



# Town of Nederland, Colorado

## Envision Nederland 2020 Process Report

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## Background

In the fall of 2010, the Nederland, Colorado Board of Trustees requested that the community create a vision for its future. Similar to Nederland's 2010 Vision created a decade before, the 2020 vision would include both a process and a result – citizens would come together in meetings and forums, online and through community surveys, in committees and informal groups and, after several months of this extensive community process would develop a planning and focusing vision for Nederland in the year 2020.

The Board of Trustees asked for community volunteers to oversee the process and the Envision Nederland 2020 Committee was born. Comprised of business owners, volunteers, educators, consultants and citizens with an interest in Nederland's future, the committee developed a process for engaging community members in the development of the vision statement.

### **Envision Nederland 2020 Steering Committee Objectives:**

The Envision Nederland 2020 Steering Committee believes in the power of people. Together, with respect and honesty, we will discuss and shape our future. Through this process our community will activate to help shape town culture, policies, economy, and aesthetics with a goal of long-term livability. Envision Nederland 2020 will welcome to the table residents, businesses, regional organizations and non-profits to work together to craft a shared, dynamic vision for Nederland's future.<sup>1</sup>

## Process

The Envision Nederland 2020 Steering Committee (Steering Committee) developed a comprehensive process designed to allow as many members of the community to participate as possible. The resulting process included:

- a Web site to keep residents informed of the process
- an interactive blog to allow residents to respond to weekly questions and share their impressions of the process
- seven community forums on topics of importance to the community
- a youth survey of middle and high school aged young people
- a community-wide survey
- the Community Summit

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<sup>1</sup> Envision Nederland 2020 Web site: <http://envisionnederland2020.wordpress.com/about/>

Each part of the process informed the next and the feedback shared by residents along the way allowed the Steering Committee to continually adjust the process to ensure it met the needs of community members as well as resulting in a written vision for Nederland's future. A diagram of the full process and timeline is provided on the following page.

## Timeline



# Nederland Vision 2020

(Draft: June 30, 2011. Submitted to the committee for review and revisions.)

In Nederland, our greatest assets are our residents – the diverse people who live, work, play and contribute to all aspects of our unique mountain community.

Nederland is a complete community guided by a shared vision reflecting community values and priorities. It is a place where our children thrive and people connect; neighbors know and care for one another, and community members are proud of their town, their deep and rich history, and a quality of life that is both deliberate and second to none.

Our community proudly maintains its small-town feel and distinct identity—a small is beautiful, less is more approach. While our town has grown, we have remained true to our origins while internalizing a model of sustainability in which a healthy society comes from a healthy economy and a healthy environment is essential for both.

**In 2020**, Nederland is a town recognized for its trails, natural areas and unwavering commitment to the environment. Open spaces are abundant and balanced with active recreation areas and opportunities. Nederland’s surrounding wilderness area and other sensitive natural areas are restored, protected and preserved.

**In 2020**, Nederland continues to focus planning and economic development activities on efforts that address:

- alternative energy sources to fossil fuels for transportation
- alternatives for building and the use of sustainable materials
- non-motorized travel in town
- clean air, clean water and water conservation in and around Nederland
- connections to the outdoor environment providing active, healthy lifestyles for people of all ages
- minimal/reduced light and noise pollution
- focused community education programs and stewardship to reduce environmental impact fostering agricultural, economical and community sustainability

**In 2020**, Nederland’s elected leaders are qualified, competent and representative of the entire community. They are committed to open and clear communication with town staff and all citizens. They actively encourage connections between residents, service providers, businesses and government. Critical information is easily accessible to all, and residents feel included and have a sense of responsibility and ownership in the governance process.

**In 2020**, Nederland provides arts and culture, education and community activities that include the entire community and provide opportunities for youth.

**In 2020**, every student in Nederland schools is afforded the opportunity to succeed regardless of ability. Nederland's education system is strong, has high levels of parental involvement and higher than average youth retention rates.

**In 2020**, Nederland has an accessible social service system for community members. The community ensures that its aging population remains healthy, fully-integrated and an active part of the community.

**In 2020**, Nederland's economy is local, community based, self-sufficient and is characterized by diverse and essential products, services and jobs that both support the local community and are mindful of potential impacts on the environment.

**In 2020**, Nederland's economy encourages and welcomes new, non-traditional economic models, the responsible management of tourism and the stewardship of the environment. The community consistently recognizes and responsibly encourages the thoughtful and meaningful relationship between recreation, culture and the economy.

**In 2020**, Nederland supports its local businesses and works to attract new businesses that enhance local services while supporting local values, qualities and the 2020 vision.

# Envision Nederland 2020 Community Process

## Community Forums

The Steering Committee held community forums on seven topics of importance to developing the vision statement. Approximately 219 attendees<sup>2</sup> were present to share their opinions, ideas and vision for Nederland's future. They also had a chance to discuss trends that the community should be aware of, think about what they wanted and *did not* want to see happen in Nederland and talk about fears for the future.

The following are notes from the seven community forums held from January—March 2011. These notes, along with transcribed flip charts from the Community Summit and responses to the community survey are largely provided as expressed by the community. Minor spelling and grammar corrections were made to assist with readability.

### **Community Forum #1: Recreation**

January 24, 2011

#### **In what ways is Nederland a great place to live?**

- make own fun
- quiet
- can get involved enjoy outdoors history
- clean air
- beauty, scenery proximity to everything
- people watch out for each other
- everyone works together

#### **What is Nederland's unique contribution to the world?**

- dead guy days carousel
- medical marijuana, decriminalization the rink
- diversity
- gateway to mountains and RNF
- wind
- custodians to the environment animal populations, moose
- Envision Nederland 2020
- real mountain town

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<sup>2</sup> Total count, many residents attended two or more community forums



**What are the critical trends in recreation that have impacted the town over the last 10 years?**

- fees at Brainard Lake which caused more folks to visit Hessie and other trail heads we have created many opportunities here for recreation
- motorcycle traffic has increased - noise pollution great risk
- Eldora proposed expansion - ski area impact
- 2001 Nederland recreation master plan has given focus to recreation efforts
- Mud Lake open space
- destination for recreation especially mountain biking music scene is growing
- place where kids can play outside
- recreation is going towards more structured recreation lots of options for kids that are safe and fun
- Do we have the infrastructure to support kid's recreation?
- now on the radar for as a place to go to recreate and that has drawn more people metro area growth is pushing more people to us
- Are we going to follow others and the trends or make our own?
- we must plan for the growth that is coming
- need to unify parents/sports/kids/programs/teams - parks and rec program

**What will be the critical trends in recreation that will impact the town over the next 10 years?**

- need parks and rec department
- form of parks and rec is what is needed, the nuts and bolts
- manipulation of natural spaces; altering of creek area is changing the natural environment we should manage the creek area
- don't change the creek
- more venues = more people = more impact focus should be on natural environment
- Nederland needs to take ownership over our recreation like other mountain towns (crested butte, steamboat)
- need parks and rec district - peak to peak area
- money for recreation should go to other social services like housing medical care, etc let's control the change
- save and appreciate what we have
- people will come see the natural world not things education will guide us
- we moved to a town not to a wilderness, we are surrounded by wilderness, it's ok to create within our town creek path will add to town, let's not close doors
- Same trends as 10 years ago, how do harness these trends?
- Make sure that growth supports our town are there impact studies being done?
- we need to decide how much we want to grow
- How do we control/manage access to recreation areas?
- What are the nuts and bolts of our expanded programming?
- need to support local businesses to grow anything

- let's develop for what we want not for what others would desire
- older folks will be moving to town, need to plan for growth to prepare for it stop development and enjoy what we have
- parks and rec is not to create more but to preserve what we have
- need more people getting involved and giving time volunteerism needs to be cultivated
- rising gas prices will slow down tourism
- no, it will bring more people here as folks don't want to go to winter park or summit co

### **What major losses do we fear?**

- rink - not sustainable, no town money, based on volunteers loss of town due to fire
- recreation growth - more people and loss of small town atmosphere don't need to grow
- landscape and wind will prevent major growth, let's make the best of what we have can't make a left hand turn
- come up with an urban planning solution for recreation traffic
- ability to see stars - light pollution businesses that are here for locals
- lack of caring about the environment, outsiders don't have the same care loss of control, slow down and keep control of our community
- need to look at impact of growth
- loss of communication and misunderstanding more people need to get involved
- loss of peak soccer - many things need more community support
- loss of trails due to trail conditions and how they have been built, need trail management trust in the continued involvement of people
- loss of history about how projects came to be fear of loss of secret zones and special places tourism is not new
- need parks and rec coordinator without increased taxes the wilderness
- night sky, peace and quiet, can't afford to live here

### **How do people treat each other and how does that impact our future?**

- lack of communication or better information about things/meetings happening in town
- we know each other in different roles and may have disagreements in some but it helps us work together
- let's just go do it
- we take each other for granted; there hasn't been community support for meetings
- need to see the learning opportunity that is right in front of us in nature; need to get people together to talk about it
- like neighbors, great to have good people around
- we are respectful, nobody tonight raised voices or got upset Nederland is great



## **Community Forum #2: Environment**

January 31, 2011

### **What role does the environment play in making Nederland a great place to live?**

- The blue sky
- Clean air
- Awareness of nature over human control
- Preservation of wild places
- Beauty of nature (creeks, trees, wildlife) Habitat for wildlife (making room for animals)
- If it weren't for the environment it wouldn't be Nederland
- We are here because of it
- Increased awareness creates symbiotic relationships
- Humans are part of the environment
- More awareness of environmental issues

### **What are the critical trends in the environment that have impacted the town over the past ten years?**

- Mountain pine beetle
- Increase in population and a change in attitudes
- Consumption per capita
- Understanding our impact! making it positive Increase in human factor in the environment Increased building
- Increased preservation and public effort and usage of trails
- Increased traffic, development of sensitive areas
- Increased light pollution
- Climate change
- More cement and asphalt
- More noise
- More families
- Drought
- Trending towards creating recreation opportunities where we don't need them
- In past 10 years the town has successfully managed growth. Added illegal trails
- Added options for things to do rather than going to Boulder
- Locals feel pushed out of regular stomping grounds. We have a strong sense of ownership to these places. Nederland trails maintained by outside groups
- Locals removed 30 tons of trash from Mud Lake Increased gathering places (teen center, skate park)
- More awareness of environmental issues
- Increased bus routes and use of public transportation
- Progress at state level for funding

- Rising energy costs Diminishing energy sources Increased attempts to garden More photovoltaic installation
- Recreation impacting environment negatively
- Devotion to recreating
- How do we quantify all of this? Wilderness restoration Caretaking of existing trails
- Increased complexity of our impact and need for an environmental program
- Addition of sidewalks

**What will be the critical trends in the environment that will impact Nederland over the next ten years?**

- Revised building code
- Global warming and pine beetle infestation
- Landscape change as a result of pine beetle
- Forest fires, how do we take care of the dead trees? With increased visitors= increased danger of fire
- Education people to pick up trash
- Shortage of clean water and the legalities of protecting it.
- Increasing public and private participation in issues that affect the environment
- Invasive plant species
- Increased opportunities for education and awareness
- Recycling-creating more opportunities to do better
- Food access/quality. Economic hardships as costs increase for these. Species migration to higher altitudes
- Trend is leaning towards larger homes
- Create migration corridors for animals
- Have a plan to accommodate increased visitor numbers Aging population increasing- how will we provide for them Accommodate locals for recreation
- Motorized recreational vehicles will increase
- More people telecommuting from here
- Increased lawlessness in woods due to lack of patrolling.

**What would you like/not like to see happen in the environment in Nederland over the next 10 years?**

- Encourage volunteer to pick up slack where law enforcement can't
- Increased population means increased stewardship
- We need to protect our watershed and riparian woodlands
- Greater community resiliency-local engagement
- Mountain Ecology Center at Mud Lake
- Business using more post-consumer/recycled products-green building
- Using less harmful products in our daily lives
- Become a net Zero community

- Becoming more energy self-sufficient
- Want vs. need-how does this impact us? Consider what one really needs vs. wants
- Maintaining our uniqueness without focusing on dressing up the town. Not increase Nederland foot print-reduce urban infill
- Every new building off the grid
- Town/county regulations aimed towards smaller building footprints and energy efficiency
- Reduce light/noise pollution and asphalt footprint
- Natural baitat preservation along creek
- Ecopass program for entire area
- EIS codes for development
- Pass citizens Resolution for the preservation of our town
- Need to make sure we are respectful of each other and our choices
- ½ acre or larger community green house to grow food
- Take the down the dam
- No more cell phone tower
- Have something Nederland can make for industry
- Lowering consumerism
- Creation of defensible space
- Creation of venue outside of town to reduce crowds and noise from festivals/music
- More cooperation between Eldora Ski Resort and community
- Community Investment Fund
- Skillshare programs-barter system-time trades Take Responsibility for managing toxic mining sites Develop tool library
- Everything is one big Co-op
- Chemical library
- More connections with neighbors Salt water pool-swimming pool No boating on Barker
- Use the population/visitor increase as an opportunity to educate people to be energy efficient and about our environment
- Monthly community forums
- Develop a deep sense of cooperation amongst ourselves.

### **What major losses are we concerned about?**

- The forest
- Beauty and peacefulness of the reservoir
- Riparian watershed loss for both humans and animals
- Ecosystem functionality
- Trend with climate change and the loss of water quantity. How do we store it?
- Biodiversity
- Habitat

### **How do people treat each other and how does that impact our future?**

- These topics can be divisive, we must think about minimizing that. Work together, communicate
- Be adaptable and accept changes for the future

### **Community Forum #3: Government**

February 7, 2011

We had a pretty small turnout for tonight's meeting, so we had more of a free-flowing discussion rather than sticking to the 10 Questions. We had representation from town government, Town Fire, Boulder County, and RTD.

We held a transportation/Eco-Pass discussion for the first hour. Topics included the possibility of a Nederland Eco-Pass, changing the N bus schedule, improving bus stops, and bus reliability.

Some attendees expressed interest in forming a committee to look into EcoPass viability and possible funding sources. Boulder County will help with a survey to see if area residents would be interested.

Other transportation topics included a second bridge across creek and a fire escape route out of Big Springs.

