



# SISTERS VISION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

ANNUAL VISION PROGRESS UPDATE

JULY 2019 – JULY 2020

**Welcome** to the 2019/20 Sisters Vision Implementation Team’s Annual Progress Update. This document was created at the end of the VIT’s first year and offers a summary of the progress on the Sisters Country Vision from July 2019 to July 2020.

The Sisters Country Vision and Action Plan was a collaborative community process that began in 2017 and concluded in 2018. The Sisters Country Vision Action Plan was adopted by Sisters City Council and other key partners in early 2019. The Vision Implementation Team was formed in July 2019.

**Action Items are color-coded as shown in the table key below:**

<b>Blue Background</b>	<b>Vision Strategy, as seen in the 2018 Vision Action Plan</b>
<b>Yellow Background</b>	<b>Action item/activity included in the original Vision Action Plan, which has seen progress in the past year</b>
<b>Red Text</b>	<b>Action item/activity included in the Vision Action Plan, that has seen no work completed in the past year, or the team has decided not to pursue (for now)</b>
<b>Green Background</b>	<b>New action item/activity not included in the original Vision Action Plan, which one or more partners decided to take on in service to the Vision Strategy and is currently in progress</b>
<b>Purple Background</b>	<b>Action item/activity that has been completed!</b>

# FOCUS AREA: RESILIENT SISTERS

RESILIENT STRATEGY 1 Urgent Care Center	Pursue establishment of a comprehensive urgent care facility in Sisters, providing walk-in and related ambulatory care and medical services for a rapidly growing population and increasing numbers of tourists.  <i>VIT Strategy Lead(s): Deschutes County</i>	
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<b>1. Needs Analysis &amp; Medical Provider Engagement</b> Deschutes County and City of Sisters participated in discussions with potential providers, including St. Charles, Mosaic, and Your Care, based in Redmond. A partnership model between Your Care and St. Charles is the most promising option. Discussions will continue post-COVID. Discussions with YOUR CARE/Dr. Wattenburg and St. Charles to understand opportunities and barriers. Ongoing discussions with County and City of Sisters to pursue a partnership model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Your Care (Dr. Wattenburg)</li> <li>● St. Charles Health System</li> <li>● City of Sisters</li> </ul>	<b>Work started:</b> July 2019  <b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing (On hold due to COVID-19)
<b>2. Gaps/Barriers Analysis</b> As part of the discussions with potential providers, Deschutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deschutes County</li> <li>● City of Sisters</li> <li>● St. Charles Health System</li> </ul>	<b>Work started:</b> July 2019

County and City of Sisters have identified key financial and logistical barriers, and are working with providers to develop a viable model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Care</li> </ul>	<b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing (On hold due to COVID-19)
<b>3. Close Gaps &amp; Eliminate Barriers</b> Partners are currently engaged in developing the most viable model for a partnership that would address major barriers and gaps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deschutes County</li> <li>City of Sisters</li> <li>St. Charles Health System</li> <li>Your Care</li> </ul>	<b>Work started:</b> July 2019  <b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing (On hold due to COVID-19)

<b>RESILIENT STRATEGY 2 Communications Connectivity</b>	<b>Improve communications connectivity and infrastructure (telecommunications, broadband, mobile and Internet services) in Sisters Country with special attention paid to underserved areas.</b>  <b>VIT Strategy Lead(s): EDCO</b>	
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<b>1. FirstNet Communications Tower</b> AT&T is working with landowners to determine the location for a communications tower.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District</li> <li>AT&amp;T</li> <li>First Net</li> </ul>	<b>Work started:</b> 2019 ( <i>ongoing since 2018</i> )  <b>Work completed:</b> 2021 ( <i>projected</i> )
<b>2. Underserved Areas and Remediation</b> EDCO is currently exploring projects to improve quality and accessibility of broadband in underserved areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EDCO-Sisters</li> </ul>	<b>Work started:</b> 2019  <b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing

<p><b>3. Funding for Increased Communications Connectivity</b> EDCO coordinated and convened meetings with various organizations to pursue Federal funding programs to improve accessibility to quality rural broadband throughout Sisters Country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EDCO-Sisters</li> <li>● USDA</li> <li>● Business Oregon</li> <li>● COIC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESILIENT STRATEGY 3</b> <b>Age Friendly Community</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Support an ‘age-friendly’ community in Sisters Country, encouraging key organizations to share resources and to advocate for issues relevant to all ages and abilities.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VIT Strategy Lead(s): SPRD</b></p>	
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<p><b>1. Inventory of Age Specific Facilities and Programs</b> Age Friendly Sisters compiled resources for the 60+ population for medical and essential services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age Friendly Sisters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> Summer/Fall 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Winter 2019</p>
<p><b>2. Community Calendar</b> C4C and COIC worked with community builders to research options and proposed working with Community Website Partnerships (CWP) to pilot a community website and calendar.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COIC</li> <li>● C4C</li> <li>● Community Website Partnerships</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> January 2020</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing</p>

