

Three Rivers Community Roundtable  
Community Forum  
Thursday March 8, 2007

**Candidate Ideas-**

Aquatics Center (3)

Community Master Plan

Consolidation of the 3 Cities (9)

- Of mindset
- Community as a whole in the planning process
- Define what it means
- Institutionalize the process to get big things done and function as one
- Quantify it, will it solve a problem? Improve things?
- Speak with one voice, but keep individual niches (makes us more attractive to recruiting workers tourism)
- Of hospitals, schools, ports, utilities, health services, etc
- Functional Consolidation (i.e., emergency response, hospitals, etc.)
- Balance of economy
- More Clout = More Money
- Uniform Vision
- Branding

Expanded tourism/image enhancement (water/weather/wine)

- Identity as a recreational destination (golf, wine, water)
- Resort Development

Improve transportation options (airline traffic and high speed rail) (5)

- Rail to Seattle
- Viaduct

Quality of life (2)

Education (3)

- Expansion
- Make outcomes of K-12 education system the envy of our state. (Prepare them to be good citizens)
- Diversification

Jobs Diversification

Regional Facilities

Be an energy solutions provider in a carbon constrained world

Nuclear Medicine (Isotope Industry, GNEP (nuclear power “green”))

Redeploy Vista Field (use that land)

Take advantage of nuclear heritage

Promote Tourism

Identify and reserve the benefits of our natural environment

Promotion of our region as a great place to be live work and play

Rivershore enhancement (4)

- Utilize the river front
- Embracing the Rivers
- Heart of the Tri-Cities
- Columbia Park and River Park Trail and tie into River Park corridor.
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Attract more young professionals (2)

WSU Science and Tech Park (2)

- (high – tech High School and campus housing for WSU)
- Enhance higher education applied research park = products/jobs
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Livable Community (Theme parks, aquatic center, rivershore enhancement, international airport)

Hanford redevelopment (nuclear power generation, economic diversification)

Continued development

Economic Development

GNEP Sustainable Cluster Energy

Black Rock

Regional Identity- changing outside perceptions to attract business and tourism

Create defined target area, retain and expand current business.

GNEP- Global nuclear energy partnership (2)

More Research and Technology (2)  
- Recruiting tech companies

Regional Multipurpose Arena  
- Seating for 12,000 ppl

Community Master Plan  
- Ready, Aim, Fire  
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**Criteria-**

Nice place to raise a family

Diversify From Hanford clean-up

Promote strong economic development

Improve our quality of life-continued investment

Grow our community/ies

Provide growing local higher education opportunities

Stimulate Economy

Regional priority

Keep and attract young adults

Create a sense of community

Family Oriented

Strong Business Climate

Attract young business professionals

Use our strengths

Cultural Diversity

Quality of Life and Economic Development (2)

Utilize strengths and resources

Impacts all generations

Benefit to whole area

**Impossible Dream-**

Tri-Cities being the home of a major University Research Campus

Consolidation (5)

- make us more business friendly
- make solid steps every year. Leverage leadership Tri-Cities
- Who are we as a region?
- don't limit thinking
- reset our current mindset

Viaduct from Seattle (put along Columbia River)

Education- Creating one vision

Coordination

Competing interests in Olympia for Money

Education

**Extraneous Notes-**

“From Wine to Twine”

It's all possible as long as we work together.

We haven't finished what we've started (community education, post Hanford)

Need future Leaders

Ridges to Bridges System