In keeping with the theme of the night, Government, the following observances were made:

- We need an Emergency Services Plan
- County Open Space, Forrest Service and Anchor Point are studying Big Springs
- County is working on a County Wildfire Plan
- Where should the second bridge be located?
- Town needs to examine infrastructure of underground gas lines and have an emergency plan
- Is there a Northern Energy Emergency Plan?
- Town is working toward an emergency management plan to be complete this year
- 24-7 Police staffing
- Are we on the verge of volunteer burn-out? Town board should be paid
- Town board should not be paid
- We need a localized community and economy
- Discussion of history of town boards
- Outside world and its complexities are encroaching and we need to respond to them
- Critical to have a professional staff
- How do we get more people involved?
- How to get people involved without having a crisis?
- Preserve small town character, but listen to what majority want
- We wear ourselves down by over-discussing issues

- We need to respect zoning
- DDA should be downtown, not spreading towards outskirts of town
- Impact of a project is more important than how much planning it took
- Grow or die isn't valid
- This is not a rural area
- Loss of small town feel is more from increased activity than from increased growth  
We like the services that sales tax gives us, but hate the increased people/tourists/activities/events that generate it
- Continuity of government is important
- What can we do better plan-wise? Are we meeting to death?
- Town website should be a portal to organize interests/groups
- A monthly town meeting just for citizens to discuss projects/issues
- No anonymous comments on blogs/ letters to the editor
- What are our collective needs vs. individual needs?
- Look at zoning changes to allow more home-based businesses
- Can we be too unique?





## **Community Forum #4: Business**

February 16, 2011

### **What role does business play in making Nederland a great place to live?**

- Provide tax base for services to use for everyone in Ned
- Enjoy amenities, services, conveniences locally, don't have to drive down below, both local oriented and tourist types
- Creates the appearance of town, its face, it's what makes our town cute and visible
- Makes it appealing to move here, have a family here, for residents
- Allows more people to live and work here
- Offer sustainability in terms of higher paid jobs, a place where our children can return and work here
- Provide donations to nonprofits and local efforts
- DDA self-taxed so doesn't tax all properties
- Makes living here possible and have a town that exists
- Eldora provides a lot of jobs for locals and local skiing and recreation
- Behind economic base, provides more variety of lifestyle than we used to have

### **What are the critical trends in business that have impacted the town over the last 10 years?**

- Demographics: more people working from home
- Allows some to provide more services to the people who work from home
- Medical marijuana, majority of retail space owned by 2 property owners which has increased rents
- Higher rents
- Local economic goes as the national economy goes
- Increase arts and music, growing culturally
- Sales tax peaked in 2000, 2005 is low point contrary to national trend, now there is a steady increase
- Increase tourists
- Increase weekend events
- Increase online purchasing and downloading
- Negative press from time to time
- Homogenization trend nationally, but not in Nederland, we've retained our unique businesses
- Nederland businesses bucking national economic trend
- Unity of businesses: Chamber and DDA Increase property and sales taxes
- More steady business (self-employed business owner)
- Increase friendly, character of town, good service and quality improvements
- Increase sustainability: businesses bottom-line, lowers infrastructure costs, use less resources, saves money Adjusted for inflation sales tax below 2000 level

- Increase globalization affects cost, where and what we buy
- Increase localization, buy local (Transition Towns)
- Town staff more friendly, approachable, increase communication
- Increase unemployment
- Increase self-employment
- Less money therefore less money spent on fun things, more outside tourists spending more
- Increase family friendly business

### **What will be the critical trends in business that will impact the town over the next 10 years?**

- Nederland is doing more with localization
- More conscious of buying locally
- Cost of transportation and gas
- People come into town to do business such as Post Office which supports sense of community
- New barber, businesses that cater to local needs
- Increase telecommuting, work from home will need services
- Increase energy prices
- Decrease prices
- Increase innovation, increase small cottage businesses Increase community investing, invest in our local businesses Increase polarization between rich and poor
- Increase economic shenanigans
- Increase China's economic growth which increases demand for commodities, increases cost of oil
- Increase demand for water
- Increase tourism in Nederland
- Increase tourism from carousels which changes our little mountain town, it's more sophisticated
- Increase neighborhood businesses, live above your shop
- Increase cooperatives due to climate change and growth economy, innovation in how we buy and sell
- Increase gas by double which means more pedestrian and transit oriented, increase options for transit local and tourist, learn from
- Ft. Collins and Steamboat Dissolution of RTD Increase carpooling
- Increase fees for public services
- Increase privatization of public lands and services
- Increase impoverishment
- Increase amount of our assets going toward public services Increase buying online and local businesses selling online Increase communication technologies (cell, internet...) Decrease sales tax revenue due to increase online sales Decrease revenues decreases services
- Increase products and services available or do we forgo them? Businesses running by foot traffic and online

- Opportunity to take advantage of our uniqueness and take advantage of online to centralize
- Providing order opportunities in Nederland delivered here, we reap the sales tax
- Dependent on weather/nature, wind, snow has big impact on us, also pine beetle
- Increase use of technology
- Increase stay at home for vacation
- Increase locally grown food
- Increase low technology, e.g., keeping food fresh
- Increase local currencies and complimentary currencies

### **What would you like to see happen in business over the next 10 years?**

- Town provide ECO passes
- Local discounts
- More professional services and space for them to work in town
- Freeing up real estate for new business looking at cabins in different way, next generation
- Town rezone mixed use or allow live/work space regulations
- More business owners in meetings like this
- Code enforcement to ensure business is used as business
- Business don't provide products wrapped in plastic
- Community appreciates the work of the DDA
- Evolve European style of lodging, invite people into homes rather than big hotel
- More products available, clothing, furniture
- Local industry, local products (wood) Preserve historic properties via subsidy
- Our economy diversify from focus on tourism, cottage industry, center for excellence
- Tungsten mining
- Protect water and natural environment, it's part of us and sustainable goals
- People come here to experience clean and natural beauty
- Business ask what locals want, tailor to locals
- Individual awareness and intention about buying cheap products from below vs. local a little more expensive
- Viable food production business
- Community business, bartering exchange
- \$5million investment fund to support existing and new businesses
- shift attitude from "that's Ned" to champions and get involved

- Increase shopping locally
- Upgrade sewer plant
- Big community solar system
- Zero leakage, 100% local employment, full contained sustainable services and Nederland peace
- New social compact between citizens and business, a new business for local living economy
- Self sustainable energy: “This town is completely energy self-sufficient.”
- Support American made products
- Increase employment, save transportation
- Increase dialogue between business and residents
- Capitalism depends on growth which is unsustainable so more discussion toward cooperation and community owned businesses (e.g., Mondragon, Spain)

### **What would you like to see not happen in business over the next 10 years?**

- Fast food, fast life stuff
- No traffic light
- Don’t want to see businesses go away
- Businesses not paying attention to each other and community Hustle and bustle of what we moved here to get away from (e.g., events every weekend, lines, hard to park)
- Not cater to visitors only More light pollution More concrete expanses
- Traffic snarls
- Development projects that affect natural environment and natural beauty and rustic aspect of our town
- Need adequate improved mechanism ways to deal with disputes or different interests
- Not see big box buildings which impact view
- Not welcoming new people
- Can’t have it both ways (growth or no growth), need to pay for services
- Town allows using unused space rather than developing on green space
- Not lose our schools
- Third way: sustainable community, look at what you need and invest in that (sewer and water) vs. what we want (river walk, kayak park)
- More festivals, impacts our weekends, limit what we create to bring in business boundaries on growth
- Business needs to get realistic view about how many people can live here

## What major losses do we fear?

- Catering more toward tourists losing quaintness of Ned (get around town, see people I know, quiet, more about the feel, the people rather than sidewalks and traffic circle, it's how we interact, rustic ruralness, architecture, natural environment)
- Loss of business increases rents and costs
- Closing gates to outsiders
- Unique need all the different people it attracts, interesting, quirkiness of people who live here and visit
- Work together to find solutions (e.g., fixing problems rather than no people or no festivals)
- Fear of losing opportunity of meeting interesting tourists
- Fear of being overrun by tourists such as festivals
- Pride of my town and sharing with visitors
- Rather than stop traffic, create solutions

## How do people treat each other and how does that impact our future?

- Being respectful of each other
- Open discourse, hear what others think
- Focused on our pet projects, need to remember the big picture, making the whole better
- Acknowledge we are all passionate
- Care about Nederland
- Listening so important, mayor as great example
- Need to have more forward questions



## **Community Forum #5: Education**

February 23, 2011

### **What role does education play in making Nederland a great place to live?**

- pulse of young people-academics, sports, theatre, Free spirit-school reflects that
- NES-central, local, community, warm. Children see teachers out in community-connectedness.
- More than public education-continue learning beyond school walls.
- NMSHS-musical productions YAY!
- Feels safe walking the streets at night.

### **Critical trends that have impacted the town's education?**

- budget cuts
- CSAP
- skill based education
- open enrollment down the hill
- demographics-attracting hi-tech and work at home families
- Technology and cyber schooling
- Volunteerism-decline at MS and HS level
- Parents are more involved "Infinite campus" better communication
- Paying for after school programs cuts
- more parent involvement due to budget cuts
- More participation in sports @ Teens Inc, free after-school
- Safety
- Cyber bullying downside of technology
- Public nature of MMJ
- Illegal drug influence is less
- younger use nationwide
- more home schooling nationwide
- Nature based curriculum
- Food served
- Green, environmental, reduce footprint
- Childhood obesity- promote movement and healthy lifestyles LOCAL
- CSAP-teaching to test Stress on students and teachers Changed worth and value of schools- less subjective Help us see objective view not the full picture
- Used to be fun, thought provoking and hands on
- Different in how we see these standardized tests Used to be teacher assessments
- 5th grade uses CSAP prep books
- Schools have lower standards than what should be expected

### **Critical trends to impact education in the next 10 years?**

- Early childhood education
- online learning with traditional schools
- concern about life choices and dealing with life
- cutting “wellness” component of education PE, art, music, etc
- professional development for teachers to keep up
- climate change we need to be educating problem solvers
- small school with big district is a plus
- Principal’s job is to provide for educators
- social emotional
- obesity, stress, ADHD This is the most medicated generation
- Need unstructured play outdoors
- Ned has less of a push to put kids on drugs Use more natural means
- second language skills and technology will be necessary
- challenge-transportation to get out and play
- what people need to know to succeed-how to work as a team, things are moving so fast
- teacher compensation Competition despite low wage
- \$ states on verge of bankruptcy may lead to more home schooling and online learning

### **What would you like to see happen?**

- Less stress in families-more time together
- Ned kids stay in Ned
- school start in mid September not August
- Mixing generations
- More life-long community learning
- More policies discussion-multi-generational
- Keep Ned kids here with locals helping schools to teach
- Natural world in curriculum
- School and community become more united
- More pre-knowledge of school stuff going on
- Elementary kids access to foreign language
- shift to preventing behavior issues in kids village to raise a child approach
- Revival of tradesmen and apprenticeships
- Instilling value of volunteerism
- Physical activity helps the brain
- Use of internet-appropriate use and integration
- More opportunities for adults and those not connected to the internet
- Keep Ned kids in Ned recognize individuals and respect different choices
- Academic rigor excellence
- Balance- teach to the head, hands and heart
- Light the schools at night time activities for community too
- Free university share expertise
- More after school and summer athletic and art experiences Transition Elem to HS

- Like Chicago- more classes and intellectual pursuits
- Keep beautiful sense of Ned where we can try lots of things
- Creativity permeate the schools
- Community that values intellectualism

### **What do you not want to see in education in the next 10 years?**

- Homogeneous kids
- Loose school as center
- Loose personal touch-valuing individuals
- Inertia, complacency, lack of movement
- Loosing parental involvement
- Leaving education only to the teachers—it takes a village

### **How do we get to our future?**

- Communication from schools to the community Pre-event activity
- Reward volunteerism
- Encourage involvement
- How do we change our national skills based education?
- Connect community and schools. Who and how?
- Transportation
- What is success? Show up to excel
- Community involvement would lead to CSAP success
- All grade levels communication to whole community
- We need to work together Communicate
- This forum is a great step to getting there
- Mailing to the greater Nederland area
- More grant writing



## **Community Forum #6: Community Service**

February 28, 2011

### **What role does community service make Ned a great place to live?**

- All the nonprofits make it a great place
- If it weren't for nonprofits there would be more gaps in services and activity
- Empty lonely place without the connections
- Awareness of needs
- Passion connected to need-what people care about
- Opportunities to get involved
- Overall contribution to healthy community
- Satisfies need to contribute to community
- Assimilates new people into community

### **Trends of the last 10 years**

- New ones come-olds have gone or have evolved into other things
- Population changes
- Increase in tourist dollars
- Increase in hope to achieve
- Impact of Peak to Peak Healthy Communities
- Peak to Peak's celebration of volunteers
- Nonprofit started because government wasn't able to meet needs

### **Trends next 10 years**

- Aging population
- Problems and hardships
- Aging well as a community priority
- Single aging
- Contributions of aging population
- Potential partnership with Gilpin County Seniors
- Assisted care (Possible Gilpin Partnership)
- Need for activities
- Healthy seniors want to retire in Ned
- Availability of low income/subsidized housing
- Increased need for Special Transit
- Need for healthcare options
- Money pool becoming less or going away
- Partnerships and creative thinking
- Focus on big projects
- Resources through "think tanks" and other sources for money and knowledge
- Loss of energy to keep food bank viable

- Volunteer burnout
- Lack of new volunteers
- Skepticism towards government
- Increase in public meetings to support nonprofit structure
- Relationship between nonprofits, government and the people
- Potential for more government run programming

### **What would you like to see happen?**

- Collaboration between nonprofit ' driven by nonprofits
- Better training program for volunteers/train organizations to help volunteers
- Ability to connect volunteer energy with opportunities
- Partnership to community information, needs, and shared resources
- Increase participation in NANA
- Rerun on indicators shared outcomes
- Media support and communication community supported media
- Website/communications
- Merging nonprofits with government
- Clearing house for resources and information
- Kiosk in community center
- Radio station and other forms of communications
- Coordination connecting the missing pieces
- Volunteer connection
- A Truck!



