles of new trails in Number Two Canyon.

Topic and presenters: North Central Regional Library System executive director Barbara Walters, and Supporters of the East Wenatchee Library member Deborah Moore spoke about the need for a new East Wenatchee Public Library.

Outcome: OVOF wrote a letter supporting the new East Wenatchee Public Library concept. Following a community survey in 2019 and additional vetting by OVOF, the library project was added to the 2020 version of the OVOF Action Plan.



Topic and presenters: WVC Foundation executive director Rachel Evey and WVC Foundation board member Barbara Carrillo spoke about the WVC Foundation's interest in having the Wells Hall project and a new Batjer Hall become part of the OVOF Action Plan in the future.

Outcome: Following a community survey in 2019 and additional vetting by OVOF, the WVC building projects were added to the 2020 version of the Action Plan. The new Wells Hall is under construction.

Topic and presenters: IRIS executive director Nancy Warner and IRIS board member Brooklyn Holton discussed projects that IRIS is working on, such as the "Thinking Like a Community" book, and how IRIS and OVOF could potentially collaborate.

Outcome: Following a community survey in 2019 and additional vetting by OVOF, the IRIS Online Archives project was added to the 2020 version of the OVOF Action Plan.

"Our Valley is
where we live,
grow and work for a
better future."



Topic and presenter: Columbia Valley Community Health CEO David Olson introduced the idea of the Wenatchee area becoming a “Blue Zone.” The term was first popularized by National Geographic as part of a research project to find out where people live long lives and why. Today, a nonprofit organization certifies communities that meet the Blue Zone criteria.

Outcome: As of early 2020, funds are still being raised to launch the Blue Zone effort. In the meantime, OVOF has added a new action item, Healthy Community, to the 2020 version of its Action Plan, with CVCH as lead partner and with the idea it could be elevated to a Blue Zone game-changer in the future.

Topic and presenters: The OVOF Board invited Parque Padrinos neighborhood group’s Teresa Bendito and Teresa Zepeda to discuss ways OVOF and Parque Padrinos could work together more.

Outcome: The OVOF Board named Parque Padrinos the lead partner or co-lead partner on the following projects in the 2020 version of the Action Plan: Live 1.4 / Place Names Honoring Latino Culture; Live 4.1 / Gang Activity; Learn 2.3 / Latinx Small Business Development Program; and Plan 3.4 / Latino Small Business & Cultural District.

Topic and presenter: Chelan County commissioner Bob Bugert discussed his interest in seeing and helping the OVOF One Community game-changer get started.

Outcome: With Bob Bugert’s assistance, OVOF appointed a **One Community Working Group** made of community leaders. By the end of 2019, the group had researched and drafted a “Regional Thinking, Inclusion and Collaboration” white paper for the community. The white paper is expected to be released in late spring 2020.

Topic and presenters: The Wenatchee World’s Rufus Woods and Wenatchee Valley Clergy Group’s Laura Shennum, Frances Twiggs and Pat Whitfield asked for permission to use OVOF’s CIVIL logo and brand to help promote civil conversations in the community.

Outcome: OVOF Board appointed the Wenatchee Valley Clergy Group a co-lead partner on the Decide 3.1 / Civic Engagement action item and allowed use of the CIVIL logo and brand.

Topic and presenter: Wenatchee Valley TREAD executive director Mat Lyons provided an update on TREAD, which arose out of the Regional Trails Organization game-changer in the OVOF Action Plan. He discussed the idea for a trails app in Chelan and Douglas counties, and thanked OVOF for getting a TREAD brochure written and designed.

Outcome: By the end of 2019, TREAD had raised the \$27,000 needed to get the trails app started.

Topic and presenters: Chelan County PUD general manager Steve Wright, and Chelan County PUD managing director Justin Erickson spoke about the Chelan County PUD’s strategic planning work, future capital projects, and growth.

Outcome: The Chelan County PUD’s new five-year strategic plan, with a greater emphasis on economic development, was adopted by the PUD Commission in October 2019.

Topic and presenter: Link Transit general manager Richard DeRock spoke about a ballot issue in August 2019 that would raise the sales tax to pay for additional Link service.

Outcome: A ballot measure, which raises the sales tax by 2/10 of 1 percent, was approved after receiving 56 percent of the vote in Chelan and Douglas counties.

Topic and presenter: NCW Economic Development District executive director Karen Francis-McWhite spoke about goals of the **North Star Opportunity Zone** (a consortium of eight Opportunity Zones in NCW), and the Supernova Business Launch Competition the EDD is organizing for local businesses.

Outcome: The application process for Supernova opened in February 2020.

Topic and presenters: Parque Padrinos neighborhood group’s Teresa Zepeda and Lupita Bendito conducted a presentation on the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event on Nov. 1 in Wenatchee.

