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The purpose of this file is to aid the Sandpoint Sustainability Committee in the development of its Sustainability Checklist by organizing sustainability questions from Committee members based on the Sandpoint Comprehensive Plan review.

This file has three substantive worksheets: **Questions Matrix**, **Consolidated Questions**, and

### **Chapter Titles**

The **Questions Matrix** worksheet contains the raw questions as submitted by Committee members matrixed against thematic categories.

Each question can be applicable to multiple thematic categories.

Katrina included comments on cells where the link to the committee definition of 'sustainability' was unclear - the Committee should discuss these.

Comp Plan chapters are included for reference.

The **Consolidated Questions** worksheet contains questions from the **Questions Matrix** but consolidates those that are similar into one question. These consolidated questions are categorized under the same thematic categories as the **Questions Matrix**.

The **Chapter Titles** worksheet contains a list of Sandpoint Comprehensive Plan chapter numbers, titles, and if the Committee member questions were submitted and included in this file.

Question	Comp Plan Chapter		
		City Administration	External Communications
Has Sandpoint established an Office of Sustainability?	1	X	
Does Sandpoint have a comprehensive environmental and sustainability plan?	1		
Does Sandpoint have an effective method of communicating sustainability policies to employees and residents?	2	X	X
Has Sandpoint mandated energy reductions with stated goals and timetables?	2		
Has Sandpoint utilized or invested in sustainable energy sources such as solar, wind, and geothermal systems?	2		
Does Sandpoint have a dark skies lighting code that is implemented and enforced?	2		
Does Sandpoint have a plan for balancing recreational use of green spaces with environmental protection and stewardship?	2		
Does Sandpoint encourage the construction of green building projects?	2		
Does Sandpoint have a policy to preserve and protect open space?	2		
Does Sandpoint encourage the upgrading of grass playing fields over the installation of synthetic turf fields and prohibit the use of recycled crumb rubber on playgrounds?	2		
Does Sandpoint operate a municipal composting facility?	2		
Does Sandpoint provide space for community gardens?	2		
Does Sandpoint have an effective recycling program that is fully embraced by the community?	2		
Does Sandpoint provide curbside pickup of garden waste for residents?	2		
Does Sandpoint provide convenient "toxics" collection, including prescription drugs?	2		
Does Sandpoint encourage green renovation projects?	3		
Does Sandpoint actively encourage adaptive re-use over virgin development?	3		
Does Sandpoint have an urban forestry plan?	3		
Do Sandpoint's development standards and design guidelines have sustainability mandates?	3	X	
What is our City policy to preserve and protect open space? How is the protection of open space supported by our zoning code? How is open space being incorporated into new residential areas, including areas with multi-family development?	4	X	

What is our tree protection and planting policy? How is the protection and planting of trees supported by our zoning code and city programs? What about forest habitat and riparian corridors? How are heritage trees being protected? Neighborhood tree canopies? Trees for shading and cooling?	4	X	
What are City policies concerning the use of herbicides and pesticides on on City property including public parks and rights-of-way? What type of training do City workers receive concerning purchase and use of herbicides and pesticides? What notice does the public receive if herbicides and pesticides are used on City property?	4		X
What is our City policy related to the management of non-native species, invasive species, and noxious weeds? How are the policies supported by the zoning code? What is the enforcement?	4		
What sustainability factors were considered when the City opted to install synthetic turf instead of grass at Memorial Field? Are there other public recreation areas in Sandpoint where artificial materials are being used in place of natural materials? If so, how is sustainability incorporated into these decisions?	4		
Is sustainability a consideration when purchasing or using vehicles or equipment for the construction and maintenance of City property or performance of City services? How is sustainability considered when hiring contractors for construction and maintenance of City property?	4	X	
Does Sandpoint operate a municipal composting facility? What percentage of the City's solid waste stream is comprised of compostable materials? Where could compostable materials be used on City property in place of purchased fertilizers?	4		
Is there demand for more City-sponsored community gardens? Are there opportunities to create tool co-ops, training and other programs to encourage local residents to participate in community gardening?	4		
How is Sandpoint's walkability promoted in policies and zoning within the core of the town and the expanding areas of residential and commercial growth?	4		
How is Sandpoint's bike ability promoted in policies and zoning within the core of the town and the expanding areas of residential and commercial growth?	4		
How is sustainability being considered in the reclamation and reuse of brownfields within City limits?	4		
How are builders and contractors encouraged to use sustainable design and building materials?	4		
How are wildlife habitat and wildlife movement corridors protected by policy or zoning?	4		