## **Community Forum #7: Open**

March 7, 2011

**For those who have attended the forums, what are some of the themes you have seen emerge through the conversations?**

- Turning towards sustainability
- Talking about bigger issues The difference between being affected by outside change and the change coming from within the community
- Listening to each other
- “Regular: people aren’t represented Most attendees are part of a group or an organization or have an agenda
- People want to live in a quiet place with few government programs
- Education is more than schools It’s a partnership between all aspects of community
- Volunteerism should be sustainable
- We need alternative access/route through town
- Social sustainability Local resources can drive local economy such as local industry using disease-killed pine
- Interior transportation within the community
- Growing need for senior services
- More local employment Shopping locally
- What is Gov responsibility and what needs must be met from private sector/individuals? What is the role of Government
- Balance between needs of older population and those who are coming to town to start their lives
- Fairness and balance
- Acceleration of tourism Good and bad. Are there too many events?
- Have more local events that don’t need to draw attendees from out of town
- Better/different management of events Especially management and ordinance enforcement of noise and light pollution

**How do we treat each other? Have these forums changed or influenced the way you view and communicate with others in our town who hold an opposing vision to yours?**

- They’ve been a good opportunity to touch base with others who we disagree with on some things
- Friendships have been made because of it
- Nice to have a face to look at when working through an issue/concern New connections have been made, but themes have been too general
- We should use these meetings in a general/informative way, but should talk to each other if we want specifics
- Healthy, open forum

- People like meeting in person rather than electronic communication/ newspaper letter to editor

### **Did we miss anything? Any subject you wish we'd covered in a forum?**

- Communication. New cell phone tower, struggling newspaper
- A discussion of town justice system.

### **What has made past projects or efforts in Nederland successful?**

- Organizations working together. Library, for example. Good communication was key. Recognition of community champions and volunteers
- Partnerships (town, county, citizens, non-profits, town boards)
- Projects that fit with town character. Steam shovel, for example. Funding. Grants and taxes
- Small groups with lots of energy
- Excitement/hype/ publicity
- Alisha
- Fun
- Feeling of being included Validation of our efforts Constructive critique

### **What has prevented past projects or efforts in Nederland from being successful?**

- Accountability
- Quality of communication. Negative communication has brutal affect.
- People not getting involved. It's easy not to get involved
- Not listening
- Leader not organized
- Leader with animosity toward others
- Top down decisions suck
- Cost. Things fall apart when they get expensive
- Number of people involved

### **What would you suggest be included in the May 21st Summit? (Note the Summit date was changed to June 4<sup>th</sup> following this forum due to a conflict with high school graduation.)**

- No one gets everything. We need to commit to compromise. Work with what we have to get specific solutions
- Write a concrete set of goals and emerge with a proposal

- Summit should not be broken down into small groups. We'd all like to be part of all the groups. Holistic approach.
- Perhaps each group talks about all topics. Meetings are divided by time, not topic. What is going on in the world? How does that affect our local vision?
- Questions should be more specific, thus producing more tangible results, rather than the conceptual-style format we've had so far
- Keep it positive
- We need to check in with our goals after the summit. And often.
- Food
- Make it known that everyone is invited and everyone is empowered.
- Reminders to people to attend post cards, notices in utility bills
- Remember that this is a roadmap, not a mandate
- Changed in the world will have a dramatic effect on our community such as climate change, peak oil. We should see our town in the context of the whole world.

**After envision 2020 is established, what is the best way to continue the work and continue the momentum?**

- Feedback to the community
- Deadlines
- Each participant is given tokens to place on a board in the area they feel is important
- Take a look at what we come up with. Should some things be directed toward government, some to chamber, some just to evolve with new or existing groups?
- Have both positive and negative place to place your tokens. Not just for what you are for, but what you are against.
- Concrete goals
- Logistics. Can we meet in a circle or use classrooms? A microphone for ease of hearing. Focus should not be on projects. Forum should not be a place to compile a wish list.

## Nederland Youth Survey

As part of the Envision Nederland 2020 process, middle and high school students were asked to complete a survey. A total of 146 responses were received. The summary report is provided here.

### Question 1: In what ways is Nederland a great place to live?

- 53 – Because it is small you get to know everyone.
- 15 – Mountains
- 13 – Close to Eldora
- 11 – Not a good place to live
- 10 – No answer
- 8 – All the recreation
- 7 – Not crowded
- 5 – Interesting people
- 4 – Safe
- 3 – Awesome
- 3 – Always something to do
- 3 – Quiet
- 3 – Good Schools
- 2 – Wild life near
- 2 – Clean air
- 2 – Movie Theater
- 1 – Open minded people
- 1 – Jobs for teens

### Question 2: What is Nederland's unique contribution to the world?

- 33 – Frozen Dead Guy Days
- 19 – Marijuana available
- 16 – No answer
- 13 – Don't know
- 13 – Interesting/unique people
- 8 – Eldora
- 6 – Unique opportunities
- 6 – Music and musicians
- 6 – Tourist attractions
- 5 – Nature
- 5 – Mountain environment
- 4 – Hippie culture
- 3 – No fast food restaurants or big box stores

- 2 – Place to train at high altitudes
- 2 – Bottled oxygen
- 2 – Schools in the forest
- 2 – Clean
- 1 – Place with philosophy “Don’t judge a book by its cover”.

### **Question 3: How do people treat each other and how does this impact the future?**

- 82 – Good, pretty well, nicely, friendly
- 17 – No answer
- 9 – With respect
- 9 – Not very well
- 8 – Drugs affect behavior
- 7 – Like a family
- 4 – Like everyone is a friend
- 3 – Don’t know
- 2 – Like a community
- 2 – Helpful to each other
- 1 – Same as everywhere in the world
- 1 – Believe in each other
- 1 – They keep to themselves

### **Question 4: If you could change one thing about Nederland, what would it be and why?**

- 29 – Fewer marijuana dispensaries
- 26 – More shopping, eating, recreational opportunities
- 20 – Drug control
- 18 – Don’t change anything
- 12 – No answer
- 6 – Less traffic
- 6 – Get rid of yuppies, hippies, red necks, people I don’t like and Carousel
- 5 – Improve schools, more snow days, later start time
- 5 – More money for schools and non-profits
- 4 – Drug reputation outside of Nederland
- 4 – Wind
- 1 – Make it a city
- 1 – Bigger ski area
- 1 – Make people less judgmental
- 1 – Build a hospital
- 1 – Opportunistic government
- 1 – More “weed”
- 1 – Replace the cigarette store with a courtyard
- 1 – Cut down all the trees
- 1 – Everything

- 1 – More diverse ethnic population
- 1 – More “green”

**Question 5: What changes would you like to see in Nederland that would better the community for the youth particularly?**

- 24 – More shopping and recreational opportunities
- 22 – More drug control
- 19 – Fewer marijuana dispensaries
- 17 – No answer
- 15 – No changes need to be made
- 10 – Don’t know
- 9 – More activities for teens
- 4 – Increase size of ski area and have more ski days out of school
- 3 – Change drug reputation
- 3 – Increase job opportunities for teens
- 3 – Get rid of yuppies and hippies
- 3 – Improve schools
- 2 – Stop expanding
- 2 – Be less judgmental
- 1 – Fewer tourists
- 1 – Better library
- 1 – Can’t be done
- 1 – More “weed”
- 1 – Improve teen center
- 1 – Provide “pot free” places for teens
- 1 – More diversity
- 1 – More opportunities to talk about issues
- 1 – Less crime
- 1 – More volunteer opportunities for you





## **Nederland Community Summit Planning Meeting**

May 9, 2011

The Envision Nederland 2020 Steering Committee and interSector Partners, L3c hosted a community meeting to gather input into the design of the June 4, 2011 Community Summit. Twenty-one people attended the meeting to share their ideas. Facilitators asked community members to share their desired outcomes for the Summit. Ideas included:

1. A draft 2020 vision statement or statements
2. To have interacted with fellow community members
3. The chance to hear and consider a wide variety of perspectives
4. To discuss broad concepts and specific topics, too
5. A chance to work in small groups and to work together as a whole

In addition to the outcomes, the group briefly discussed the idea of a community survey. Some people expressed concern that not as many people had attended the forums as they would have liked and the group discussed how to get more input and get the word out about the Summit.

### Public pre-planning meeting for the community summit tonight!

Posted on May 9, 2011 by [envisionnederland2020](#)



We are hosting a pre-community summit meeting tonight, Monday May 9th, that the you're invited to to brainstorm what you want the community summit day to look like. Please come to the community center at 7:00 pm tonight to help us give you what you want for this gathering!

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## Nederland Community Survey

During the community forums and the Summit planning meeting, as well as in many one-on-one conversations, the Steering Committee heard a lot of community interest in conducting a survey to try to reach community members who were not otherwise involved in the process.

The Steering Committee and interSector Partners developed a survey that would allow people to share their opinion of the importance of the key themes that came out of the community forums and youth survey. The survey was designed to be brief, simple and accessible and to provide additional information for consideration during the Community Summit. It was not intended to provide a vote on which items would become part of the final vision statement.

The survey was administered electronically by interSector Partners, L3c. The Steering Committee provided email addresses resulting in 442 surveys being delivered by email directly from the survey system (through interSector). The Steering Committee designed

and sent a postcard to residents and promoted the survey on the Envision Nederland 2020 blog, the Town's Web site and the Mayor's Facebook page.



Survey results are provided on the following pages.



## Envision Nederland 2020 Community Survey Summary Report

Survey: Envision Nederland 2020 Community Survey

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to Community Service. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Provide services for older adults	24.6% 66	39.2% 105	24.6% 66	8.6% 23	3.0% 8	100% 268
More partnerships: nonprofit, government, business	15.7% 42	39.2% 105	31.7% 85	9.3% 25	4.1% 11	100% 268
More partnerships: between nonprofits	12.4% 33	38.2% 102	34.1% 91	12.4% 33	3.0% 8	100% 267
Better community communication	40.8% 109	41.6% 111	13.9% 37	2.6% 7	1.1% 3	100% 267
Develop volunteer program: training, connecting people to opportunities, sustainability	27.1% 72	36.5% 97	25.9% 69	7.1% 19	3.4% 9	100% 266
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	17.3% 46	9.0% 24	23.3% 62	13.2% 35	37.2% 99	100% 266

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to Education. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Connections/communications between school and community	33.5% 89	42.5% 113	17.7% 47	4.5% 12	1.9% 5	100% 266
Parent involvement	44.4% 118	37.6% 100	12.4% 33	2.6% 7	3.0% 8	100% 266
Teachers: recruiting, compensating, retaining, professional development	44.6% 119	36.0% 96	11.6% 31	4.5% 12	3.4% 9	100% 267
Keep Nederland youth in Nederland schools	39.3% 105	30.7% 82	19.9% 53	7.1% 19	3.0% 8	100% 267
Provide out of school-time programming	30.3% 81	38.2% 102	22.1% 59	6.4% 17	3.0% 8	100% 267
Focus on wellness/health programming (obesity, social, emotional, drug prevention)	34.2% 91	36.5% 97	21.4% 57	5.6% 15	2.3% 6	100% 266
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	12.0% 32	7.9% 21	18.4% 49	24.1% 64	37.6% 100	100% 266

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to Youth. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Focus on ways to deal with/control drugs, marijuana and dispensaries	33.5% 89	19.5% 52	22.6% 60	16.5% 44	7.9% 21	100% 266
Increased opportunities for teens (jobs, activities, eating, shopping, recreation)	38.7% 103	37.6% 100	18.8% 50	2.6% 7	2.3% 6	100% 266
Addressing teen indifference	28.8% 77	28.8% 77	29.2% 78	9.0% 24	4.1% 11	100% 267
Understanding teen's perceptions and expectations	31.1% 83	28.1% 75	28.1% 75	9.0% 24	3.7% 10	100% 267
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	10.5% 28	7.9% 21	18.8% 50	19.2% 51	43.6% 116	100% 266

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to Government. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Create and communicate emergency plans	48.9% 130	33.5% 89	14.7% 39	1.5% 4	1.5% 4	100% 266
Better manage how our local economy reacts/responds to the outside world	25.5% 68	36.3% 97	25.5% 68	10.1% 27	2.6% 7	100% 267
Increase and/or improve public/alternative transportation options/ways to move about within Nederland	26.7% 71	26.3% 70	24.8% 66	13.5% 36	8.6% 23	100% 266
Enhance community involvement and communication with government	30.5% 81	40.2% 107	21.4% 57	6.0% 16	1.9% 5	100% 266
Have a more open and receptive government	34.6% 92	38.0% 101	20.3% 54	5.3% 14	1.9% 5	100% 266
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	12.4% 33	7.1% 19	21.1% 56	15.8% 42	43.6% 116	100% 266

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to the Economy. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Improve/support local economy	59.1% 153	30.9% 80	8.1% 21	0.8% 2	1.2% 3	100% 259
Improve/support tourist economy	32.7% 85	33.5% 87	21.2% 55	6.5% 17	6.2% 16	100% 260
Encourage area residents to buy local	48.3% 125	35.9% 93	11.2% 29	1.9% 5	2.7% 7	100% 259
Increase opportunities to make a living locally	53.3% 138	30.9% 80	11.6% 30	1.5% 4	2.7% 7	100% 259
Support business as the pillar & economic base of the community	35.5% 92	37.8% 98	18.9% 49	3.9% 10	3.9% 10	100% 259
Attract/support innovative businesses and models (home-based, cottage industry, online, live above your shop, telecommuting)	45.2% 117	37.8% 98	11.2% 29	3.9% 10	1.9% 5	100% 259
Improve communication/interaction between business and community	33.6% 87	38.2% 99	22.0% 57	3.9% 10	2.3% 6	100% 259
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	11.2% 29	6.9% 18	20.8% 54	18.1% 47	42.9% 111	100% 259