Outcome: OVOF participated in Dia de los Muertos by creating an altar at the Wenatchee Community Center.

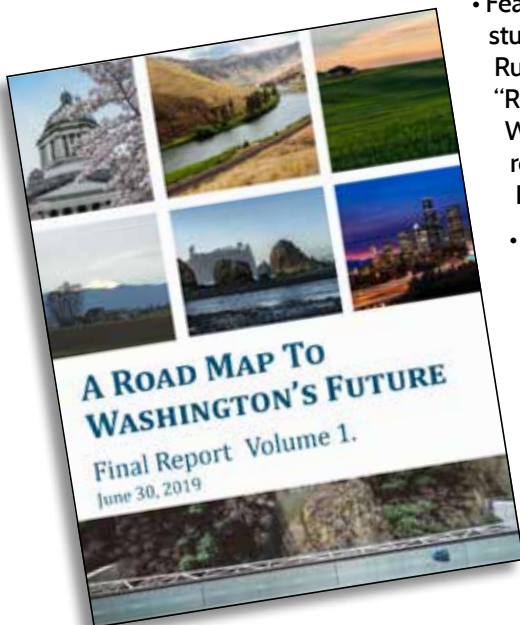


Other Our Valley Our Future Highlights in 2019

In 2019, a total of 2,394 hours were dedicated to OVOF operations. That includes 568 volunteer hours from OVOF Board members; 544 volunteer hours from members of four game-changer Working Groups; and 1,282 paid hours from

the OVOF coordinator. That figure does not include time and resources contributed by lead partner organizations. Here is a look at some of the outcomes during the year:

- Released and printed the 2019 version of the Action Plan. The update included six new projects: Environmental Sustainability Education & Outreach program, Horan Natural Area Improvements, Whitewater Park on the Wenatchee River, Upper Valley Community Recreation Center, Latinx Small Business Development Program, Every Kid at the PAC
- Approved six new projects for the 2020 version of the Action Plan (for release in February 2020): Healthier Community, New Higher Education Facilities, Number Two Canyon Trails System, Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, New East Wenatchee Library, and IRIS Online Archives
- Held an awards social for the first time, honoring the Port of Douglas County, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Trust for Public Land, Teresa Bendito, Terry Valdez, Sally Brawley, Columbia Valley Community Health, and the OVOF Housing Solutions Group
- Awarded \$31,800 in grants to seven lead partners to further projects/programs in the Action Plan
- Received 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 nonprofit status from the federal government. Moved from a Core Team to a Board of Directors. Selected officers for the first time. Appointed Jessica Kendall, Dan Sutton and Paul Gordon. Honored outgoing board members Lisa Parks and Allison Williams. Opened an office in the Mercantile Building co-working space in downtown Wenatchee.
- Co-sponsored the TEDx Wenatchee conference in February
- Participated in the Dia de los Muertos event in November



- Featured as a case study in William D. Ruckelshaus Center's "Roadmap to Washington's Future" report to the state Legislature.
- Received an award for best "grassroots community organizing" in the state from Futurewise at a luncheon at The Westin in downtown Seattle.



- Hosted visits by WSU Innovation Center Director Michael Ebinger and Eastern Washington University provost David May
- Finalized a communications plan, following the interview of 20 community leaders and others.

Contributors to Our Valley Our Future in 2019

- OVOF received financial support from the City of Wenatchee, City of East Wenatchee, Port of Douglas County, Port of Chelan County, Community Foundation of NCW, Columbia Valley Community Health, Confluence Health, Cordell Neher, Wenatchee Valley College, Philanthropy Northwest, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- OVOF received in-kind support from the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce, Wenatchee Valley College, Columbia Valley Community Health, Community Foundation of NCW, Pybus Public Market, City of Wenatchee, Jennifer Korfiatis Marketing, and Steve Maher New Media.

Community Outreach in 2019

Presentations by OVOF before organizations and conferences

- Wenatchee City Council, Jan. 5
- Douglas County Leadership Group, Jan. 23
- Housing Authority of Chelan County and Wenatchee, March 28
- Regional Economic Forum in Chelan on April 22
- Planning Association of Washington conference, May 1
- Port of Chelan County Quarterly Breakfast Event, Sept. 26
- NCW Economic Development District Board, Oct. 9
- Chelan County PUD Commission, Nov. 4
- GWATA Board, Nov. 13
- Wenatchee City Council, Nov. 21
- Wenatchee Valley WorkSource, Dec. 4
- Chelan County Commission/Douglas County Commission, Dec. 9
- Douglas County Leadership Group, Dec. 11

