

# Sisters Country survey launched

Sisters Country Horizons is launching a second survey to gauge which strategies meant to ensure the region’s future livability are supported most by residents.

The online survey launched Monday, July 23, and can be found at [www.sistershorizons.org](http://www.sistershorizons.org).

The strategies have been developed over the past several months through outreach work that has included community leader interviews, a survey, forums, meetings, presentations and events. About 1,200 people have been involved in the process.

More than 50 strategies have been drafted and refined by Sisters Country Horizons participants. They are organized into four focus areas: Prosperous Sisters, Livable Sisters, Resilient Sisters, and Connected Sisters. Among the draft strategies:

- Oregon’s Artisanal Capital: Develop and promote Sisters Country as the “Artisanal Capital of Oregon,” building on its strategic location and spectacular environment, expanding the artisanal economy including visual artists, trades and crafts people, musicians, performance artists, writers,

- brewers, distillers, and farm-to-table chefs.
- Forest Service Property Development: Develop a master plan for a signature development on the U.S. Forest Service property that is compatible with the community’s character and identity, combining mixed-used commercial, residential and recreational facilities that anchor and define the community, create new jobs, and provide housing options.
- Affordable Housing: Increase the availability of affordable housing in Sisters Country, including a comprehensive review of the Sisters Housing Plan (2010), promotion of a diverse mix of housing types, and support for private and volunteer programs that address the issue of housing affordability.

The latest survey asks respondents to select their top five strategies in each of the four focus areas.

“We are asking the community to help us whittle down all these ideas to a short list of top-priority strategies,” says Sisters Mayor Chuck Ryan. “This fall a new citizen Vision Action Team will flesh out a vision action plan with partners including

the City, County, other public agencies, community organizations, and the business community.”

The first Sisters Country Horizons survey — completed by nearly 500 Sisters-area residents between March and May — found residents treasuring the community’s natural environment and small-town feel, and citing growth, traffic and housing as major challenges to the community’s quality of life.

Sisters Country Horizons is a visioning project sponsored by the City of Sisters. Deschutes County and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council are project partners. The Horizons project will run through December 2018 and result in a long-range vision for Sisters Country and a plan to achieve it. It will be carried out by local government, public agencies, community organizations, and the business community.

For more information, visit the Sisters Country Horizons website at [www.sistershorizons.org](http://www.sistershorizons.org) or email [info@sistershorizons.org](mailto:info@sistershorizons.org). You can also like the project at [www.facebook.com/sistershorizons/](http://www.facebook.com/sistershorizons/).

# Blues fest builds with youth

When the stages start going up for the inaugural Sisters Rhythm & Brews Festival on Thursday, August 2, it will be teenagers hauling in the structural elements, turning the bolts and swinging the hammers.

That’s an important part of the event for organizers Joe and Jennifer Rambo. Both of them come out of the building trades and want to support kids heading in that direction — and work on Sisters’ need for workforce housing.

“Our main focus is raising money and awareness about Sisters Habitat and the Heart of Oregon YouthBuild,” the Rambos told *The Nugget*. “Addressing affordable housing is multifaceted, but the Sisters Habitat for Humanity has been working with the community to get working families into permanent housing. We are passionate about the workforce of Sisters having the ability to live in Sisters!”

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild members earn their GED, high school diploma, or college credits, learning job skills, while serving their community

through building affordable housing. Members in the program divide their time between classroom, field (construction sites), and leadership development.

Jennifer noted, “I am passionate about the Youth Build program, because I was one of those students who didn’t fit into the standard high school scenario.”

“Having a background in the trades and working directly with Heart of Oregon YouthBuild made the choice to partner with them a natural fit,” the Rambos noted. “We are very excited to work with the kids on Thursday and Friday for setting up the event. The Heart of Oregon YouthBuild program teaches students life skills and sets them up for a future in the building trades.”

The festival is partnering with Sisters Habitat for Humanity in putting together the festival volunteer force and is contributing a portion of proceeds to the organization.

For more information, visit [www.sistersrhythmandbrews.com/about](http://www.sistersrhythmandbrews.com/about).

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