The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to the Environment. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
<b>Commitment to stewardship of natural resources</b>	<b>59.5%</b> 154	<b>31.3%</b> 81	<b>7.7%</b> 20	<b>0.8%</b> 2	<b>0.8%</b> 2	<b>100%</b> 259
<b>Manage environmental impact in all areas (water quality, traffic, noise, pollution, etc.)</b>	<b>59.1%</b> 153	<b>28.2%</b> 73	<b>10.8%</b> 28	<b>0.8%</b> 2	<b>1.2%</b> 3	<b>100%</b> 259
<b>Develop community-wide sustainability plan</b>	<b>41.3%</b> 107	<b>30.1%</b> 78	<b>18.5%</b> 48	<b>5.8%</b> 15	<b>4.2%</b> 11	<b>100%</b> 259
<b>Develop alternative energy sources/options (become more energy self-sufficient)</b>	<b>50.0%</b> 129	<b>27.9%</b> 72	<b>11.6%</b> 30	<b>7.0%</b> 18	<b>3.5%</b> 9	<b>100%</b> 258
<b>Focus on the full ecosystem and sustainability</b>	<b>40.9%</b> 106	<b>32.4%</b> 84	<b>17.0%</b> 44	<b>5.4%</b> 14	<b>4.2%</b> 11	<b>100%</b> 259
<b>Develop/implement wildfire protection and forest health plans</b>	<b>69.8%</b> 180	<b>22.5%</b> 58	<b>4.7%</b> 12	<b>1.9%</b> 5	<b>1.2%</b> 3	<b>100%</b> 258
<b>Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today</b>	<b>11.6%</b> 30	<b>7.7%</b> 20	<b>20.5%</b> 53	<b>16.2%</b> 42	<b>44.0%</b> 114	<b>100%</b> 259



The following themes emerged from community input over the past several months related to Recreation. Please indicate how important these themes are to you:

	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Unimportant	Total
Need for a parks and recreation department/district/coordinator	22.8% 59	29.0% 75	22.4% 58	16.6% 43	9.3% 24	100% 259
Provide places for kids to recreate	35.9% 93	29.0% 75	22.8% 59	8.1% 21	4.2% 11	100% 259
Actively manage Nederland's recreation-related tourism	26.6% 69	32.4% 84	25.1% 65	12.0% 31	3.9% 10	100% 259
Continue to improve and develop parks, trails and recreational facilities.	37.8% 98	34.0% 88	15.8% 41	8.1% 21	4.2% 11	100% 259
Take ownership of our recreational resources	31.3% 81	35.9% 93	18.1% 47	10.8% 28	3.9% 10	100% 259
Preserve and protect open space on public land	47.5% 123	31.7% 82	14.7% 38	3.5% 9	2.7% 7	100% 259
Minimize change - focus on keeping Nederland as it is today	12.0% 31	9.3% 24	22.0% 57	18.1% 47	38.6% 100	100% 259

Please rank each of the Community Forum topics in the order of importance to you: [1 = MOST important | 7 = least important]

Item	Total Score <sup>1</sup>	Overall Rank
Environment	1308	1
Economy	1289	2
Education	1138	3
Recreation	894	4
Youth	893	5
Community Service	849	6
Government	783	7
<b>Total Respondents:</b>		
<sup>1</sup> Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is the sum of all weighted rank counts.		

**For the topic you chose as MOST important [#1 above] please share why this topic is most important to you: [Limit 50 words]**

\$\$\$ rules the world

A good education and a healthy body and mind for our children is most important.

A healthy economy means a healthy community. Jobs, revitalization, general wellbeing

A town is an economic unit.

A vibrant economy will keep our taxes at a minimum.

As the economy goes, so the town goes.

Basis for the rest. Better communication, transparency encourage other results.

Because it's difficult or impossible to fix after you screw it up.

Being able to afford to live here.

Economy leads to being able to eat.

Education is everyone's future.

Education of all of us, not just the young is important so we don't repeat mistakes.

Education will shape our kids future, the future of Nederland and the rest of the world.

Everything begins with improved, thoughtful, and intentional education.

I have no most important issue. They are all a blend of what makes up our community.

I have two children and struggle with working in Boulder while they are in school in Ned.

I moved her because of the environment not the economy etc

I think the Environment should be the driver for many of the other topics

I'm all for helping Nederland and it's residents. We need growth.

It is the foundation on which all other aspects stand.

It seems that without a sustainable economy, our town will struggle in all areas.

It's important to have a close communication with the local Government.

Leave it alone! Keep Nederland weird!!!

Many people in the local community are seasonal employees and/or part-time employees.

No money, no town

Nothing else can really happen without a good economic base to build on.

Once it's gone we can't get it back.

Our children are the future of Nederland and beyond.

Our environment gives Ned its unique place in the world. Keep it that way!

Our town thrives on volunteers. Personally, we improve by community service of many kinds.

Recreation will bring more people to the economy, and is important for me as a resident.

Sustainability is key. The sooner the better.

The beauty of the surroundings and fresh air is why most of us live there!!!

The best thing about Ned is the outdoor opportunities. We are blessed up here!

The environment is the main reason I live here.

The primary driver of the economy drives other aspects of the town.

There's not much for youth to do here.

This is a tuff list to assemble. Without a successful economy, we would have no town.

This is the foundation for funding all other priorities.

To create a thriving town based on local and tourist input

We all live in Nederland for the environment. It's our most precious asset.

We all need to participate in our community for it to function and grow. Similar to voting.

We are stewards. We must leave our children those things that keep us sane.

We are the world, We are the children.

We need to protect our town from the biggest threat - wildfires. More forest health initiatives.

Well I think you need good infrastructure in a community to have the rest of the topics work.

Whether our economy is vital or not is the key ingredient to a viable community.

With a decent economy, I feel the rest will follow in a more productive environment.

Without a solid economy all other needs and wants cannot happen.

Without a world class education we fail as a community and nation.

You have to have work in order to live here

economy drives everything;

for quality of life, environment comes first

it covers the range of issues that make life what is and can be in Ned

it's the biggest investment in the future we can make

It's the glue!

no economy no town

prevent student/teacher brain drain to Boulder

The most wonderful thing about Nederland is the natural environment that surrounds it!

The quality of the local environment is why I live here.

The youth is this town's future.

to provide a better future for the community

Without the incredible environment here we will have nothing.

without the kind of good government that we have currently Nederland has no future

Without good government, Nederland languished for decades. Only recently have we elected/ hired a local government that is responsible, transparent and effective. The positive improvements in the last two years are exciting and appreciated.

Nederland is an environmental gem. Most folks visit and want to live in or around Ned. All the components listed above certainly help in keeping a gentle balance in what we love and the necessities of a small town. You are pursuing this in a very good way. Good Luck

we need a responsive government, that listens to the citizens and acts VERY cautiously on any changes to our town.

Through community service we bring the town together - it empowers town residents to be part of the solution.

Nederland can be a trend-setter in eco-responsibility by focusing our dialogue and instilling practices that put Earth's needs first before human desire to consume, discard, and therefore pollute. We can be famous among the first conscious communities in the world that practices a full cycle of sustainability!!!

If we don't take care of the environment, there will be nothing left to worry about in other categories

Because I am a parent of a young elementary school child and we would like to keep her in our Nederland schools. Which means they must maintain high quality standards

The other 6 items all DEPEND on a healthy economy, although there is element of interdependence (Government can nurture healthy economy; healthy youth culture could lead to a healthy future economy, people need to recreate to think clearly and creatively, the current level of ignorance is source of many problems)

Without an active and vibrant local economy our town cannot survive. We need to ensure that we have an environment that encourages businesses and consequently encourages spending within our local economy.

Limited economic development and strengthening of the local business/job climate allows a diverse, lower tax base which increases the quality of life for all residents and allows other programming opportunities (educational, recreational, tourist).

Government has squashed the residents in the past. I have attended meetings of vital importance to me, just to be ignored. Many others were present too, as it was important to them. We were all treated the same way. This promotes an attitude of "why bother" trying?

I think that if the economy of the area is strong the people that live here every day feel more at ease to focus on at least the other 6 topics.

Without a healthy environment, we won't even have the option to be healthy or not. Plus, we share the environment with creatures who are not human, but also valuable. We are inter-dependent with the environment. We need clean water and clean air.

It is important to keep our schools the best they can be; that includes keeping and attracting good teachers and administrators and having the schools be an integral part of the community.

Addressing enviro/energy issues impacts everyone and everything - providing safer living, recreations opps, jobs and a future for youth...

Maintaining a healthy environment in Ned underpins every one of the other concerns. If the environment isn't healthy and of quality, everything else is meaningless.

The future is in the hands of the youth. My hope is for the next generation to be able to make wise choices.

We must protect our natural environment--don't disturb the waterways and wetlands. No river walk, no kayak course! No more concrete sidewalks. No rock walls. No boating. Keep Nederland rustic. Clean it up but don't build it up with touristy stuff. We live here!

I donate 100's of hours per year to students, for 7.5 years now, because of FIRST Robotics' ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)) purpose. Good teachers should be making \$1M/yr, not athletes and entertainers. Messed up culture, going to bite us someday when all technology is owned by other countries.

Nederland is natural for recreation. Restore non-motorized boating as recreation on Barker Reservoir.

Excellent education is key to the future of our community. Every effort should be made to improve Ned area schools so that Ned children stay in the community.

Nederland is facing real issues with regard to management of its forests and trees. It will be dangerous if the area becomes a tinderbox with pinebeetle infested trees. Homeowner's can get the trees down. The town can help. Send a chipper around like it did last year.

I live in Nederland, but do not have a business in Nederland. I'm tired of the business owners (most of whom are non-residents) hijacking our town as though their wants were the same as resident's wants. Their money and profits is all they care about.

Major overhauls REQUIRED. The BOT does not listen to the majority who speak out or the PC and vote for whatever they want anyway. Once again no change in gov. transparency/ communication. They lie on record/video, waste \$. Bureaucratic mess. Favoritism.

Economy and environment are both very important to me. We need to find ways to keep Ned \$\$\$'s in town and this can be done by encouraging local shopping & more small businesses. We also need to protect our Mother Earth, not pour concrete all over town.

It is our landscape which attracts recreation, which fuels our local economy, which provides employment for community and youth, which contributes tax dollars for schools, etc. I think we should focus on intentionally managing this system for self-sufficient local community sustainability.

If Ned schools are not meeting the needs of our kids, many young, energetic & community minded families will move elsewhere. A town without young families becomes unhealthy.

Without the beauty & protection of Ned & surrounding environment all the other topics become less important.

So much of what is wonderful about our Town is made possible because of volunteers. We have a true Community in Nederland, which is increasingly rare in this world. People working to improve the lives of other people is a beautiful thing that should be encouraged and supported.

Because it impacts all areas of our lives. This is a hard survey because all areas are so important. I also realize that in improving things some things in Nederland will need to change

Government for 1 reason...safety. If we cannot maintain a "safe" town, everything else will suffer greatly. This includes community service: Vol Fire Dept; youth programs to keep unsupervised kids occupied and give them a sense of responsibility & aware of drug influence...not a destination for irresponsible (adult&kid) behavior.

The alpine environment around Nederland is fragile and unique. I believe this is one of the town's most important assets, and preserving and managing these natural areas would serve the town well into the future.

Nederland has such fantastic families and kids! It pains me to see so many choose to go below for middle school. Schools are made great by the student body and parents. I would like to know 1) why leave for school 2) what would keep you up in Nederland's schools

Without a quality environment, all the rest becomes negligible with regard to quality of life. The environment is why most of us are here, or come here. Everything below hinges on it.

Too much building of homes and businesses in Ned that the water table, etc cannot support. Many moved here for the peace and quiet - not the tourists and mass transport

If this town cannot be self sufficient with a healthy economy the town cannot provide any other services to keep quality people in town.

Environment is the base for all other activities, and is most in peril from systemic patterns of activity.

Although I have Economy as #2, it is a close second to Environment. In my mind, these two go hand-in-hand, but a healthy economy isn't good Without a Healthy Environment. Some Things Our Town Must Do Include: 1.Encourage Our Residents And Visitors To Do Away With The Use Of Plastic

Nederland government needs to have someone managing it that is not trying not make it West Boulder. Not trying to run off quality staff. A change in government would be a good start for the town.

I have kids in the school system and it's not doing the job we need. Academics are too limited, especially in Elementary. Parents and schools coddle the kids instead of preparing them for the future and making them behave so that all kids are safe and can learn.

Economic development is the only pathway for setting and achieving goals that will enable Nederland to move forward in all the other areas.

We need to have a watch dog for those of us not able because we are busy making our way through life. The Government serves us as our representatives.

If we work together for our community, the rest of these topics fall into their right place. We also feel more of a sense of ownership about our community.

Government, economy, children, services, and recreation...all change and come and go. Our environment is where

all this happens and needs to be considered a high priority for future generations.

By enhancing recreation the economic benefit will follow as this will become an attractive place to live instead of a frozen dead guys day laughing stock

I am now a parent of 2 young boys and want to see them have an awesome education even we live in a small town.

I think that education is critical to this community. We must have great schools to keep youth up here and keep people interested in being here. The schools must be creative and innovative and challenge the status quo.

Enhancing the economy through tourism, which is what we got, is what is going to sustain any community service goodies this community wants to cook up.

Because Ned is uniquely beautiful & fresh! We have sustainability options, let's use them (Solar anyone?!) Education is VITAL! Currently we are way behind & kids are leaving!!! Economy, we need to encourage local buying and strengthening.

As a parent of two children and as a community member, I recognize the importance of a good education system for our community's future. The Nederland schools need to have the resources, support and drive to be able to provide an excellent and well rounded education for our children.

I have lived in Nederland for 30 years for the way is...Without anymore SIDEWALKS or damage to our existing environment

My son is about to enter kindergarten and I am very concerned about the type of education he will get. If it is not good we will go where it is better. If we do not educate our youth we will not thrive in the future.

Building man made things means more maintenance costs for the town's people. Nature doesn't get run down. We need to be leaders in keeping the natural world a priority.

I chose Economy as #1 because if we don't create a sustainable economy all the other items will fail. People will leave, children will go elsewhere for education, and the tourism will fail because the tourists will not have a town to visit after they recreate.

Our community must take an active Role in protecting our Mother Earth by being an Example of what People can do when they put their Mind to it. Stop using Plastics, minimize Water use, protect Water from toxins, Reduce Consumption, reduce Packaging, be conscious of Manufacturing and other Processes required

People need to have economic stability for themselves and their families in order to contribute as volunteers in all other categories. Achieving stable economy can help Nederland avoid crashes that have occurred in the past when the town was reliant on one source of income.

Provide quality education in OUR community - better than moving to Boulder schools. Support for recreational opportunities, both before and after school with a focus more on 4th-12th graders & families. A Rec Center with pool!