<p><b>3. Access to Healthy Outdoor Activities - on unincorporated lands</b>          SPRD is assessing the need for outdoor programs to increase access to the outdoors for various age groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sisters Trails Alliance</li> <li>• U.S. Forest Service</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> July 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing</p>
<p><b>4. Access to Healthy Outdoor Activities - within City limits</b>          SPRD and the City selected a new playground design concept that is ADA accessible and multi-aged.</p> <p>Update City Parks Master Plan to reflect public input of service demands.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City of Sisters</li> <li>• City Parks Advisory Board</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> November 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Delayed due to COVID</p>
<p><b>5. Provide Senior Transportation for Medical Services</b>          Age Friendly Sisters received a grant to provide senior transportation to medical appointments (STARS Program) and identified pick-up site in partnership with SPRD.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age Friendly Sisters</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> November 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing</p>

<p align="center"><b>RESILIENT STRATEGY 4</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Fire/Drought Resistant Building and Development Codes</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Review and update City of Sisters and Deschutes County building and development codes to improve and enhance the fire and drought resistance of homes, communities and landscapes in Sisters Country.</b></p> <p align="center"><b><i>VIT Strategy Lead(s): City of Sisters &amp; Deschutes County</i></b></p>	
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<p><b>1. State Regulatory Framework</b> Deschutes County testified at the 2020 Oregon legislative session on the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response. Consensus was formed around a statewide response going forward: create a statewide committee to review land use recommendations. Deschutes County will continue to monitor this process. Next steps will be determined at the special session in July 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deschutes County</li> <li>● Oregon State Legislature</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started: 2019</b></p> <p><b>Work completed: Ongoing</b></p>
<p><b>2. Sisters-Specific Regulatory Framework</b> Following the work of the Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee, the City of Sisters will develop their approach to the committee’s recommendations within Sisters UGB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● City of Sisters</li> <li>● Deschutes County</li> <li>● WMAC</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started: not yet started (estimated start date Fall 2020)</b></p> <p><b>Work completed: N/A</b></p>

<p>3. <b>Retrofits to Critical Infrastructure Other Structures &amp; Landscaping</b> No retrofits have started yet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> not yet started. <b>Work completed:</b> N/A</p>
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<p><b>RESILIENT STRATEGY 5</b> <b>Disaster Preparedness and Response</b></p>	<p>Promote enhanced coordination of disaster preparedness and response efforts in Sisters Country within the statewide network. Improve and enhance natural disaster preparedness and socioeconomic resilience training and education programs.</p> <p><b>VIT Strategy Lead(s): Deschutes County</b></p>	
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<p><b>1. Active Forest Management</b> Deschutes County was awarded a Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Grant to engage the community in presentations of the WMAC recommendations, and gauge public interest in options.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deschutes County</li> <li>• DLCD</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> Spring 2019 (grant award) Project work to begin fall 2020</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> Ongoing</p>
<p><b>2. Models for Active Forest Management</b> No work started yet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> Not started yet. <b>Work completed:</b> N/A</p>
<p><b>3. Economic Uses of Forest Management By-Products</b> No work started yet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> not yet started <b>Work completed:</b> N/A</p>
<p><b>4. Expansion of the Fire Free Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knott Landfill</li> <li>• Deschutes County District Forester</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> Spring 2019</p>

<p>The annual Fire Free Program enables free disposal of yard debris to support community wildfire mitigation efforts. In 2020, the program was expanded from 2 days to 9 days total in May 2020. Staffing support for the fire free days was organized by the County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deschutes County</li> <li>● Project Wildfire</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work completed:</b> May 2019</p>
<p>5. <b>Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee</b>  Deschutes County created the Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee (WMAC). Sisters was well represented by the Fire Chief, City Development Department, and a rural area representative. Together, this committee developed recommendations on 3 key issues: 1) Whether to update County's wildfire hazard map, and how; 2) whether to adopt new state wildfire mitigation building standards (R.327.4); and 3) whether to develop and adopt land use standards. The committee met 9 times in 2019/20 and presented their recommendations to the Oregon State Legislature.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sisters Camp-Sherman Fire District</li> <li>● City of Sisters</li> <li>● Rural Sisters area representative</li> <li>● Deschutes County</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work started:</b> September 2019</p> <p><b>Work completed:</b> March 2020</p>