

# **WALLA WALLA 2020 WORKSHOP**

**Group Reports**

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## **USE OF ENERGY**

### **Transportation**

#### **A. Bikes**

1. Routes
2. Racks on intercity buses
3. Rent a bike
4. Rebate program
5. Racks for parking bikes

#### **B. Walking**

1. Pedestrian zones
2. Shuttle
3. Restrooms
4. Planned walks
5. Benches
6. Educational programs (time charts)
7. Sidewalks safe in winter
8. Dog control

#### **C. Public transit**

1. Revise local bus routes
2. Intercity and recreational routes
3. Disincentives for cars (meters, tax, etc.)
4. Promote public transit
5. Trolley

#### **D. Other alternatives**

1. Encourage less energy-consumptive vehicles
2. Efficiency of private vehicles
3. Encourage maintenance and tune-ups of vehicles
4. Vehicle tax

### **Alternative Energy Sources**

#### **A. Solar**

1. Retrofits
2. Tax incentives
3. Right to sun

- B. Wind
  - 1. Incentives (farmers?)
- C. Use of heat generated by industry
- D. Waste
  - 1. Co-generation
  - 2. Municipal
    - a. Recycling
    - b. Compost
    - c. Energy generation
- E. Local energy grid
- F. Energy audits

### **Conservation**

- A. Education
- B. Insulation of buildings
- C. Landscape
- D. Rate structure
- E. Building recycling
- F. Neighborhood tool and appliance co-ops
- G. Information on energy
- H. Repair
- I. House sharing
- J. Get rid of air conditioning
- K. Municipal plans
  - 1. Rationing
  - 2. Water
  - 3. Other emergencies
- L. Non-electronic entertainment
- M. Local energy grid

### **Agriculture**

- A. Local produce
- B. Organic methods
- C. Encourage non-mechanical techniques
- D. Farmers market
- E. Food co-op
- F. Home production
  - 1. Ag extension
  - 2. Merchants
- G. Tax incentives

## **Education**

- A. Consultants
- B. Theater
- C. Public displays
- D. Energy audits
- E. Radio show
- F. Hotline
- G. Slide show
- H. Open house
- I. Schools
- J. Little signs
- K. Timers
- L. Educate ourselves
- M. Media
- N. Learn what is available

## **WASTE AND POLLUTION**

### **Process of citizens group**

- A. Education/Identification
  - 1. Pride in Walla Walla community
  - 2. Resources
    - a. Water, trees
    - b. Educated, professional populace
    - c. Culture and heritage of WW
    - d. Enthusiasm of children
    - e. Theme—We are our environment
- B. Network
  - 1 P/R
  - 2 Participation in city agencies, council, etc.
- C. Develop economic incentives
  - 1. Public work projects
  - 2. Long term exclusion from state landfill requirements
- D. Foresee potential problems--Anticipate future financial outlays of city

### **Waste**

- A. Recycling
  - 1. City-wide program (area-wide)
    - a. Community bins
    - b. Curbside
    - c. Municipal collection

- d. Recycling days
    - e. Hotline number
  - 2. Community gardens
    - a. Leaves, grass clippings
    - b. Preserve topsoil
  - 3. Additional recyclables—clothes, etc.
- B. Reduction
  - 1. Bottle bill
  - 2. Use own shopping bag/stores charge for bags
  - 3. Develop biodegradable plastics
  - 4. Styrofoam and other plastics
  - 5. Appropriate fees
  - 6. Use of recycled paper by City, County, federal government
  - 7. Education (to purchase glass instead of plastics, etc.)

## **Pollution**

- A. Air
  - 1. Agricultural burning
  - 2. Woodstove fires
  - 3. Ag and agency spraying (public and private)
  - 4. Cigarette smoking
  - 5. Internal combustion engines
- B. Water
  - 1. Non-point pollution
  - 2. Recharging aquifer
  - 3. Commercial discharge (dioxin)
  - 4. Local rivers/reservoirs
  - 5. Sewage/wastewater treatment
- C. Land
  - 1. Parks/open space
  - 2. Public management of roadways (spraying)
  - 3. Reclaim old landfill
  - 4. Organic farming
  - 5. Comprehensive plan
- D. Noise
  - 1. Bus system
  - 2. Future industries

## **LAND USE IN THE WALLA WALLA AREA**

### **Enhancing the Environment**

- A. Eastgate reclamation project
  - 1. Interconnecting walks, landscaped
  - 2. Landscaped parking lots (trees and shrubs)
  - 3. Architectural coordination
- B. Plaza/Dalles Military Road
  - 1. Pedestrian crossover
  - 2. Greenbelts
  - 3. Landscaped parking lots (trees and shrubs)
  - 4. Existing farmland retained for agriculture
- C. Rose Street Mall
  - 1. Keep stream intact as natural area
  - 2. Landscaping and pedestrian walks in mall and along Rose Street
  - 3. Bike paths along Rose between WW and College Place
  - 4. Landscaped parking (trees and shrubs)
- D. Downtown Walla Walla
  - 1. Build apartments in upper levels of downtown buildings
  - 2. Encourage restaurants and boutiques
  - 3. Develop architectural theme for buildings (perhaps circa 1880's)
  - 4. Plant and maintain trees
  - 5. Develop a park on First between Main and Alder (up to alley from Main)
  - 6. Restore facades of old buildings
  - 7. Utilize existing empty spaces (add a farmers market in City hall parking lot, roofed over, with restrooms)
- E. Mill Creek
  - 1. Restore part of stream within city limits to natural state, landscape banks, retain flood control protection
  - 2. Restrict flood plain development
  - 3. Retain Mill Creek Lake and other watercourses
- F. General Improvements within City
  - 1. Increasing and maintaining trees
    - a. Conduct a planting campaign
    - b. Monitor ordinance
    - c. Encourage backyard sanctuaries
  - 2. Increasing bike paths
    - a. Develop landscaped network into and out of town
    - b. Utilize abandoned RR lines
  - 3. Architectural restoration—encourage home restoration, give awards as appropriate

4. Comprehensive Plan
  - a. Environmentally sensitive
  - b. Monitored enforcement
  - c. Thematic development
  - d. Esthetically sensitive
  - e. Functionally appropriate
5. Parks and common areas
  - a. Develop new areas where needed
  - b. Enhance use of existing areas—concerts, community recreation, special events
  - c. Increased landscaping
6. Volunteer community corps to upgrade neglected areas and structures
7. Liaison with governmental agencies
8. Use existing lots and structures before taking open or agricultural land outside city
9. Promote bus and bicycle transportation over private motor vehicles
- G. Increase economic base of area while maintaining environment
  1. Encourage development of light industry
  2. Encourage tourism
  3. Encourage the arts
  4. Encourage development of retirement facilities—retirement community center with cottages, apartments, medical units, etc.
- H. Goals outside Walla Walla urban area
  1. Retain and protect farmland
    - a. Erosion control
    - b. Protection from non-agricultural development
  2. Encourage farmers to develop wildlife habitats
  3. Enhance roadside habitat for animals (no mowing, spraying)
  4. Develop a network of nature and hiking trails
  5. Safeguard present wilderness areas
- I. Educate the public in these environmental matters
  1. Things they can do themselves
  2. Ways to help others achieve these goals