This topic is the most important since the youth ultimately are the future of Nederland. If we lose them in their youth, it can be devastating to the future of this community.

Very important to develop multiple options for the local economy that go beyond tourism, and to thereby avoid the degradation of community and livability that tourism inevitably brings.

Encourage wide-spread participation in government: not limited to pressure groups (C of C, DDA, etc.). Provide adequate opportunity for part-time residents to participate on a level appropriate for their economic (taxes), social contributions, volunteerism, etc. (i.e. taxes).

Providing our youth education and opportunities will in turn lead to proper handling of the other topics

We are blessed to live in a beautiful place, a place people travel from every corner of the earth to see. As the lucky few who actually live here, we must remain stewards of that beauty--for ourselves, our children, for the earth, for now and forever.

People are Nederland's #1 resource. Our government is run by volunteers, and our volunteer-dependent NPOs have been responsible for nearly all community advancement in the past decade. This volunteer culture needs to be nurtured and expanded; there is no limit to what this community can accomplish.

I am concerned about why the Nederland schools have the highest rate of students open enrolling at other BVSD schools.

A strong local economy will produce a healthy community, giving folks a chance to support themselves and their families and decreasing the need to drive long distances for work, thereby contributing to protection of the environment.

The economy is the backbone of the town allowing us to make improvements and provide services and attract more businesses/projects/visitors.

Education and critical thinking are important to our improvement as a society, and the basic need of a democracy. It is necessary for the future of all young people to provide for themselves in our society.

Without strong local business, Nederland becomes a bedroom community. Town needs balance between tourism and sustainable business that attracts locals to buy local. Town govt should support, not try to control or mandate changes; continue supporting and building bridges with local business community.

We need a government to make sure that things are being handled in the best interest of the people in the town since most of these people are busy trying to make a living.

The economy within the town is the most important because it allows people to work here and commute less which is more sustainable. Also it allows more people to contribute to the town since they don't spend most of their lives somewhere else.

We need to implement a recreation taxation district to allow for management of our town's resources

Important to preserve the environment to serve as a foundation for all other topics in the town. The other topics all have a level of importance that is some way or another dependent on a healthy and well managed environment.

Our youth rely on us to help them shape their future. Our youth cannot create a good future for themselves or our community if they are unhealthy, uneducated, or decide to leave our town because they do not see their future here.

Getting government out of the way of the economy is critical. Vouchers for education is a great example of how to remove government impediments.

I chose to live in the mountains because of the natural beauty, and feel it is our responsibility to be conscious stewards of the land we live on, and share.

Nature is all around us in Nederland. It is what makes the place and the people beautiful (why recreation is also important). It needs to be preserved and revered!

This is the most important issue for the globe right now AND this is why I love Nederland. I am not opposed to changes in our little town but I absolutely think we need to focus on our environmental impact, lead certification, alternate energy, food growing.

I believe the top two are connected in order for us to preserve and protect our natural resources as well as improve our ability to live lightly. The preservation of this natural place is critical and education is one of the only ways to get there.

We need good forest and land management. Forest fires are a real threat to the community. Without the forest we don't have tourism, an economy or a place to live.

If we don't pay attention to our environment, there will be no recreation, no place for our youth. Educating people about their environmental impact and giving greater options for sustainability seems like the most important thing that our community could do, and affects all of the other above listed topics.

I would much rather see a focus on maintaining the basics like roads, water and public safety while keeping Nederland the beautiful live and let live oasis that it is from the busy manic energy that accompanies all these other goals

It is from our environment that all else springs. As our environment becomes seriously compromised and diseased (mostly human caused), we are compromising our own possibilities to learn and love and grow on this planet.

In order for Nederland to survive and thrive, it must have a sustainable economic base. One where local businesses have the opportunity to make a living year round, not depending on tourism but on locals to survive.

I support triple bottom line approach so I pick Env., Social and Econ as number one priority. Need to develop a new lens for addressing issues. Not pick one and act in isolation!

If the economy is not healthy and producing revenue for the community and the govt, than it will not be possible to

provide any other services. A vibrant economy drives a vibrant community. It promotes positive citizens with more self respect.

The main reason I moved here is because of the outdoor activities out my door. (Difficult to rank others because co-related.)

Sustainability covers both economic and environmental practices. Nederland is both a destination draw and island. Trying to remain static is futile. Save open space. Make buildings more efficient. Promote public transportation and electric vehicles. Grow more local food. Help people work at home. Get more consensuses.

Without a healthy economy a community cannot thrive, develop its tax base for future plans and needed updates to infrastructure

For households with children, education is the heart of everything we do, whether we do it in a school building or not. Nearly all of the other focus areas can provide educational experiences, and should support a healthy, learning community.

Nederland has always been close to nature and its location is what makes it so special. The LOCAL environment is very important to how the town defines itself and how it attracts visitors.

I am raising two kids and want them to stay in Ned and have a quality experience. I think kids are the foundation of Ned's future and we need to retain them as citizens.

The environment is the most important thing that we have. Without it, we can kiss the rest goodbye.

The economy is the foundation of any community. I'd love to see more opportunities to make money locally. Having more options to keep my money local.

I RELY ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES: WATER/SEWER, ROADS, POLICE, FIRE PROTECTION, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND SUCH. THE GOVERNMENT IS THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC FORUM.

I am concerned about internal politics at the elementary school that led Ms. Benitez to resign. I am fearful that the trend of having the best students leave our schools will continue, which reduces the quality of education and may ultimately cause the district to spend less resources here.

If we don't at least maintain the health of our environment, where will we be? If you can look at things in the long run, and see how drastically things have changed in the last 150 years, and even the last 50, it's enough to make your head explode

Because considering the youth makes us look beyond short term investment, gain, or special interest. It encompasses all the other elements in a single topic. Make good decision for the youth and the rest follow

Need to keep Ned economy strong. Need serious people in Ned government who care about the town and not their personal agenda. Let get the drugs and dispensaries out of here.

Have been unemployed a very long time, and the few jobs that do become available here are slightly above minimum wage.

Nature is the big draw for people to visit or move to Ned. This makes it the single most important topic, as the quality of our environment will most directly affect the other Community Forum topics.

Nederland has an abundance of sun and wind. We can/should be completely self-sufficient in regards to electricity. Our town can be a trailblazing example for a completely independent and community owned model of sustainability. We should also have large greenhouses to grow our own food. Ahhh...

Our family's life is very Nederland-based. Without good schools here our life would become focused on Boulder instead. Degradation of quality or loss of the schools would have a huge negative impact on many of the other topics.

Without sustainability of economics in our community, we cannot accomplish any other goals. Stream of funds for the town to address all other issues depends fully on improving economic conditions.

I feel that the environment is of utmost importance. If we do not work to shift the damages that are going on, nothing else can continue to exist and thrive.

Without sustaining the environment and our impact upon it, Nederland will not have the beauty and pristine living conditions it has today.



Recreation is the only tourism we have. Protect the environment and tie business to recreation/environment may help the economy.

I have young kids at the elementary school. While I don't wholeheartedly promote some improvements made around town (fancy sidewalks), I do think Ned has a dearth of extra-curricular activities and recreation opportunities for kids. We need a better Chipeta and MORE Community Center offerings.

The local economy has been in the doldrums for years. Encourage new businesses to come to town. Encourage development of accommodations so that people will stay and ski, shop and enjoy the area and increase our tax revenue so that all of the other things desired can be done.

If we don't manage our environment properly it will negatively impact recreation, economy, and youth. We have opportunity to develop our economy and recreational options in a unique way to preserve, sustain and educate. Respect where we live, moving forward without blindly developing/ catering to one interest.

This is the main reason that Nederland is sustainable for me. I can recreate right out my door without driving anywhere. That and the fact that boulder is so close giving me a place to make money.

We have lived in the mtns 30 years and chose to educate our daughter in private schools elsewhere due to Nederland's' lack of academic excellence, lack of leadership and authority within the administration, and the tolerance of disruptive/aggressive behaviors in the classroom and student body. Disgraceful and unacceptable.

If the economy is allowing people to make a living, they will be able to help with all of the other efforts. If they are struggling to make ends meet, they will not be able to spend the time to be involved and to volunteer.

Colorado has a strange relationship toward education and taxes (mostly antagonistic), and there seems to be a culture of outdoors time substituting for classroom time.

The beauty and peace I find in the environment is the reason I choose to live here and is the biggest asset our community has. It is also v. delicate and needs to be protected from being loved to death.

The government is the means by which the community sets goals, manages resources and meets the needs of the community.

If we cannot maintain Nederland's economy, it will lose its ability to retain its unique quality.

The youth in this town don't have many options. The teen center and skate park are wonderful assets. A recreation center would be another ideal addition, and job opportunities for older teens are important.

Our survival as a species and a planet is directly tied to how we treat our environment. We need to be focused on keeping our impacts to a minimum both locally and globally

I would like to see more opportunities (some paid options @ minimal wages)in the summer for the kids to help on local projects geared toward the local economy, environment & recreation

I believe it's critical that we have a commitment to being stewards of our natural resources; protect our wildlife and forests and realize our impact on the environment. If we don't begin, these wonders of nature that we love and cherish won't be around for our grandchildren.

The environment is the key to the reason to live in and/or visit Nederland and the mountains. With more and more people coming it is essential to protect the environment.

Keeping our forests healthy and being proactive with forest management are key to keeping Nederland a place that people want to visit and go on sight seeing tours.

Community service affects EVERYONE - seniors, youth, and everybody in between. Without it we wouldn't have much of a town.

You HAVE to be kidding!!!! 50 words???? How many Nedie's, who will respond to this, are there????? For next years voice, do yourself a favor and up the word limit

Without a strong economic base, some of the improvements in the rest of the selection may not be possible. Takes money to create and maintain an improved community.

Economy: As a mountain community that is isolated in many ways, it's very important for Nederland to be economically healthy and self-sustaining. This is the foundation of a strong community that can afford many of the other improvements and amenities we would like to see.

I think having good schools is the best way to develop our town and keep kids involved and interested in Nederland.

I moved up to Nederland because I wanted nature and wild culture to be right outside my backdoor. I did not move here to watch it become another Boulder or Breckenridge. Our natural and cultural environment up here is what makes us special, for locals and tourists alike.

The environment of Nederland is why I moved here. I like the peace and quiet, the access to outdoor activities, and the access to the fitness place. I do not like separating every recyclable when I take them to the dump.

A solid focus on education and children is the key to a successful future for Nederland. The schools are the heart of a town - if schools are failing and people are flocking down-below for better academic options, then families won't be committed to the town of Nederland

The primary reason I moved to Nederland 11 years ago (over other locations) was the recreational opportunities. Now, with a 6-year old child, it's an even more important - especially within town. Walking, biking, hiking, skiing, etc. should be a part of our daily lives in Nederland.

Recreational opportunities support the economy but must be done so in a way that protects the environment.

Build subsidized housing for low-income seniors who have called Nederland their home for man many years, to help keep them from becoming disenfranchised from their social and community networks because of financial circumstances.

Caring for the environment is the only way to keep the earth sustainable for human habitation. Also the natural environment around Nederland is what makes me want to live in Ned.

Government impacts all of the other areas. A responsive government will act on all aspects of community life.

The earth is in crisis due to climate change. It behooves us to be impeccable stewards of the environment we are responsible for to maintain a sustainable living environment for future generations. Leaving nature in as pristine a state as possible (or restoring it) is key!

We live in a very natural area and need to be conscious that our economy is based upon the environment being in a healthy state. Nederland could be a leader in care of the environment not only out in the forest, but right in town, with ecological design.

I believe giving our children the opportunity to receive a decent education in Nederland is the best we can give them. I would not live here if I had to drive my child to Boulder for school.

In the end, our environment is all we have. Nederland is in a position to be an example for our county and state. We live in a natural environment and should aspire to keep it as pristine and original as possible.

Keeping kids and families engaged in area schools is the only way to keep Nederland alive. If the schools are below average, families may live here but not hold the same interest in the community.

I chose to live in Nederland because of the easy access to abundant outdoor activities. If we don't protect the environment, these resources will no longer be available to us. The environment also draws tourism which supports our local economy.

We don't need more tourists, we have enough recreational opportunities in our own backyards, we need to encourage sustainable industry to create jobs for local people. Harvesting the dead pine timber to manufacture saleable goods in a solar powered plant is one idea.

It's morally responsible, but also what the tourist economy rests on and what makes our area beautiful.

A solid education system is critical to allow our kids the ability to take advantage of natural resource advantages, develop a sense of ownership about the community and ultimately sustain and improve our community.

Without a decent economy and reasonable ways to integrate workable economic and business solutions into the community, Ned will not be sustainable. I will say that I almost ranked Youth services highest, though, because if we don't take care of our kids, we'll lose that generation.

Without economic vitality, the town cannot support necessary services for a wide range of constituents. The town limits are rather confined, and the tax base is small, so we need to be creative and proactive in generating opportunities for economic development, although not haphazardly.

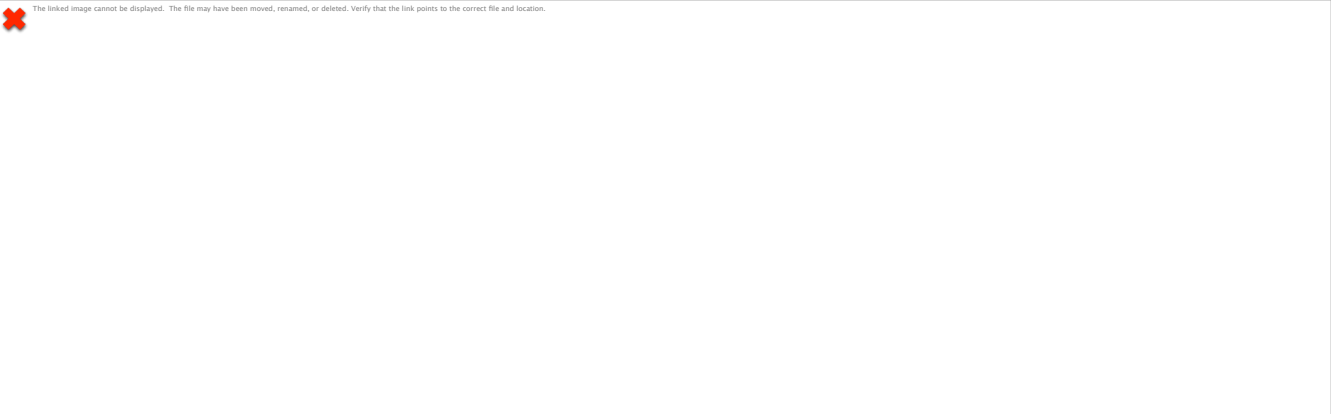
I have a teenager and it's important to make sure he has opportunities for jobs, education and recreation in this

community. It's important to fight the drug culture here with the medical marijuana dispensaries.