Acknowledgements

OVOF Board of Directors

- Lori Barnett, City of East Wenatchee community development director
- Paul Gordon, Wenatchee School District superintendent
- Shiloh Burgess, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce executive director
- Jessica Kendall, Chelan-Douglas Land Trust associate director
- Steve King, City of Wenatchee economic development director
- Jim Kuntz, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority CEO
- Stacy Luckensmeyer, Wenatchee Valley College business liaison
- Shayne Magdoff, East Wenatchee City Council
- David Olson, Columbia Valley Community Health CEO
- Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner
- Sara Rolfs, The Wildfire Project and the Pinnacles Prep charter school
- Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
- Alan Walker, Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council executive director

OVOF Project Coordination

- Steve Maher

OVOF One Community Working Group

- Teresa Bendito, Parque Padrinos neighborhood group
- Bob Bugert, Chelan County Commission
- Shiloh Burgess, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Bart Clennon, Wenatchee fruit rancher and retired actuary
- Linda Evans Parlette, North Central Accountable Community of Health
- Stacy Luckensmeyer, Wenatchee Valley College
- Steve Maher, Our Valley Our Future
- Jessi Mendoza, Numerica Credit Union
- Karen Rutherford, Flywheel Investment Conference and Pinnacles Prep
- Peter Rutherford, Confluence Health
- Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commission
- Spencer Taylor, Eastmont School District
- Rufus Woods, Wenatchee World
- Steve Wright, Chelan County PUD

OVOF Technology Hub Working Group

- Blake Baldwin, Chelan County
- Lori Barnett, City of East Wenatchee
- Shiloh Burgess, Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Ron Cridlebaugh, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
- Andrew Grassell, Chelan County PUD
- Diana Haglund, Wenatchee School District
- Steve King, City of Wenatchee
- Cheri Kuhn, Perfect Planner
- Jim Kuntz, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
- Stacy Luckensmeyer, Wenatchee Valley College
- Gustavo Montoya, Ag Tools
- Ashley Olson, Work Source Wenatchee Valley
- Aaron Parrott, SkillSource
- Jenny Rojanasthien, GWATA
- Malachi Salcido, Salcido Enterprises
- Michelle Van Bogart, Chelan County PUD
- J. Michael Walker, Wenatchee WorkSpace

Public events held by OVOF in 2019

- OVOF Awards Social held on March 13 at Wenatchee WorkSpace
- New Projects Presentations on August 1 at Pybus Public Market
- Local Home Builders Panel Discussion on Dec. 12 at Wenatchee City Hall

Media interviews

- The Wenatchee World • KPQ Radio • KOHO Radio
- NCW Life TV • I-Fiber TV • State Department of Commerce webcast



Housing Solutions Working Group

- Blake Baldwin, Chelan County
- Duff Bangs, modFORM LLC
- Lori Barnett, City of East Wenatchee
- Sally Brawley, East Wenatchee Planning Commission
- Jake Davison, American Family Insurance
- Glen DeVries, City of Wenatchee
- Jennifer Groos, City of East Wenatchee
- Mae Hamilton, Wenatchee realtor
- Steve King, City of Wenatchee
- Dave Kuhl, Chelan County
- Mike Leeds, North Meridian Title Co.
- Stacy Luckensmeyer, Wenatchee Valley College
- Lyle Markhart, Wenatchee resident
- Thom Nees, Serve Wenatchee Valley
- Stephen Neuenschwander, City of Wenatchee
- Alicia McRae, Housing Authority of Wenatchee and Chelan County
- Jon Port, Real Homes
- Rani Sampson, Wenatchee attorney and Wenatchee Planning Commission
- Sherri Schneider, Columbia Valley Housing Association
- Chris Silver, RE/MAX
- Ashley Stanaway, Premier One Properties
- Laurel Turner, Women's Resource Center
- Brian Vincent, Pacific Appraisal Associates
- Jamie Wallace, Windermere Real Estate

The Bridge Research & Innovation District Working Group

- Ash Kunz, North Central Regional Library System
- Blake Baldwin, Chelan County
- Rob Blakey, Stemilt Growers
- Ron Cridlebaugh, Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority
- Kate Evans, WSU Wenatchee Tree Fruit Research Center
- Diana Haglund, Wenatchee School District
- Kirk Hudson, Chelan County PUD
- Sue Kane, Apple STEM Network
- Steve King, City of Wenatchee
- Cheri Kuhn, GWATA
- Stacy Luckensmeyer, Wenatchee Valley College
- Jim McFerson, Wenatchee resident
- Lisa Romine, SkillSource
- Gene Sharratt, Washington Association of Educational Service Districts
- Steve Stefanides, Wenatchee Valley College
- Karina Vega-Villa, Wenatchee Valley College

