

Community Engagement Ideas for the Sustainability Plan- Sandpoint Sustainability Committee UPDATED 11/12/25

- Surveys related to different focus areas: IE: Sustainable Transportation and Mobility - What would most encourage you to walk or bike around town? Options: Safer bike lanes, More sidewalks, a new pair of sneakers, Nothing would encourage me
- Round Tables at Library or coffee chats at Evans Bothers to discuss with small focus groups specific topics relating to the Sustainability Plan. Could include members from groups like POP or Kaniksu Land Trust.
- Town Hall meeting - once a draft plan is complete.
- Sustainability Education Program with Uof I Grad Students. Co-hosted with Sustainability Committee member (McCall did this)
- Attend City of Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Sustainability Committee Articles in the Reader and Daily Bee
- Meetings-in-a-box (McCall idea)
- Put together a calendar of local Volunteer opportunities

Events:

- Find out from McCall how they ran their EV Demo Day, Arbor Day and Fall Festival Events
- Attend Wellness Fest 9/2026
- Pend Oreille Water Festival (Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District) (Gail Bolin)
- Earth Day Event
- Teen Center. Middle School/High school. Hedge school. Waldorf. Sustainable Cartoon Drawings? Sustainable Trivia??

Interviews:

Interviews can be conducted with anyone in the community who may have input for the Sustainability Plan. Anyone who has worked on, designed or implemented past Sandpoint improvement projects (Big or small).

The Sustainability Committee members will develop a template slate of basic questions for some uniformity. These interviews can be face-to-face or e-mailed. Ask questions like; What went well with the project? What did not go well? What would you change? How?

- City Council members. “A Sandpoint Sustainability chat with City Council Member elect Joe Tate”. Can be useful information for SC, and also for publication in the READER.
- AVISTA. Interested in knowing the percentage of electricity in Sandpoint produced by Hydro, and if they have a plan to go 100% renewable, with timeline. Also interested in the feasibility of a Community Solar Program.
- Waste Management - Interested in knowing where our trash goes. Oregon???
- Idaho Conservation League
- Department of Lands
- Richard Kuhnel (Developed the sunken plant guilds in downtown sidewalk areas)
- City of Dover
- Pacific Steel Recycling facility in Ponderay
- Ace Cardboard Recycling - A division of Panhandle Special Needs INC.

Other Organizations to Partner with:

- POP
- Kaniksu Land Trust (Aster Garden Center)
- Bonner County Master Gardeners
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society
- Bonner County Historical Society Museum
- Master Naturalists
- Idaho Master Forest Stewards