The rural 'pristine' environment, and the reverent attitude of the population is what stopped my wandering here 38 years ago. This is where I choose to live the rest of my life. The protection of the environment is of utmost importance to all our lives.

To maintain a vibrant, creative community with innovative new businesses and happy citizens, we need to ensure that young people want to live, work and raise families here. Looking at the things that will achieve this will largely take care of the rest of the items.

## Did you attend any of the Community Forums?



Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	100	39.5%
No	153	60.5%
Statistics		
Total Responses		253

## What is your age?



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Value	Count	Percent %
18-24	2	0.8%
25-34	30	11.9%
35-44	71	28.1%
45-54	68	26.9%
55-64	54	21.3%
65-74	24	9.5%
over 75	4	1.6%
<b>Statistics</b>		
Total Responses		253

## Where do you live?

Count	Response
30	Other
58	Outside town limits/in Boulder County
165	Town of Nederland
<b>Count</b>	<b>Other - Response</b>
1	down town Ned
1	"Hummingbirds
1	Arvada
1	Denver
1	Gilpin
1	Gilpin County, Nederland School District
1	Gilpin county

Count	Response
1	I grew up in Ned. And even though I haven't lived there in 10 years, I still call it home.
1	I own a house in Nederland and hope to move there permanently.
1	I try not to stay in the same zip code for more than 5 days
1	In Nederland Town limits
1	Isan, Thailand
1	Nederland Downtown
1	Pittsburgh, PA
3	Rollinsville
1	Rollinsville, Gilpin County
1	Westminster
1	Within the town
1	fort collins
1	gilpin
1	in Gilpin County
1	in town
1	mid Gilpin
1	near Rollinsville
1	seattle, wa
1	within town limits

## How long have you lived in the Nederland area?



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Value	Count	Percent %
less than a year	2	1.2%
1-3 years	28	17%
4-7 years	31	18.8%
8-10 years	26	15.8%
11-20 years	49	29.7%
more than 20 years	29	17.6%
<b>Statistics</b>		
Total Responses		165

## Are you a business owner in the Nederland area?

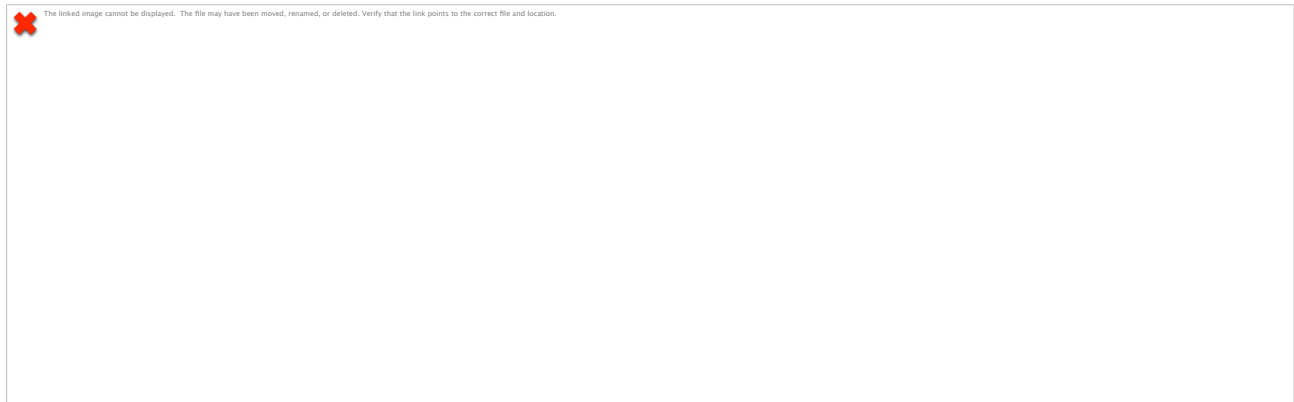


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Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	67	26.5%
No	186	73.5%

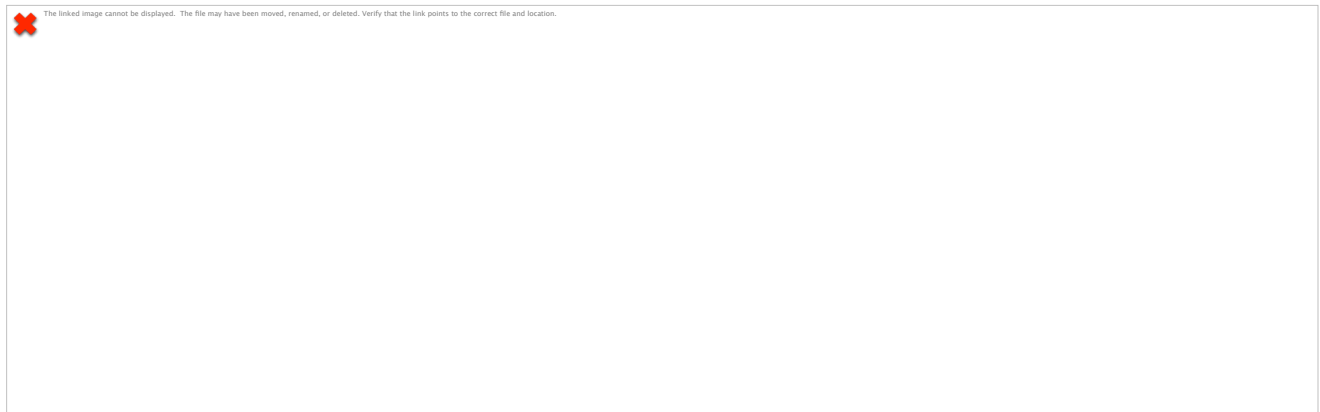
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## Are you employed in the Nederland area?



Value	Count	Percent %
Yes	88	34.8%
No	165	65.2%
Statistics		
Total Responses		253

# What is your family size?



Value	Count	Percent %
1	33	13%
2	99	39.1%
3	55	21.7%
4	47	18.6%
5 or more	19	7.5%
Statistics		
Total Responses		253





## Are you planning to attend the Envision Nederland 2020 Community Summit on Saturday, June 4th from 9am - 3pm at the Community Center?



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Value	Count	Percent %
Yes, for the whole day	32	12.6%
Yes, for part of the day	34	13.4%
Maybe, for the whole day	24	9.5%
Maybe, for part of the day	72	28.5%
No	91	36%
<b>Statistics</b>		
Total Responses		253

## What's the ONE WORD that describes what you want to get out of the Envision Nederland 2020 Summit on June 4th?

Count	Response
1	Action
1	Boating
1	CHANGE. Let's make Nederland an even better place.
1	CLEAN
2	Change
1	Character
1	Clarity
1	Cohesion
1	Collaboration
1	Commitment
2	Communication

Count	Response
2	Community
1	Community and government cohesion
1	Consensus
2	Cooperation
2	Direction
1	Education
1	Emergency evacuation plan
1	Fair representation of the real importance to this town
1	Focus
1	Focus.
1	Free lunch!
1	HOPE
6	Hope
1	Housing
1	Ideas
1	Implementation
1	Improvement
3	Information
1	Insight
1	Knowledge
1	Lifestyle
1	Minimize
1	Plan
1	Productivity
3	Progress
1	Reality
1	Recreation
1	Shrink Government
1	Solutions
1	Sustainability
1	Sustainability!
1	Sustainability

Count	Response
1	Synergy
1	Town Vision
2	Understanding
2	Vision
1	Voice
1	an action plan with follow-through
1	awareness
1	camaraderie
1	cease
2	clarity
2	commitment
3	communication
2	community
1	connections
4	consensus
1	consensus of vision to the direction of the town
1	continuity
1	cooperation
1	creative
5	direction
1	don't know
1	emergency planning
1	evolve
1	farsightedness
1	good
1	harmony
1	heard
1	hope
1	impact
1	inclusion
1	information
1	inspiration

Count	Response
1	jobs
1	knowledge
1	laid?
1	listen
1	money
1	na
1	patience
3	peace
1	pizza
1	Plan for economic enhancement
1	positive vision for future possibilities
1	priorities
1	productivity
3	progress
1	respect
1	respectfulness
2	sanity
1	satisfaction
1	shared vision
1	sharing
1	slow-growth
1	solid doable goals
1	Some focus so that specific action plans can be developed.
1	springtime
2	sustainability
1	tellyathen
1	tolerance
2	understanding
6	vision
1	Vocal minority less
1	a cohesive plan

## Envision Nederland 2020 Community Summit

June 4, 2011

The Envision Nederland 2020 Community Summit was held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nederland Community Center. Approximately 100 people attended the Summit throughout the day with 60-70 people participating for the majority of the Summit.

During the Summit, the community gathered to hear opening remarks from Mayor Sumaya Abu-Haidar. The morning presentation included:

1. Overview of the outcomes for the day as designed during the May 9, 2011 community meeting
2. Overview of the agenda
3. A preview of the Nederland Community Storybook
4. A music video produced by Nederland area teens
5. Description of community visioning, what it is and what it is not; sample vision statements
6. Overview of the complete Envision Nederland 2020 community process by committee member Annette Croughwell
7. Instructions for the Gallery Walk and the Breakout Groups



### **Gallery Walk**

The community adjourned from the Auditorium to the Gym where stations were set up to begin to gather community input. An information wall was available where community process was posted for people to review and be reminded of the work completed to date. The information wall included: community survey findings, community forum notes, and Nederland Youth survey results.

At each station, flip charts with guiding questions were posted. Questions included such items as:

In 2020, Nederland's environment is characterized by...

In 2020, Nederland's community encourages...

In 2020, Nederland's economy offers...

Community members spent approximately one hour reviewing process information, visiting the stations, discussing ideas and concepts with one another and recording their input on flip charts. During this time, the community was asked not to generate new ideas, but to begin to make note of the key themes they saw on the information wall and through their participation in the visioning process to-date.



### ***Small Group Activities***

Following a break for lunch where lively table discussions took place, the community divided into three groups to begin to further synthesize the information from the January—June community process and the themes/direction provided during the Gallery Walk. Each group elected a community facilitator/table captain to guide their conversation.

After about an hour, community members were given the opportunity to change to another station—the vast majority did so. Table captains stayed behind to lend continuity to the process and to help the second small groups to learn the thought process for the first groups so that group two could refine the information even further into the beginnings of vision statements.







### **Reporting Results**

To conclude the Summit, each group presented their draft vision themes and statements. The full group asked clarifying questions and discussed each group's vision as well as how the visions fit together. Facilitators noted a great deal of overlap in the reports with several key words emerging:

- ✓ Local
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Healthy
- ✓ Diversity
- ✓ Active
- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Balance/harmony
- ✓ Wild spaces
- ✓ Stewardship
- ✓ Environmentally friendly recreation
- ✓ Zero Waste



### **Summit Notes**

Notes from the full Summit are provided on the following pages. They are divided by group—economy, environment and community—to provide structure to the day’s activities.



## **Summit**

### **Sticky Wall, Flipcharts, Etc.**

### **Sticky Wall**

#### **Using one word, in 2020 Nederland will be:**

Innovative  
Collaborative (2)  
Involved  
RECreative  
Thriving  
Here!  
Unique  
NEDAWOW!  
Inspirational  
HAPPY  
ECLECTIC  
Home  
Compassionate  
Special  
Healthy  
Nedability  
Music

FLOW  
Historic  
WILD  
INSPIRING  
Change  
NEDITATION  
Nedercharming  
DOGS  
Rustic  
awesome  
MESS?  
Off the Grid  
Oasis  
Happening  
FUN  
Friendly

## **Vision Presented to the Full Group by David (Combination of notes from the two small group breakout sessions)**

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy is characterized by:**

- Cottage industry
- Telecommuting
- Serving and supporting local people
- Self-reliance, e.g. growing food locally
- Branding Ned as self-reliant in terms of all the ideas below

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy embraces:**

- Care of the environment / ecological responsibility
- Non-traditional economic models for exchange and investment
- Alternative energy and transportation / energy efficiency and zero waste
- Responsible management of tourism

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy offers:**

- More opportunities to live and work here
- Diverse and essential products and services + business models
- Local food (within 100 mile radius)

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy encourages:**

- Communication, cooperation among stakeholders including youth
- Source shop/buy and trade locally
- Responsible management of tourism'
- Cultural and historical preservation
- Stewardship
- Connection and respect between business and residents

(?) time dollars / LETS / workshare

## Notes from the second small group on Environment

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy is characterized by:**

(Because we encourage and embrace)

Diverse and essential products, services, business and economic models that support the local community and its environment

Opportunities to earn and spend locally

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy embraces:**

New, non-traditional economic models, responsible management of tourism and stewardship of the/our environment

We recognize and responsibly encourage the thoughtful relationship between recreation, culture and the economy

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy offers:**

Opportunities to live, earn and spend locally

Nederland is a model to the world that we are doing it right.

