

Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Agricultural Preservation & Land Use Plan



Natural Resources Worksheet

Focus Group Members:

We need your help understanding the Natural Resources Issues and Opportunities for shaping the future of Jefferson County.

Use this worksheet to review the Issues and Opportunities identified through the initial public engagement opportunities. The conversation starters identified within this worksheet will be used during the meeting, so think through these items, provide your notes, and be ready to share!

Please bring this sheet with you to the focus group meeting or send it to pchellevoid@srfconsulting.com if you are unable to attend!

Initial Public Outreach Themes

- Explore alternative and renewable energy - solar and geothermal
- Maintaining high level water resources/water quality
- Utilizing uses on slopes
- Promotion and maintenance of County parks, management areas including Global Heritage
- Expanding parks and outdoor recreation to meet demands
- Maintaining air quality levels
- Emergency preparedness and planning for and adapting to climate change
- Controlling and management of invasive species

What role can/should the County serve to promote and preserve Natural Resources?

What is the purpose of County preservation areas? Recreation or habitat protection?

What natural areas in the County should be preserved?

How can the County plan for flooding events? Are there specific areas of the County where you see this as a particular concern?

Should the County invest in flood mitigation projects?

What is the status of water quality of the County's lakes, rivers, and streams?

Is there a good mix of diverse habitats currently being protected?

In reviewing initial outreach themes to date, are there any other themes that need to be considered in these plans?

Other thoughts?