

PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS REPORT

The Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) has provided a Resource Team to assist the Town of Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming, in evaluating the community assets and liabilities, and in developing suggestions for improving the future for social, economic and environmental growth of Town of Star Valley Ranch.

The Town of Star Valley Ranch requested a five-year follow up community assessment from the Wyoming Rural Development Council. The Town of Star Valley Ranch, the Star Valley Ranch Association, and local town leaders served as the community contact and took the lead in agenda development, logistics, and publicity for the assessment. Resource Team members were selected to visit, interview citizens, business, and community leaders to develop a plan of recommended action for Town of Star Valley Ranch. The team members were carefully selected based on their fields of expertise that the Town of Star Valley Ranch officials indicated would be needed to respond to the problem areas identified. It should be noted that the original Resource Team of 2006 was invited back to do the 2010 assessment.

The Resource Team toured the town and interviewed over 250 people in 11 listening sessions and town meeting over a three-day period from August 23-25, 2010. The team received over 50 written responses. The team interviewed representatives from the following segments of the community: Town of Star Valley Ranch Town Council, Directors of the Star Valley Ranch Association, employees of both the town and the association, county officials, public safety group, Star Valley Chamber of Commerce, seniors and youth.

Many of these people had reviewed the questions with their respective businesses or organizations and were representing many people at the listening sessions. Each participant was asked to respond to three questions designed to begin communication and discussion, and to serve as a basis for developing the action plan. The three questions were:

What do you think are the major problems and challenges in Town of Star Valley Ranch?

What do you think are the major strengths and assets in Town of Star Valley Ranch?

What projects would you like to see implemented in 2, 5, 10, or 20 years in Town of Star Valley Ranch?

Upon completion of the interviews, the team met to compare notes and share comments following two days of intense study. The team then agreed that each team member would carefully analyze the things said, synthesize what they heard with their knowledge of programs and resources, prepare their notes and suggestions, and then forward these items to be combined into WRDC's final report to the Town of Star Valley Ranch.

The oral report was presented to the officials of Town of Star Valley Ranch on August 25, 2010, and many citizens who participated were in attendance. Following the oral report, this formal written report is presented to the Town of Star Valley Ranch.