### **In 2020, the Nederland's economy encourages:**

Connection, respect, communication and cooperation between business owners, residents and stakeholders (inc. youngins)

Ecological responsibility (i.e. Zero Waste)

Communication between business – residents (seniors, youth, schools, churches, nonprofits) – youth – visitors

## Gallery Walk

### In 2020, the Nederland's economy is characterized by:

- Diversity
- Creativity
- Resiliency
- Self reliance
- Predictability
- A thriving cottage industry
- Appreciation of our incomparable ecosystem
- Local self-sufficient community based economy
- Encouraging local shoppers – supporting the tax base via directing products and services towards locals NOT tourists!
- A sense of community among business owners and mutual support (i.e. Chamber, DDA)
- A commercial district of locally owned businesses capable of meeting most daily needs of our local residents – but at competitive prices for the residents
- \*\* A diversified economy that is less tourist dependent but able to successfully capture the wallets of a significant portion of pass-through traffic
- No fast food chains, i.e. McDonald's
- A vital, localized economy that serves the local (regional) community! Essential to see the difference between local economy and localized economy!!
- Retail and restaurants are only a part of our economy
- The town to help provide a place for locals to sell their goods & services, i.e. use the community center on weekends (for free)
- Less dispensaries and more Bikes!
- Small is beautiful – keep our small and unique homes and businesses
- Small and simple – this is sustainable
- Events have costs on community & environment that are not figured into “net” revenues
- Events for locals – community related – not huge tourist events
- Create more cottage industry via technology – i.e. use fiber optic to make Ned a high tech community (BVSD already ran fiber)
- Zero waste mandates for large public events
- Tele-commuting
- Robust community investment environment and a fund to support small & medium businesses

## **In 2020, the Nederland's economy embraces:**

- The needs of local residents and youth
- Respect
- Kindness
- Sustainable businesses
- Permaculture
- Emphasis on alternative energy
- Conservation of natural resources
- Cottage industry
- New business – the town makes it easy to start a new business (tax incentives)
- New great biz's
- Sustainability
- Our mining history
- Our recreational history
- Recreation based businesses
- GREEN recreational business
- Eldora ski area for skiing and mountain biking
- DDA money spent “sprucing” up existing business structures & 1<sup>st</sup> St. not developing creek front & expanding business area
- Sustainable, local, green businesses (through tax incentives)
- “enhance” creek area for local enjoyment of walking, birding, fishing, gardening and views – not for tourist kayaking but for natural beauty
- Nederland should not be a “rec” center for the front range
- Export (outside community) businesses
- We want an economy that serves and supports and benefits everyone
- locals (def: Nederland area residents)
- who consider the Ned area their home/town
- The Ned service area (as per DRCOG '94 definition)
- A reciprocity between & among business and area residents
- Model for sustainability (green education)

## **In 2020, the Nederland's economy offers:**

- Green jobs\*
- Jobs for youth
- Fresh, healthy food – some locally grown
- Community food swap (grown up here by residents in their own yards) partially subsidized by the town\*
- Goods and services that local residents need to encourage: shop local
- Good and services that tourists want and need (warm clothes)
- Diversified products and services for locals, not tourists which has the added benefit of decreasing CO<sub>2</sub> via less trips down the mountain
- A base “living” wage @ \$10/hr
- Diversity of jobs, for adults, with a livable wage\*
- More reasons for tourism
- Services that support both locals & tourists\*\*
- Farmer's Market\*
- Compile a “local business” coupon book to encourage locals to do more business in town – have them available at the tourist info center (profits from sales go back to the town or business)
- Free bus from town to Eldora Ski Area + also 4<sup>th</sup> of July Trailhead\*\*\*
- Community radio station for local news and information
- Promote Ned's music history
- An honest look at why residents shop in Denver & Boulder
- Willingness to adapt to locals needs

## **In 2020, the Nederland's economy encourages:**

- Green jobs\*
- Residents to shop local\*
- A healthy tax base
- Jobs, Jobs, Jobs
- “livable wage” jobs
- Incentivize to shop local campaign\*\*\*
- Stewardship of our surrounding area (economic/natural)\*
- A local, community based economy (self sufficiency)
- Farmer's Market – monthly/weekly – some sort of reliable schedule
- More local jobs\*
- Essential business to serve locals (e.g. Pharmacy)
- Business diversity
- Respect for neighbors
- Local entrepreneurs with original ideas
- Free busses
- Nederland's business community does more outreach to town volunteers – volunteers are more knowledgeable about what the town has to offer



- More community gardens (edible)
- More local jobs – in education & community development
- The education of sustainable living on all levels – how to live in balance with ourselves and the earth
- Create taxable income to improve existing infrastructure
- Less canyon traffic for residents

Each \* = one additional “vote” for the concept or idea





### **Vision Presented to the Full Group by ?? (Facilitated by Lara) (Combination of notes from the two small group breakout sessions)**

#### **In 2020, the Nederland's community is characterized by:**

- Small, local mountain community
- Welcoming & kind locals
- Safe & peaceful
- Active, healthy lifestyle
- Community pride & involvement
- Local focus and global awareness & connectedness

#### **In 2020, the Nederland's community embraces:**

- Thoughtful planning
- Diversity – philosophical, cultural, economic, educational
- Rich educational spectrum
- Our history – mining, music/art, counterculture, recreational history, wild, natural environment
- Our current culture – music and art
- Balanced use of recreation and wild, natural environment

#### **In 2020, the Nederland's community offers:**

- Community services in Ned of all phases of life including:
  - Youth (0-21)
  - Senior
  - Health/medical
  - Prevention/education
- Communication connections
  - People
  - Services
  - Gov't
  - Forums
- Community development i.e. low income senior housing, affordable housing
- Forum/center for art/culture/music
- Education that fosters youth involvement in community
- Recreational opportunities

### **In 2020, the Nederland's community encourages:**

- Culture of participation and youth participation
- Visioning for future generations
- Interaction between all ages
- Active, healthy lifestyle
- Environmental stewardship
- Community projects
- Respectful cooperation and communication between diverse perspectives & community entities

### **Notes from the first small group breakout**

#### **In 2020, the Nederland's community is characterized by:**

- Small, local mountain community
- Learning & interaction
- Involvement
- Pride
- Accountability
- Feeling of safety
- Safe, peaceful, quiet
- Welcoming & kind locals

#### **In 2020, the Nederland's community embraces:**

- Diversity – education, philosophy, culturally, economically
- Live locally, think globally
- Rich educational spectrum
- Thoughtful planning
- Our history: mining, music and counter culture,
- Our current culture: music & art
- Balanced use of recreation
- Enough for all for always

## In 2020, the Nederland's community offers:

- Education that fosters youth involvement in community
- Community services in Ned for all phases of life
- Community development:
  - Affordable housing
  - Senior housing
- Means to teach & learn
- Cultural/art/music center/forum

## In 2020, the Nederland's community encourages:

- Creating an environment that....
- Visioning for future generations
- Peace & quiet
- Culture of participation
- Interaction – between all ages
- Active/healthy lifestyle
- Prevent destructive behaviors
- Youth participation
- Community projects



## Gallery Walk

## In 2020, the Nederland's community is characterized by:

- A mutual respect for diverse perspectives & needs i.e. your families, seniors, youth, homeowners, business owners, working \_\_\_\_\*\*
- All kinds of workers\*
- People of all ages regularly working together & learning from each other\*\*\*\*
- A strong, consistent means of objective, communication\*
- Casual, informal, simple accepting of each other, a little “wild”\*
- Safe, local, welcoming community – know to be self-sufficient
- A love of learning of ALL KINDS
- Stronger volunteer community – not the same people!!\*
- Locals still hang out in town
- Community pride / accountability
- People helping on another
- I \_\_\_\_ all are interested in these things! Stay involved! Don't drop out
- Locals to be able to offer overnight sleeping arrangements in their homes to those in need that can't afford to pay for a hotel room
- “safe house” for battered women, children & men
- Being a nice, safe, peaceful & quiet place to live & work
- I'm proud of Frozen Dead Guy Days
- Public events we can all be proud of (NOT Frozen Dead Guy Days)\*\*
- A network of sidewalks & trails that make vehicle free travel around town both pleasant & practical
- Safe routes to school!!!!\*
- A lake front & creek corridor developed into an attractive parkland for active and passive recreational usage including non-motorized boating on the reservoir and kayaking on the creek
- Welcoming & kind locals

## In 2020, the Nederland's community embraces:

- All residents, regardless of age, socio-economic background, race, culture, etc. Nederland should be a welcoming place for everyone! -- Residency (town, Gilpin, Boulder)\*
- Visitors who want to learn about a small convivial community that preaches deep sustainability with local and global perspectives\*\*\*
- Community events such as more festivals, art fairs and sporting competitions
- Less community events – quiet, calm, more US in town (Well, just don't attend) (It's when you live next door)
- More local events for locals – less **BIG** events for tourists \*\*\*
- Co-operation, communication, co-creation – not competition
- EDUCATION!
- High quality academic programs\*
- Our Mining history / Recreational History
- Our small town, rustic character – for our residents and tourists alike. It's who we are!\*
- We efficiently utilize existing resources rather than just building more\*\*

- Respect & kindness toward neighbors
- Less development of area around lakefront, no boating, keep beauty of the reservoir
- Creek is healthy, natural, undisturbed by human activity
- Water treatment/lakefront area returned to natural/native vegetation
- Cultural event center (not a movie theater) for music events – take advantage of our musical resources (per capita we have more musicians than any town in US)

### **In 2020, the Nederland's community offers:**

- A resource listing of free/tradeable local services (i.e. nursing help, sharing tools, counseling, helping transport those around town that don't have transportation, childcare, reading to the elderly, shopping assistance if something can't be found in Ned – offer doing errands “down below”
- Safety, feeling of safety
- Subsidized housing for low-income seniors
- County social services – community based satellite office(s)
- Something for everyone and mutual respect\*
- Local events and news radio station – or other info media\*
- A healthy & safe place to raise kids and which offers family activities & opportunities
- “Social” networking site for single 50+ age residents
- Simple life of a laid back mountain town
- People involved in Care Connect
- Support aging well in place
- Ways for us to learn of neighbors needs (i.e. food, transportation, companionship)
- Forums for discussing proposed DDA change/development
- More place-based education in public schools
- More classes taught by local talent
- A real rec center like the one we used to have – showers, \_\_\_\_\_
- More nature based/outdoor education offerings for all ages (HS, College, Adult)
- Youth Services (including youth at risk & \_\_\_\_\_ leadership skills)
- Balanced social programs – wellness, affordable housing, child care
- A local medical center
- Youth sailing classes on Barker
- Showers in our Community Center – for use by transients & homeless – low priced\*
- Education though forums & films & speakers related to Community Building & Sustainability

### **In 2020, the Nederland's community encourages:**

- Focus on RESIDENTS/locals first before tourism\*\*\*
- Individualism, no need to agree about everything
- Informing non-computer people in some way so they feel “in the loop” (when people don't know what's going on)\*
- Inclusion of children & teens in community activities
- Advocacy for Ned in larger governance structures (county, BVSD)
- Attraction for tourism AS IS not necessary to copy Estes Park!\*
- Tourism
- Honest & good faith communication between stakeholders

- Living lower on the food/energy food chain\*
- Restorative justice for all citizens
- More thinking “out of the box” – not following the same ol’
- Advocacy for trail maintenance/development/protection
- Community discussion forums to get perspectives of the community... and to discuss them. Use this to build community spirit.
- Thinking of the future for our kids and their kids too.
- Too many events (13 per year) and we should not have so much commotion & noise – less events
- We shouldn’t have to leave Ned on summer weekends to get away from the noise & congestion\*
- Respect for residents first and foremost
- Events that are “for and of” our community – not huge tourist related events
- Ned is not a rec center for the Front Range.

Each \* = one additional “vote” for the concept or idea





## **Umbrella statement representing the discussion of the second small breakout group: Presented by Chris**

In 2020, Nederland understands, internalizes and applies a model of sustainability in which our environment makes society possible, and society economy.

By extension, the way that Nederland evolves through 2020 flows directly from this understanding as does the way we measure and evaluate Nederland's evolution and progress.

## **Vision Presented to the Full Group by Merrin (Combination of notes from the two small group breakout sessions)**

### **In 2020, the Nederland's environment is characterized by:**

- Preservation and restoration of the natural environment (local, regional, global)
- Efficient use of space (parking, resources)
- Efficiency
- Zero waste
- Harmony (environment is honored, services are available, appropriate facilities, management for trash, waste parking, traffic and encouraging good behavior)
- Clean air, clean water, silence, minimal/reduced light and noise pollution
- Prioritizing environment

### **In 2020, Nederland's environment embraces:**

- Balanced use of the environment for active recreation and preservation of wild spaces
- Energy sovereignty in production/conservation (which includes independence)
- Public transit/walkability, quiet clean energy, non-toxic, non-irritating
- Understands and internalizes the nested model with the understanding that a healthy society comes from a healthy economy and a healthy environment inspires both
- Stewardship

## In 2020, Nederland's environment offers:

- Education/stewardship/protection/Leave no Trace ethic/guardianship responsibility
  - Scenic/visual resources/inspiring view shed which is natural rather than man made
  - Environmentally friendly recreation / a blend of natural environment and active recreation &
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## In 2020, Nederland's environment encourages:

- Alternatives to fossil fuels for transportation
- Alternatives for building and use of sustainable materials
- Non-motorized travel in town
- A small is beautiful, less is more
- Water conservation
- Active, healthy lifestyles for children and people of all ages
- Connections to outdoor environment/activity for children
- Sustainability (agriculture, economy, society)

## In 2020, Nederland's environment prioritizes:

- Education (wise use of resources)
- Measurement





## Miscellaneous Notes from Group One and Two Discussions

### Environment Themes

- ✓ Creek restoration and preservation back to how it used to be or keep it as it is
- ✓ Zero waste: reduce plastic, eliminate plastic bags
- ✓ Recreation: use of environment, enjoyment of environment, types of recreation, elimination of use of public lands for shooting, recreation requires transportation to recreation and increased development
- ✓ Materials: impact of materials used in development
- ✓ Events: Impact on environment: traffic/noise pollution
- ✓ Living environment - 1° = access to environment (aesthetic)
- ✓ Impact of active recreation on environment
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Stewardship
- ✓ Reservoir/Lake
- ✓ ? fate of propane
- ✓ Development
- ✓ Tourism – impact on environment
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Built environment and natural environment
- ✓ Harmony with nature / in balance with nature \* all players \*
- ✓ Internalize nested model; “get out in front a little bit” through education
- ✓ Evolving
- ✓ Simple
- ✓ Passive Solar
- ✓ Environment takes precedence over convenience
- ✓ Needs: have a house, but one that is appropriate to energy concerns, footprint, resource
- ✓ It’s what we look like (working principles)
- ✓ Balanced? Decisions. Values. Growth psychology.
- ✓ Human needs
- ✓ Boundaries / trade offs / appropriate boundaries
- ✓ Habitat – effects of humans, human footprint
- ✓ Whole
- ✓ Nuance as we grow... view shed impacts
- ✓ 3 tools to be applied differently to different goals:
  1. preservation (what we have today/defend)
  2. restoration (improved for a specific good, reclaiming, back to nature)
  3. conservation (resources, conscious management, healthy existing ecological relationships)
- ✓ The environment is the PRIMARY consideration (activities are channeled with the environment as the 1° consideration)
  
- ✓ When we grow, what are the impacts, while taking into account human needs
- ✓ Apply the principle
- ✓ How are human needs different or the same as environmental considerations?
- ✓ COMPROMISE

## Concerns

- ✓ Population – impact on the environment (Nederland is slower growing than most of CO)
- ✓ Tourism is increasing in Ned
- ✓ ? impacts on Ned
- ✓ Needs? What are they? Set a basis for codes, laws, etc.
- ✓ Natural step 5 planets if everyone lives like U.S. citizens as perspective

## Nested Model of Sustainability

- ✓ Society could not exist without a healthy environment.
- ✓ Economy arises from the needs of society and also cannot exist without a healthy society and environment.
- ✓ AMEN!

