



Please circle the **top three**, highest priority strategies that you believe should be included in our NWCT Regional Plan of Conservation & Development:

**Strategies to address housing affordable to the workforce:**

- Continue to support the efforts of local housing organizations to build housing affordable to the workforce through the NWCT Regional Housing Council.
- Work with local zoning commissions to provide them with “zoning best practices” that allow for the creation of housing affordable to the workforce.
- Encourage larger local employers to invest in workforce housing solutions such as providing on-site homebuyer education classes, down payment assistance and in some cases, rental assistance or new housing development.
- Work with local zoning commissions to provide them with “zoning best practices” that promote compact mixed use (housing and commercial) village/town centers.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Strategies to address number of working-age residents:**

- Work with municipalities and partners in the region to promote programs and services that attract and retain young adults and young families.
- Work with partners in the region to better link the region’s high school and college students to job opportunities with existing employers.
- Work with local zoning commissions to provide them with “zoning best practices” that promote compact mixed use (housing and commercial) village/town centers.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Strategies to retain vitality in village center areas:**

- Support local economic development committees efforts to carry out the “best practices” on the Summit handout including business visitations and encouraging/facilitating Main Street activities.
- Support tourism marketing activities that draw visitors to our 21-town region.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Strategies to address high speed internet and spotty cell phone coverage:**

- Support NWCONNect’s efforts to connect every home and business in the region to high speed fiber optic broadband and deploy a distributed mobile antenna system to enhance mobile coverage.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Strategies to grow the agricultural economy in NWCT:**

- Support the NWCT Food Hub, an aggregation and distribution center for locally grown food.
- Work with local zoning commissions to adopt “farm friendly” regulations.
- Collaborate with local land trusts and towns to provide access to land for new farmers and assist with succession planning for farmers who’d like to retire.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Please feel free to add any other specific strategy ideas on back of this form.***