Where are posted speed limits routinely exceeded on City roads? What opportunities exist to design / manage roads for posted speeds to maintain neighborhood character and facilitate walkability and public safety?	5		
What is the City's plan to address sidewalk infrastructure and walkability issues within existing and future neighborhoods to maintain year-round pedestrian connectivity?	5		
How does Sandpoint encourage the construction of green building projects and renovations for City-sponsored projects and private development?	5	X	
How and where does Sandpoint encourage mixed-use zoning projects?	5		
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How does Sandpoint incorporate green-building practices into City projects? How are greenbuilding practices required or promoted to private residential developers and contractors?	5	X	
What are Sandpoint policies regarding the use of healthy building materials and furnishings in town-owned buildings? How does the City promote the use of healthy building materials in private housing?	5	X	
Does Sandpoint have a policy regarding wireless technology, including cell towers, distributed antenna systems, smart meters and wireless routers to reduce health risks to the general public?	5	X	
How does the City ensure that public amenities (parks, community gardens, dog parks, recreation areas etc.) are equitably distributed throughout the town in existing and future neighborhoods?	5		
How is the City supporting the formation of active neighborhood associations to encourage public engagement of residents throughout the town?	5	X	
What is the current status and trend of Sandpoint's housing stock and neighborhood/City services as it relates to development and our aging demographic?	5		
Does Sandpoint continue to explore the feasibility of a western bypass for Highway 2?	6		
Has progress been made on a multiuse path on Division Ave, as outlined in the Improvement Concept Plan. Since Division St. includes three schools and the library; is this a high priority project? Has re-routing of truck activity on Division Ave. been given further consideration?	6		
Does Sandpoint have any plans to complete a car free, multi use path from the Syringa trail on Pine street or the Pine street Woods to City Beach?	6		

What is the timeline for completion of Sandpoint city sidewalks and multi use paths? Are federal grants available for completion of this work?	6		
Has Sandpoint considered enacting a 20 mph speed limit within City limits to protect pedestrians and bicyclists? Could Sandpoint position more radar speed signs within the City limits?	6		
Has Sandpoint conducted a poll to determine what improvements would increase the likelihood of bicycle use by city residents?	6		
Has Sandpoint considered creating a car-free zone in the business district on First Ave?	6		
Does Sandpoint have plans to install additional bike racks in the business district downtown?	6		
Has Sandpoint considered adding additional lighting and a pathway for pedestrians utilizing the Amtrak passenger rail route?	6		
Does Sandpoint have plans to install additional EV charging stations?	6		
Does Sandpoint have a plan or protocol in the event of a train derailment and potential release of hazardous materials or toxic chemicals?	6	X	
Does Sandpoint have any plans to connect The Pine Street Woods to downtown with a car-free multi use path?	7		
Does Sandpoint have any plans to create a dog park downtown?	7		
Does Sandpoint have any plans to create additional community gardens?	7		
Does Sandpoint have any plans to create additional space for picnic or park benches in the downtown area?	7		
Has Sandpoint identified any additional areas in the downtown area for public green spaces?	7		
Do new proposed system wide utility costs (i.e., not developer paid "growth pays for growth"), consider the environmental and sustainability impacts alongside other considerations?	8		
Do new city utility and infrastructure projects consider the near and long-term costs and benefits of incorporating energy efficiency and sustainability features into project design?	8	X	
Are lifecycle costs and benefits evaluated for new city utility and infrastructure projects?	8	X	
Have energy audits been conducted on all city owned facilities, with the results and recommendations presented to the City Council?	8	X	
Does the city have a clean energy goal for on-site production at city-owned facilities or purchase from energy providers?	8	X	

Are there strategic plans for maximizing utility upgrade or replacement investments?	8	X	
Does the city have a recycling goal or a reduction goal for city waste sent to landfill?	8	X	
Does the city promote composting for residents to reduce waste sent to landfill?	8		
Does the city have a policy in place for the purchase of electric or alternative fuel vehicles for new city-owned vehicles?	8	X	
Does the city have a tree protection and planting policy?	8		
Does the city have a goal to transition to sustainable materials within city operations?	8	X	
Given the income disparity – What is Sandpoint able to do to maintain a housing stock that is available for our workforce and long-term residents? Does Sandpoint with neighboring communities to support workforce housing?	9		
As housing prices continue to rise, what are Sandpoint plans to handle the increased traffic on our local roads?	9		
What is the impact of the URAs sunsetting in 2029? Is Sandpoint be looking at other opportunities for replacing what these provided?	9	X	
What is Sandpoint’s plan for maintaining and educating our workforce?	9		
Does Sandpoint have a plan to entice the next generation to stay in the area instead of moving away? It might be worth looking at what percentage of our next gen is leaving our community.	9	X	
As the airport continues to grow, is Sandpoint doing anything to abate the noise of aircraft flying over the town?	10		
As the area around the airport is a Northern URA and RAA, does Sandpoint have plans to continue to develop this to enhance the economic value of the lands surrounding the airport in a sustainable manner?	10	X	
As the airport and surrounding areas are developed will citizen and neighbor community stakeholders be included in the decision making and promote more sustainable lifestyles?	10		X
Does Sandpoint have a plan to mitigate drainage as the area around the airport is developed creating more impermeable surfaces? Is the drainage into Sandcreek being considered as development happens?	10		
Since Sand Creek is designated as a “natural environmental feature of major importance,” what storm water runs into the creek from Sandpoint and how is it treated and monitored?	11		
Continuing with efforts to control invasive species, should we have an “Invasive Species Boat Check” at city beach?	11	X	

