

# North Central Washington Community Success Summit Notes

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. November 17, 2010 Lake Chelan Winery

**Participants:** See attached list.

## **Sponsors:**

Cascadia Conservation District [www.cascadiacd.org](http://www.cascadiacd.org)

Icicle Fund [www.iciclefund.org](http://www.iciclefund.org)

Key Bank [www.key.com](http://www.key.com)

NCW Business Loan Fund [www.ncwloanfund.org](http://www.ncwloanfund.org)

The Nature Conservancy [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

The Wenatchee World [www.wenworld.com](http://www.wenworld.com)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [www.fws.gov/wafwo/CWFO\\_index.html](http://www.fws.gov/wafwo/CWFO_index.html)

Washington State Department of Ecology [www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov)

Washington Water Project of Trout Unlimited [www.tu.org/conservation/western-water-project/washington](http://www.tu.org/conservation/western-water-project/washington)

John & Kaye Thoren

Chuck & Nancy Warner

**Host:** Lake Chelan Winery [www.lakechelanwinery.com](http://www.lakechelanwinery.com)

**Catering:** [www.healthygourmet.com](http://www.healthygourmet.com)

## **Agenda:**

9:00 Welcome

9:30 Gathering Our Voice, “Foodways & Byways of NCW”

10:00 Regional Success Sampler

10:30 Break

10:45 Local Success Sampler

Lunch Healthy Gourmet - Sing back to order by Julie Ashmore, “Alive & Ready”

1:00 Building Community From the Ground Up

2:30 Break

2:45 Putting the Pieces Together

4:00 Adjourn to Wine Tasting

## **Outcomes for Today:**

- Connect People and Ideas
- Report on Last Year’s Goals
- Identify 5 Key Elements of Sustainability
- Identify 3 Shared Goals for 2011

## **2009 Goals:**

- Convene Regional Food Coalition
- Organize Summit to Match Funders With Organizations Needing Funding
- Develop IRIS as Portal for “All Things Sustainable”
- Create Unified Land Use Vision
- Network Recycling Community

### **Gathering Our Voice – Foodways & Byways Audio Slide Show**

Themes illustrated so far include self-reliance, supporting neighbors, and sharing. Suggestions include adding stories about food consumption, water and watershed management, along with those about food production, gathering and marketing. Avoid idealizing the past and integrate the use of technology in future systems. Keep the question about what music people associate with food production. See [www.gatheringourvoice.org](http://www.gatheringourvoice.org) to view the audio slide show and for more information about how to volunteer and also to contribute to the challenge grant for the project.

### **Success Sampler**

One theme that emerged from all stories includes the importance of individual and community commitment from regional to the local level. This commitment is critical to build the support base for local businesses, such as recycling, and other actions that involve adapting to change and making something new seem like something familiar and accepted.

### **Building Community From the Ground Up** – What do these models have in common?

Building on legacy of self reliance, survival

Being a good listener

Little capital, lots of time - sustainable regional energy

Meeting and doing and producing tangible outcomes

Balance of social interaction and internal business

Working at multiple scales, e.g., local success impacts tied to global vision

Effective and meaningful communication

Passing on generational knowledge

Breaking down barriers and building bridges

Focusing on agreements, not disagreements

Identifying common ground, e.g., “don’t let perfect be the enemy of good”

Forming partnerships instead of going it alone

Multigenerational collaboration

Being open to contributions of all abilities and resources

Gumption, passion, and trust - small group of people can make a huge difference

Hope, not fear

Sense of community and belonging, feeling of security

Extending sense of community to the environment

Food, music and neighborhood sharing

### **Elements of Sustainability**

A pooled list of elements was solicited from Summit participants and then grouped into categories by facilitators and other volunteers as follows:

#### **Heart** (overarches everything)

Happiness, contentment

Positive vision of the future, hope that we have the ability to effect change

Trust, social well-being

Attitude and gumption - focus on what can be done, rather than what can’t

Gratitude, compassion, appreciation

Personal commitment & contribution  
Fun, celebration and beauty  
Fostering a “new normal” way of acting

### **Healthy Natural Systems**

Care of earth and natural resources  
Enhancing environment  
Protected water resources  
Healthy natural systems  
Environmental stewardship  
Stewardship across natural resources and community  
Healthy viable natural resources  
Protect shared resources, public land from further development  
Provide access and enjoyment to generate interest in protecting

### **Meeting basic needs**

Well-fed neighbors  
Security  
Sense of community  
Increase access to local foods  
Use technology to connect past successes to our future security

### **Educated Communities**

Educated communities  
Enlivened and learning organizations  
Learning communities  
Connect younger generations directly with grandparents & elders  
Broaden educational programs to include whole communities, not just schools

### **Cultural & Political Diversity & Collaboration**

Community buy-in  
Collaboration & partnerships  
Cooperation & collaboration  
Bridging barriers, common goals  
Equal access and use of resources  
Communication network, portal  
Shared responsibility  
Common elements that bridge politics  
Listening and acceptance

### **Strong, resilient, compatible economy**

Compatible economics with local sustainable community health  
Local and community-driven  
Developing renewable energy sources (compost, wind, hydropower, biomass)  
Strong local economy  
Diversify local farm offerings, farmer’s markets  
Pragmatism and resiliency  
Decrease demand for resource intensive products from outside our region

## **Five Top Priority Elements of Sustainability**

Using poker chips to symbolize their own investment of time and resources in the coming year participants ranked the elements of sustainability for action:

1. Healthy Natural Systems (43 chips)
2. Meeting Basic Needs (33)
3. Cultural and Political Diversity and Collaboration (25)
4. Educated Communities (18)
5. Strong, Resilient, Compatible Economy (17)

## **Priority Goals for 2011:**

### **Healthy Natural Systems**

*Host Shrub Steppe Restoration Workshop* – Work with the Shrub Steppe Partnership in SCW and The Nature Conservancy to conduct 2011 workshop designed to help implement the Arid Lands Initiative.

Action team leads & co-leads: Chuck Warner, Julie Connelly, Nancy Warner  
Contributors:

*Host NCW Conservation Success Summit* – Build on partnerships and results of the Shrub Steppe Restoration Workshop to design a broader Summit in 2012 that will link conservation successes across habitat types and land use to jobs for local community members in restoring healthy ecosystems. Explore potential for setting up regional restoration council to help set priorities for mitigation funds.

Action team leads & co-leads: IRIS , NCW RC&D, EDD, TU, Conservation Districts, Land Trusts, Okanogan Highlands Alliance, Wenatchee Valley College  
Contributors: private landowners, business owners, conservation groups,

### **Meeting Basic Needs**

*NCW Food Coalition* – Continue the process initiated in 2010 including integration with the “Foodways & Byways” project of Gathering Our Voice.

Action team members: Existing and additional Food Coalition participants  
Contributors:

### **Cultural & Political Diversity & Collaboration**

*Design web portal* - Work with regional committee to assess existing platforms and projects and to design phased development. Use WebEx and other communication tools as much as possible to connect people with design process.

Action team members: Julie Ashmore, Maureen Sheimo, Kristi Laguzza Boosman, Nancy Bolomey, Nancy Warner  
Contributors: Michael Pilarski

## **Wrap-Up & Next Steps**

Participant list will be provided to all who attended along with a link to a survey which will be used to evaluate the success of the Summit. Notes, short success stories and updates will be posted on [www.irisncw.org](http://www.irisncw.org) along with a link to the draft “Foodways & Byways” program. All are asked to review the priority action team lists and let Nancy know of their interest in joining any of them. The Summit adjourned at 4:00 with the option of winetasting with Ray Sandidge Jr.