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COLLABORATING FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

Lessons from Public–Nonprofit–Philanthropic Partnerships

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WHAT'S A PROJECT THAT COULD *benefit from partnership?*

Think about a project you've worked on—or would like to work on—that would require or benefit from multiple partners.

Turn to your neighbor and discuss:

- What's the project?
- What are you hoping to accomplish?

Keep this project in mind. We'll return to it later.

THE CHALLENGE:

Shared Vision ≠ Implementation

MOUNTAIN TOWNS DON'T LACK GOOD IDEAS.

THE CHALLENGE IS TURNING SHARED PRIORITIES INTO PROJECTS THAT CAN BE FUNDED, IMPLEMENTED, AND SUSTAINED.



THE FRAMEWORK

From vision to stewardship

VISION

→

ALIGNMENT

→

RESOURCES

→

IMPLEMENTATION

→

STEWARDSHIP

WARM SPRINGS PRESERVE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY



PRE-1800
Alluvial Floodplain
Active floodplain

1800-1950s
Farm + Restaurant
channel confinement

1960-2009
Golf Course
intensive development

2025+
Post Acquisition +
Restoration = public access, healthier habitat and restored floodplain

EXPLORING THE OPPORTUNITY

Do we have traction?

Mini Planning Study

Barriers

Identifying Patterns

Fundraising Potential

Priorities

Partners

Core Values

Momentum



Explore the opportunity with community members, potential partners, and donors before defining the project.

DIFFERENT ROLES

1+1=3

CITY OF KETCHUM

Public accountability
Implementation
Infrastructure
Public process
Operations & maintenance

NONPROFIT
WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST

Conservation expertise
Land protection
Relationships
Restoration
Long-term stewardship

CONNECTIVE CAPACITY
NESTED STRATEGIES

Strategy
Coordination
Fundraising
Communications

PHILANTHROPY
SPUR + COMMUNITY DONORS

Catalytic capital
Flexibility
Community investment
Fundraising infrastructure
Momentum
Donor confidence

FROM OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUISTION
Mobilizing Philanthropy



CATALYZE
Early philanthropic leadership and commitments

MOBILIZE
A community-wide capital campaign

FLEX
Addressing uncertainty and responding to opportunities

Approximately 1,000 donors helped make acquisition possible.

YOUR TURN

Who could make your vision possible?



1. What community outcomes are you trying to achieve?
2. Which organizations have missions, priorities, or interests that align with those outcomes?

Think beyond your existing partnerships.

FROM ACQUISITION *to a shared vision*



ONE PROPERTY

Multiple community priorities



Public access and recreation

Conservation and habitat restoration

ADA accessibility

Long-term community use

Warm Springs Creek and floodplain restoration

FROM VISION TO RESTORATION
Securing Federal funding

ACQUISITION
Community philanthropy

PLANNING
Public engagement + nonprofit expertise + municipal capacity

RESTORATION
Federal grant funding + partner expertise



IMPLEMENTATION

When vision meets reality

ASPIRATIONS

Access

Restoration

Recreation

Conservation



REALITIES

Budgets

Engineering

ADA

Infrastructure

Construction

Longterm Maintenance

Public Expectations

Competing Uses

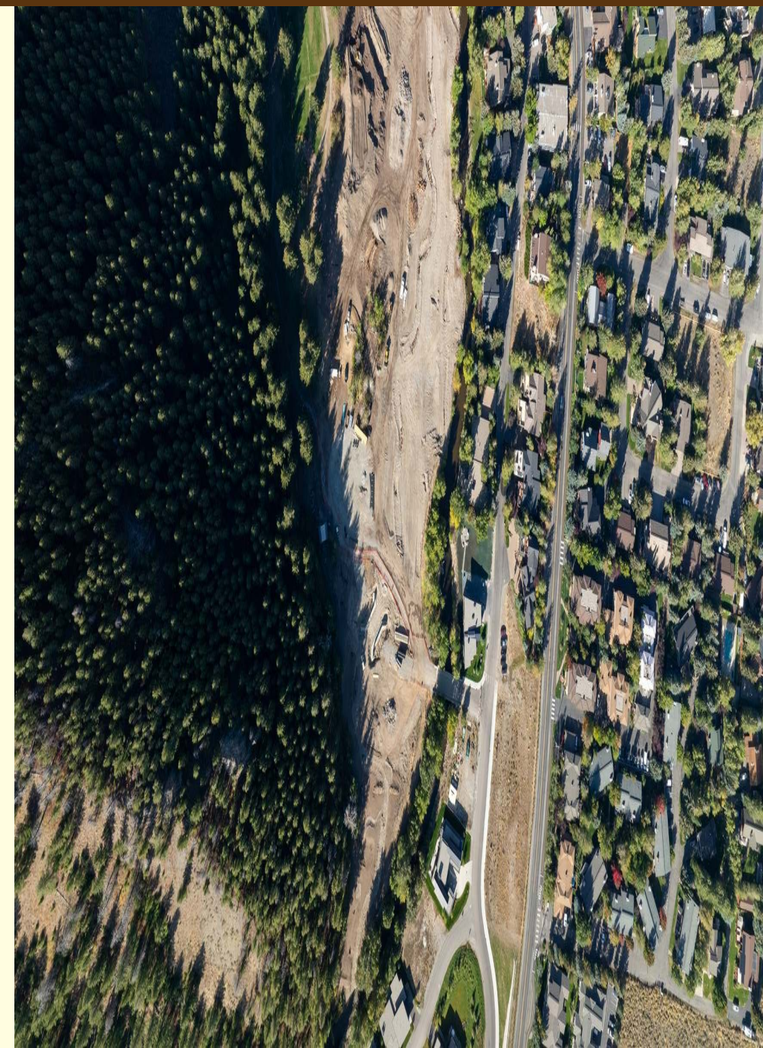
THE MUNICIPAL PERSPECTIVE

What partnership makes possible

MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP
NONPROFIT EXPERTISE
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Together, these resources support:

- **Public infrastructure**
- **Restoration and access**
- **Coordinated implementation**
- **Long-term community benefit**



STEWARDSHIP IN PERPETUITY

The project isn't finished



From building something to taking care of it…

- Habitat restoration
- Public use
- Maintenance
- Ongoing investment
- Changing conditions
- Shared management responsibilities
- Donor stewardship

The partnership must outlast the project.

THE MESSY MIDDLE
What we learned

CORY

What was harder than you expected?

CARTER

What did the partnership make possible that one organization couldn't have accomplished alone?

JADE

What would you do differently next time?

YOUR NEXT STEPS
Applying the framework

STAGE	QUESTION	
Vision	What community outcome are you trying to achieve?	EXPLORED TODAY
Alignment	Which organizations have missions or priorities that align with that outcome?	EXPLORED TODAY
Resources	What funding, expertise, relationships, and other resources will be needed?	NEXT STEP
Implementation	What will it take to turn the vision into reality?	NEXT STEP
Stewardship	Who will sustain the project and its benefits over time?	NEXT STEP

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STEWARDSHIP

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

What will it take to move your project forward?

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