## Gallery Walk

### In 2020, the Nederland's community is characterized by:

- Community stewardship to reduce enviro impact\*
- Zero waste
- Unpaved walking trails to reduce carbon emissions
- Excellent forestry practices to reduce risk of area wildfires
- Minimal additional development from 2010
- 70,000+ acres of wilderness – no additional industrial recreation necessary\*
- Time and space for silence\*\*\*
- Attention to “cutting edge” design & policy – sustainability out of the box
- Less traffic – less congestion
- Places to sit\*
- Motorcycles are banned – at least address the issue of noise pollution on the Peak to Peak corridor ←NICE!
- Restoration of the creek to allow boating and fishing as regulated by the natural water flow of the creek
- Remove the don't restore B. Creek to its original form
- Barker and streams unspoiled by boating, or other development
- Sailing on Barker to appreciate the environment [Forget it]
- We have wind all the time – give us a break!
- No art around town. Nederland is not Estes Park
- (We can see) Visual respect for earth by restoration and preservation of ecosystems
- Protect/restore our natural Watershed – a beautiful creek restored/returned to a natural state
- Environment and recreation tax district to support outdoor activity, education and open space preservation
- Nederland's ecosystem is the same as the planets. What we do here effects the whole planet. Our community is one with communities around the world. We should think about this entire planet.

- Need vs. Want
- Control the use of firearms, fireworks to lessen the likelihood of fires
- Open views... no boating on Barker (i.e. no trash on shore, etc.)
- Simple, untampered with beauty
- No development/expansion of Eldora Skiing @ Hesse!!
- A holistic understanding that everything connected to everything else
- Zero waste mandates for large public events

## **In 2020, the Nederland's community embraces:**

- Simple living\*
- Restoration NOT development of creeks, forests, etc.
- WILD!! Wild!! WILD!!!\*
- Environmentally friendly recreation including non motorized non-motorized boating\*
- Natural beauty of the creek without paved or developed paths (wide) + no kayak course\*
- A reservoir free of boating and associated clutter
- Would like to see West Magnolia made into a park/campground with volunteer attendants
- Recognition that Nederland is nestled in a natural bowl. Amplified music in the open window season is not appropriate. Bars must keep doors and windows closed when bands are playing!
- Understanding. Patience. Tolerance.
- If something isn't broke – don't try to fix it.
- A consciousness that development can't be un-developed.\*
- Renewable energy locally generated, self-sufficiency, local control (energy sovereignty)
- Make creek excellent fishing habitat [IT IS!]
- Can we address the area on Magnolia Rd. where it is currently OK to shoot guns that close to a major road, hiking and biking trails and a neighborhood?? [Agreed!] [Can we also address sanitation/human waste impact]
- An attitude that identifies elements of the past & present that we value – & think creatively as to how they can be incorporated in the future.
- Tourism is transportation based – petroleum – and is not sustainable – Better economy models.
- Preservation and restoration of creek corridor – creek and protection of watershed from unnecessary development
- Less plastic!
- Intelligent design of ALL buildings, municipal projects and policies (infrastructure). Includes the highest energy efficiency standards, the environment is protected by not cheating the process. The environment is protected by making often difficult or initially expensive choices to protect resources for the future.

## **In 2020, the Nederland's community offers:**

- Less sidewalks and more trails – [unpaved]
- Clean Air
- A relax, casual, easy feeling
- Recreation opportunities
- Views of mountains & sky not tall buildings – don't lose view like Boulder did
- The peaceful sounds of birds and breezes – not gun & rifle noise from Magnolia
- Embracing of nature – not development
- Opportunity for locals & visitors to experience natural beauty (NATURE), not asphalt, concrete, etc. It's why we live here & why tourists come here.
- A connection to the past
- Less Human Built Development
- A sense of place – to interact with wild natural environment
- A beautiful reservoir without noise, commotion, crowds of boating
- More education of visitors (& locals) on treating the natural beauty surrounding us with respect (pick-up trash, be quiet)
- Small, environmentally friendly transportation (public) (from Boulder & Nederland) to recreational sites (trade) to discourage billions of vehicles
- Local food cycle (cultivation-distribution-compost)
- More river/creek access/recreation
- More protection of wild spaces (increased wilderness delegation)
- Cooperative transportation options – minimize CO<sub>2</sub>, noise
- Promote Ned's music history
- More environmental education for all ages (from elementary through adult)
- Easy walkable, enjoyable places to enjoy the creek downtown and concentrated recreation opportunities within the town limits – preserving the wilder areas from heavy use and impact
- Recreation can be degrading to the environment. Creating Nederland as a "rec" center for the Front Range is not a good idea!!

## **In 2020, the Nederland's community encourages:**

- Outdoor recreation opportunities including tennis, skating as well as individual walking
- Less auto traffic
- More walking, biking & proper access to trails & walking paths (Dare I say sidewalks)
- Town citizens to have pride in our trails, open space and rec opportunities
- More gardens to grow food, flowers, trees
- Meditation & Respect for wildlife habitat
- More walking & biking on trails NOT sidewalks, where trail is defined as a narrow path, not suitable for any vehicle including emergency and town maint.
- Creek improvement, aquatic, fish, paddling, crab walk
- Creek Restoration
- People worldwide to visit & enjoy [We have this now] [Let's keep it that way]
- A deep connection to Mother Earth
- Children to spend more time outdoors – playing

- Communion with nature spirit
- Our environment doesn't need improvement, developing, destruction of kayaking, etc.
- Respect for Mother Earth above \$\$\$
- Opportunities to appreciate what nature has to offer, with less emphasis on manipulation of the environment for recreation, i.e. restore creek for birding, ecology learning, etc.
- Safe walkways to public services – sidewalks or clear trails on street sides to high school, library, post office
- Quiet neighborhoods – responsible dog owners (too much barking)
- Human interaction & recreational usage
- Respect for all wildlife – animals (including human) who live here
- Less concrete
- Less Mud
- Expression in local art esp. youth-centered art
- RESPECT for the natural world as our leader, model, inspiration and provider of quality of life
- Recycling after Reduce & Reuse
- Much less single-use plastic!\*
- Fire mitigation / local efforts toward education.

Each \* = one additional “vote” for the concept or idea



## Draft Vision Statements

Utilizing the final group presentations from the Community Summit, interSector Partners, L3C compiled a list of potential vision statements. This list attempted to represent each idea or theme that was presented or discussed during the closing segment of the Summit.

From this list of potential vision ideas/statements/themes, the consultants categorized, combined and reduced the concepts to create a draft vision statement that was submitted to the Steering Committee for review. The draft was an attempt to maintain the ideas, ideals and concepts while simultaneously consolidating information into a one- to two-page draft community vision.

### GOVERNMENT / COMMUNITY

In 2020, local government in Nederland helps citizens understand the forces of change, and works with them to promote flexibility and creativity in planning for the future. The Town of Nederland has clear procedures to ensure its vision, and plans are funded and implemented.

In 2020, Nederland's elected leaders are qualified, competent and representative of the wider community. They are committed to open, transparent leadership and clear communication with town staff and all citizens.

In 2020, Nederland's town governance is guided by a shared vision, proactive leadership and engaged citizens.

In 2020, Nederland works to keep all community members informed through regular and convenient and easy to access sources of information. Local government and citizens work together to promote clear, consistent communication.

In 2020, Nederland's town government continues to create, implement and communicate an evolving, clear and focused set of emergency plans to all in and around the community.

In 2020, People who live and work in Nederland feel a strong sense of ownership and responsibility to the community. They actively invest their time, energy and resources to help maintain the community's quality of life.

In 2020, Nederland's town government reflects the growing diversity of the community, and residents feel invited and included in the governance process regardless of their differences. The town works diligently to ensure its diverse populations receive desired and necessary services.

In 2020, local businesses in Nederland are an integral part of the community, supporting community events, and working to maximize their positive impacts on the community's environment and livability. Nederland supports its local businesses and works to attract new businesses that enhance local services while supporting local values and qualities.

In 2020, Nederland community members benefit from and participate in a dynamic public services system.

In 2020, Nederland schools leverage outside resources and passionate volunteers to ensure every student is afforded an opportunity to succeed, regardless of ability. Library programs and facilities expand learning opportunities and strengthen connections across generations and cultures.

In 2020, Nederland continues to strengthen its education system by continuing to focus on teacher recruitment, compensation, retention and professional development. Success will be evident by increased parental involvement and higher youth retention rates in Nederland schools.

In 2020, Nederland seniors are fully-integrated and an active part of the community. High quality care facilities, activity centers and wellness programs ensure the aging population remains healthy and connected. People in need have one-stop access to assistance and resources through a state-of-the-art service center and information hotline.

In 2020, homelessness has been eradicated through a combination of transitional housing and workforce training. City government is transparent, collaborative and efficient. Community investments are guided by a clear set of priorities, and critical information is easily accessible to all.

In 2020, Nederland creates and promotes mobility options by improving traffic flow, increasing energy efficient and environmentally friendly transit choices, and providing for pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly walkways and streets.

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## **COMMUNITY**

In 2020, Nederland is a small, rustic mountain community which encourages connections between all its residents, service providers and government.

In 2020, the community appreciates and celebrates its philosophical, economic, educational and culturally diverse population and provides a creative, healthy and thriving environment for all.

In 2020, Nederland has maintained a strong community identity by honoring its rich history while successfully managing new growth and development.

In 2020, Nederland provides arts and culture, education and community activities that include the entire community and provide opportunities for youth.

In 2020, any growth strategy and plans for development in Nederland consider all growth choices that contemplate community values and priorities, while benefiting local businesses, schools, parks, and roads. Yet, even as the town grows and evolves, Nederland remains true to its origins: a safe, kind and welcoming place to live and work that honors its heritage and affords all residents an opportunity for social, economic and personal growth regardless of their age, origin or individual dream.

In 2020, Nederland is an active, healthy community where residents take pride in a unique sense of place. People of all ages, from all walks of life, choose to call Nederland home because they feel welcome, engaged and heard. In Nederland, there is a deep appreciation for the people and cultures who came before, and a sustained investment in those who will help shape what Nederland is to become.

In 2020, Nederland is a safe and peaceful community. Nederland residents know and take care of their neighbors and are kind and welcoming to visitors.

In 2020, Nederland has an accessible social service system for community members. Nederland is compassionate and cares for all residents by provides access to affordable housing, transportation, social services and cultural activities. Faith-based and other community organizations are actively supported by the community and work together to help meet community needs.

In 2020, Nederland encourages respectful interaction, cooperation and communication between diverse age groups, perspectives and community entities where people of all ages are regularly learning from and working with each other.

In 2020, Nederland consistently creates a culture of participation and is known for its environmental stewardship as it balances the use of recreation and the wild, natural environment.

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## ENVIRONMENT

In 2020, Nederland understands, internalizes and applies a model of sustainability in which a healthy society comes from a healthy economy and a healthy environment inspires both.

By extension, the way that Nederland evolves through 2020 flows directly from this understanding as does the way we measure and evaluate Nederland's evolution and progress.



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In 2020, Nederland is a town recognized for its trails, natural areas and unwavering commitment to the environment. Open spaces are abundant. Nederland's surrounding wilderness area and other sensitive natural areas are restored, protected and preserved.

In 2020, Nederland will continue to create, implement and enhance wildfire protection, emergency management and forest health plans.

In 2020, utilizing small is beautiful, less is more frameworks – Nederland implements sound, and comprehensive planning to build the foundation for Nederland's quality natural environment. The community consistently encourages and enforces high environmental standards.

In 2020, environmentally friendly parks and recreation plans ensure the balanced use of the environment for active recreation and preservation of wild spaces so that that the Nederland community can enjoy a high quality of life while preserving the full ecosystem and natural environment.

In 2020, Nederland's parks and trails are natural and inviting. Nederland is both environment and people friendly.

In 2020, Nederland continues to actively pursue, encourage and create environmental impact plans that address:

- alternative energy sources to fossil fuels for transportation
- alternatives for building and the use of sustainable materials
- non-motorized travel in town
- clean air, clean water and water conservation in and around Nederland
- connections to the outdoor environment providing active, healthy lifestyles for children and people of all ages
- minimal/reduced light and noise pollution
- focused community education programs and stewardship to reduce environmental impact
- agricultural, economical and community sustainability

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## **ECONOMY**

In 2020, the Nederland's economy is local, community based, self-sufficient and is characterized by diverse and essential products, services, business/economic models and jobs that both support the local community and are mindful of potential impacts on the environment.

In 2020, the Nederland's economy encourages and welcomes new, non-traditional economic models, the responsible management of tourism and the stewardship of our environment. Our community consistently recognizes and responsibly encourages the thoughtful and meaningful relationship between recreation, culture and the economy.

In 2020, Nederland continues to improve and support the local economy offering attractive opportunities to live, work earning a “livable” wage and buy locally while practicing and honoring cultural and historic preservation.

In 2020, Nederland's economy encourages and facilitates alternative energy, energy efficiency and zero waste while managing and promoting ecological responsibility, duty of care of the environment and conservation of Nederland's natural resources.

In 2020, the Nederland's economy encourages connection, respect, communication and cooperation between business owners, residents and all community stakeholders.

In 2010, Nederland is a sustainable, economic model to the world that we are doing it right.



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