How are we protecting our urban forests and natural landscape that surround our waterways, along Sand Creek, City Beach?	11	X	
Are we educating and supporting the importance of non pesticide use in lawns and parks that eventually run off into our waterways? This also helps to protect our aquatic and avian species.	11		X
How are we protecting our viewsheds with all the development along the lake? 6 listed: Baldy, Sand Creek, City Beach, City Gateway, Memorial Field & Lakeview Park	11		
Are we enforcing our Dark Sky code to enhance our well being, and protect migrating birds and our nighttime pollinators?	11		
How will the city mitigate damages and protect our residents against natural disasters and hazardous spills?	11		
In what ways is Sandpoint working with Bonner County to align with the BOCO Hazard Mitigation Plan and a county wide disaster preparedness plan?	11	X	
How is the city promoting and incentivizing water conservation?	11		
How do we promote and support low emission modes of transportation such as ride sharing, bicycling, walking, and transit?	11		
What ways can we maintain and improve air quality and minimize noise pollution?	11		
<i>"Economical"</i>	N/A		
Does the activity enhance economic viability?	N/A		
Does the activity ensure effective and efficient use of Public funds?	N/A	X	
Does the activity promote maximum use of resources with minimum negative impact on the environment?	N/A		
Does the activity help attract investment in local enterprises?	N/A		
Does the activity comply with all local, state and federal regulations?	N/A		
Does the activity provide for future funding and training?	N/A		
Does the activity have sufficient research and stakeholder engagement?	N/A		X
Does the activity consider future financial funding and obligations?	N/A		
<i>"Social"</i>	N/A		
Does the activity provide social responsibility?	N/A		
Does the activity seek to enhance the health and well being of all citizens?	N/A		
Does the activity include citizen and neighbor community stakeholders in decision making and promote more sustainable lifestyles?	N/A		

Does the activity enhance local culture and heritage and increase citizen's understanding of their area?	N/A		
Does the activity contribute to a cleaner and safer environment, help to reduce anti-social behavior and / or create green space?	N/A		
Does the activity have a lifecycle assessment?	N/A	X	
Does the activity provide for adaptation of population growth and change?	N/A		
Does the activity impact citizens legal and inherent rights?	N/A		
<i>"Environmental"</i>	N/A		
Does the activity create an environmental impact?	N/A		
Does the activity promote energy efficiency and consider the use of renewable energy sources?	N/A		
Does the activity seek to minimize green house gas emissions and prepare for the impact of a changing climate where relevant?	N/A		
Does the activity seek to minimize waste particularly waste going to land fills, and promote recycling?	N/A		
Does the activity seek to minimize the use of natural resources and toxic materials and control pollution?	N/A		
Does the activity provide for new and changing social lifestyles?	N/A		
Does the activity promote and protect conservation of natural resources?	N/A		
Does the activity impact citizens legal and inherent rights?	N/A		

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Energy Sources & Use	Lighting	Green // Open Spaces	Forestry	Recreation	Construction	Waste Management	Pesticides
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<b>Disasters</b>
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<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Committee Checklist Questions In the Matrix?</b>
1	Introduction	Y
2	Community Vision	Y
3	Community Character and Design	Y
4	Land Use and Growth	Y
5	Housing and Neighborhoods	Y
6	Multimodal Transportation	Y
7	Parks, Recreation, Trails	Y
8	Public Facilities, Services & Utilities	Y
9	Jobs & Economic Development	Y
10	Airport Facility	Y
11	Natural Resources and Hazards	Y
12	Implementation	Y
N/A	These questions are from Wayne's Comp Plan review and not tied to a specific chapter	

