



Wheeler County Planning Department

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To: Resident or Property Owner
From: Wheeler County Planning Department
Regarding: Wheeler County Economic Opportunities Analysis

Dear Wheeler County Resident or Property Owner,

As part of an economic opportunities analysis - the Wheeler County Planning & Economic Development Department and is seeking input from all residents.

- What is your vision for Wheeler County?
- Do you have a business or would like to start a business here?
- How can the County and its partners support your business goals?
- What types of businesses would you like to see in the County?

Please fill out a brief questionnaire to answer these, and other questions to help guide the County's work. The questionnaire can be filled out online here or in person at the Planning and Economic Development office located at the Wheeler County Courthouse, 701 Adams St., Fossil, OR 97830 or at the project kickoff meeting to be held on **May 5th at 5:30 PM** in the **Isobel Edwards Hall** at the Wheeler County Fairgrounds, **702 Third St., Fossil, OR 97830**.

Who should participate:

All residents of Wheeler County are encouraged to participate in the questionnaire and join us at the Kickoff meeting.

Landowners who may have interest in developing a portion of their property for commercial or industrial uses are particularly encouraged to participate.

How you can participate:

Take a few moments to complete a survey available at wheelercountyoregon.com/planning-dept and/or join us at the project kickoff meeting on **May 5th, 5:30 PM** at **702 Third St., Fossil, OR 97830**. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the project, seek guidance from residents, and determine interest in the formation of a Citizen Advisory Committee to help steer the process going forward.

How you can you find out more:

All are encouraged to reach out to Matt Davis, Director of Land Use Planning and Economic Development directly at (541) 728-1275, mdavis@co.wheeler.or.us, PO Box 447 Fossil, OR 97830

The Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA) intends to document current economic conditions and opportunities in Wheeler County, particularly emphasizing unincorporated areas. The report will use this data as well as additional input gathered from a citizen led committee to formulate updated economic development goals, policies, and action plan. Finally, the project seeks to initiate the implementation of the action plan, including the identification of specific properties as suitable for industrial or other job creating uses. The analysis will be completed in May 2023.

Sincerely,



Matt Davis, Director of Land Use Planning and Economic Development