



WALLOWA COUNTY

Community Energy Strategic Plan

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHEET

This is a short update on The County's new Community Energy Strategic Planning Process, now lifting off the ground. This is important to every segment of our community—from residential to Ag to business and beyond. An 11-member Leadership Team has been formed and is committing several hours a month over the coming 18 months, to make sure the whole spectrum of county concerns and interests are addressed and reap benefits.

Here's why it matters to us:

- Energy Touches Everything!
- Energy is a critical component of the County's economy—and we all together use \$30-\$40 Million each year to heat, cool, travel and otherwise power our homes and businesses. And cost rises every year.
- Sadly most of these dollars currently leave our community.
- Our energy infrastructure is aging and has limited capacity.
- We are “end-of-the-line” communities at higher risk for power shut downs due to catastrophic fire and extreme weather and other occurrences.

A Community Energy Strategic Plan is a proven way to:

- Identify new opportunities to lower energy costs for everyone,
- To keep energy dollars here, working locally,
- To stimulate the local economy by:
 - » Increasing energy efficiency of buildings and processes,
 - » Increasing local renewable energy generation,
 - » Creating and supporting local energy jobs, including training for young people,
- Insure Community Energy Resilience—the ability to power critical services during non-routine power outages.

This is a plan to get important stuff done!

- It's a broad “ground-up” process that will include many local voices from Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Ag, Transportation, Business and other sectors of our communities via stakeholder working groups.
- Creates a blue print for the next 10 -20 years and coordinates with other planning, such as those for secure health care delivery, hazard mitigation, etc.
- Delivers a comprehensive prioritized list of local energy opportunities, with short and long-term strategies for funding and making projects happen.
- It's a dynamic plan, designed to change and keep pace with changes.

The Origins:

- We're using a planning guide developed by US Department of Energy and that has already been successfully used by many communities.
- See reverse side for Wallowa County Leadership Team Org Chart.

A Leadership Team members role is to:

- Help create and then work with a small group of business stakeholders to make sure the plan includes what matters to all of us,
- Make recommendations for final decision-making,
- Keep you and others in the community up to date on developments and clued in to opportunities.

Your Opportunity:

- Step up if you want to learn more about participating in the business, Ag, Education, Residential—or another stake-holder group...or just want more information.
- You'll be hearing more about this and how to become involved in coming weeks.

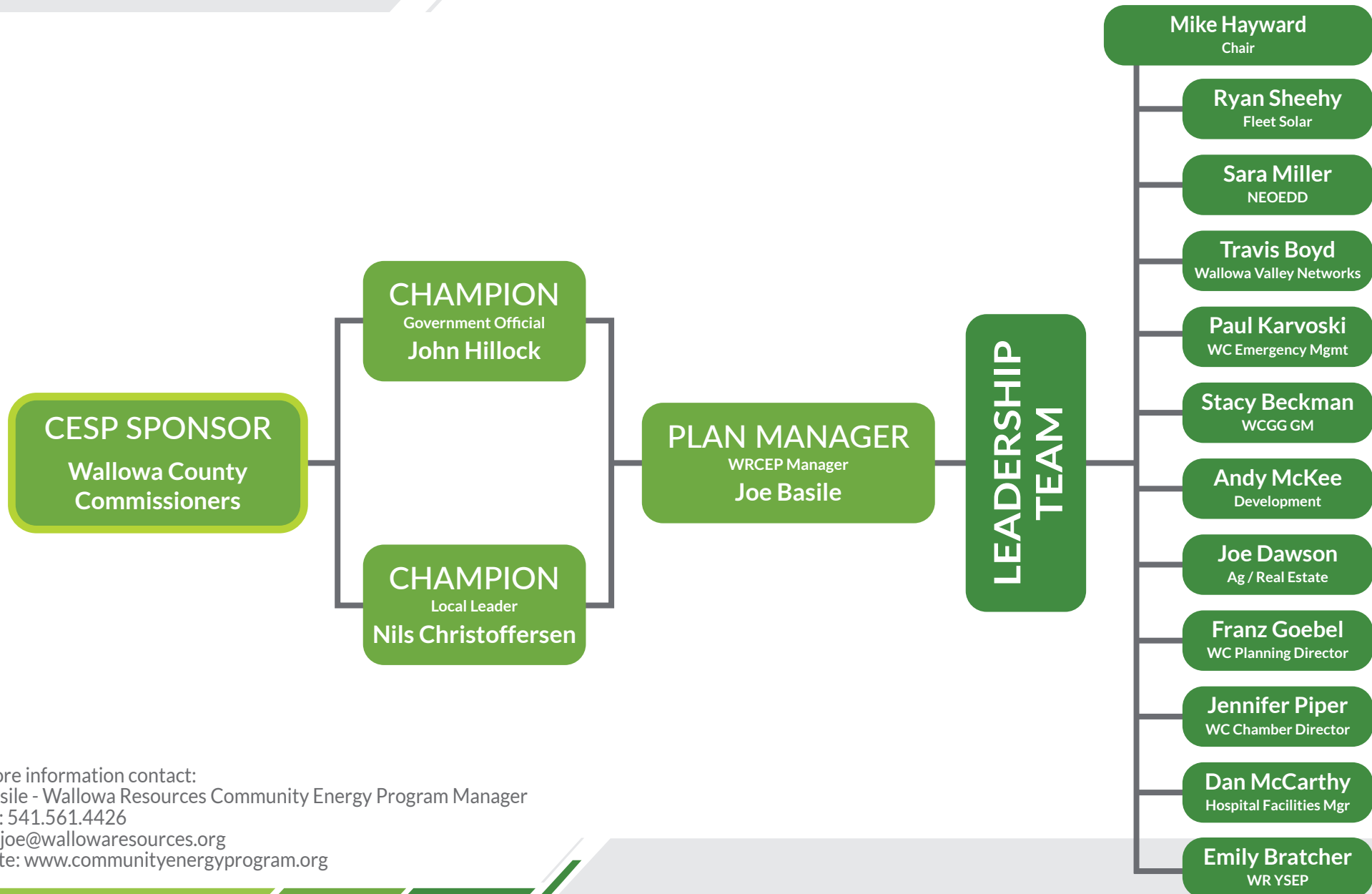
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