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## **Our Valley Our Future announces Listening Sessions for third regional Action Plan project**

***Residents will again craft projects and programs that improve the region's quality of life***

WENATCHEE — Our Valley Our Future / Nuestro Valle Nuestro Futuro has announced community listening sessions that will guide development of the region's third Action Plan.

Our Valley Our Future (OVOF) anticipates releasing the new Action Plan, for the years 2027-31, at a public event in January 2027. In addition to the listening sessions, OVOF's community outreach includes a bilingual public survey — available at [bit.ly/surveyovof](https://bit.ly/surveyovof) — and interviews of community leaders and stakeholders.

The following listening sessions have been scheduled. Additional locations will be announced at a later date.

- **Entiat.** April 1, 6:00 p.m. at the Entiat Library
- **Chelan.** April 2, 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
- **Cashmere.** April 2, 3:00 p.m. at the Cashmere Library
- **Waterville.** April 9, 10:30 a.m. at the Waterville Library
- **Orondo.** April 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Orondo Elementary & Middle School
- **Malaga.** April 23, 6:00 p.m. at Koinonia Ministries
- **Manson.** May 7 at 10:00 a.m. at the Manson Library

The listening sessions are free and open to the public. Spanish translation will be provided. The sessions will have guided conversation by a trained facilitator. Feedback from residents will be analyzed and turned into initiatives, projects and programs — known as “action items” and “game changers” — aligned with six “whole of community” focus areas in the Action Plan.

The current Action Plan, released in 2022, expires at the end of this year. Since the first Action Plan released in 2017, more than 100 initiatives, projects and programs have met their objectives and attracted more than \$120 million in funding from outside the region.

More than 20 organizations from Chelan and Douglas counties have signed on as official project partners for this year's “Our Valley Together” project. Partners for the listening sessions include

NCW Libraries, Community for the Advancement of Family Education (CAFÉ), the Chelan Chamber of Commerce, and Orondo School.

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*OVOF's mission is to empower the people and organizations of Our Valley to co-create and achieve our region's shared vision. OVOF is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that conducts community outreach, visioning and planning work, and guides the development of a community-generated Action Plan every five years. OVOF convenes and facilitates community gatherings around various topics, and provides learning opportunities for residents. It also serves at the designated Coalition for Health Improvement in Chelan and Douglas counties. More information at [ourvalleyourfuture.org](http://ourvalleyourfuture.org).*