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SUMMARY

The South East Washington Economic Development Association (CEDS) 2013 – 2017 is an economic development planning tool funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This CEDS examines the South East Washington Economic Development Association, a region comprised of four southeastern Washington State counties: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield and Whitman. Additionally, SEWEDA shares some common economic issues with the neighboring Clearwater Economic Development District located in north central Idaho, as well as with the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments in Richland, WA.

The intent of the CEDS is to identify regional issues and potential solutions. This is an ongoing, long term process that discusses regional economic development.

The CEDS document accomplishes the following:
- Provides data and information on the District;
- Discusses external and internal trends and forces;
- Establishes the District’s vision and goals;
- Outlines programs and projects for implementation;
- Lists prior accomplishments; and
- Sets criteria for evaluating the process.

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### CEDS Committee Members and Representation

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We would also like to acknowledge the government officials and staff persons who provided us with essential information, the business and non-profit professionals and members of the community whose input to the CEDS was invaluable, and the individuals who attended the SEWEDA public meetings and volunteered their time to contribute to the program.

Special thanks to Jenny Scott for her assistance in organizing and facilitating meetings.
DISTRICT’S PROFILE

The South East Washington Economic Development Association is located in the southeastern corner of Washington State and borders the State of Idaho and the State of Oregon. The District is comprised of four counties: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman, home to 21 incorporated town and cities and 12 unincorporated communities.

The boundaries of the District contain 4,300 square miles of land and a population of 74,000 according to the 2012 estimates.

DEMOGRAPHIC & SOCIOECONOMIC INFORMATION

POPULATION

South East Washington District
The District’s population has seen nearly a 1% 2008 increase since the 2012 census according to the estimates provided by the Washington State Office of Financial Management. This is about half the growth rate for the rest of the State of Washington.

Asotin County
Asotin County has seen a 4.8% increase since the 2010 census.

Columbia County
Columbia County has seen slight growth since the 2010 census. Most of the growth has been focused within the City of Dayton.

Garfield County
The population of Garfield County has slightly decreased, while the City of Pomeroy’s growth has remained somewhat flat.

Whitman County
The growth for Whitman County has seen a 13.18% increase since the 2010 census. Pullman, Colfax, Colton, Palouse, St. John, and Tekoa are seeing growth in their estimated population.

General population comment
It should be noted that population estimates in the State of Washington are based on various reports generated and submitted to the Office of Financial Management by the individual cities and counties.
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*Estimate

Source: [www.ofm.wa.gov](http://www.ofm.wa.gov)
[www.fortress.wa.gov](http://www.fortress.wa.gov)
MEDIAN AGE
The median age of the population continues to be older than the state or national average for three of the four counties in the District. Whitman’s median age is substantially lower due to the younger student population at Washington State University.

![Table 2](image)

GENDER COMPOSITION
The female population makes up 50% to 52% of the population in the non-university counties. Whitman County, including Washington State University, has a male population of just over 50%.

![Table 3](image)
RACIAL COMPOSITION
All four counties within the South East Washington Economic Development Association saw an increase in diversity based on census year numbers. The 2010 estimate shows an increase in most categories of diversity, with the total minority percentage up in all counties.

**TABLE 4 - Racial Composition by County 2006-2010**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County, WA</th>
<th>Asotin</th>
<th>Columbia</th>
<th>Garfield</th>
<th>Whitman</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>20,286</td>
<td>20,049</td>
<td>3,965</td>
<td>3,663</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>American Indian, Eskimo &amp; Aleut</td>
<td>283</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>48</td>
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<td>Asian &amp; Pacific Islanders</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>*Hispanic</td>
<td>471</td>
<td>643</td>
<td>298</td>
<td>254</td>
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<td>2 or More</td>
<td>339</td>
<td>418</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Population Total</td>
<td>21,100</td>
<td>21,623</td>
<td>4,100</td>
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<td>Total % Minority</td>
<td>3.88</td>
<td>7.28</td>
<td>3.32</td>
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* Hispanic category not in minority total
Source: www.ofm.wa.gov
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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Educational Attainment information shows that since 2000, a smaller percentage of people are attending and/or graduating from college. The effect of Washington State University on Whitman County is evident in that 48% of people over 25 have graduated from college.

**TABLE 5 - Educational Attainment in Population 25 Years and Over 2000-2010**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County, WA</th>
<th>Less than 9th grade 2000</th>
<th>Some high school, no diploma 2000</th>
<th>High school graduate ONLY 2000</th>
<th>High school graduate or Higher 2000</th>
<th>Some college, no degree 2000</th>
<th>College graduate with degree 2000</th>
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<tr>
<td>Asotin</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>86%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Columbia</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>12%</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>83%</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Garfield</td>
<td>6%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>29%</td>
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<td>Whitman</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>19%</td>
<td>93%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>WA State</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>87%</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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Source: www.census.gov  
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MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

In the 2011 projected figures, all four counties were lagging behind Washington State’s median household income. The counties’ median household income levels range from 56% - 80% of the State’s median.

TABLE 6 - Median Household Income by County 2008-2011

<table>
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<th>County, WA</th>
<th>2008</th>
<th>2009</th>
<th>2010</th>
<th>2011*</th>
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<tr>
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<td>42,945</td>
<td>40,035</td>
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<td>43,508</td>
<td>39,978</td>
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<td>45,672</td>
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<td>32,604</td>
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* Estimate

Source: www.ofm.wa.gov www.bea.gov
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PER CAPITA INCOME

Per Capita Income is computed by dividing the total income of the population by the total population. Per Capita Income 2008-2011, compares the per capita income of each county in the District with the state.

All of the counties in the District experienced a decrease in 2009 with increased Per Capita Income during the 2010-2011 periods. The counties lag behind the state’s level by 11%-31%. Whitman County figures are impacted by the large unemployed student population.

TABLE 7 - Per Capita Income 2008-2011

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* Estimate

Source: www.bea.gov
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Poverty Rates
The 2010 Census showed the percentage of Washington individuals living below the poverty level was 13.5%. All four of the counties in our District experienced a higher rate of poverty than the State of Washington. However, when comparing the percent of individuals who are over 65 years of age and living in poverty (2010 census), Asotin and Whitman Counties are exceptions. Whitman County figures are also impacted by the large unemployed student population.

TABLE 8 - Poverty Status 2010, 2011*

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<th>County, WA</th>
<th>2010 - # of families below Federal poverty level</th>
<th>2010 - # of individuals 65+ below Federal poverty level</th>
<th>2010 - # of individuals below Federal poverty level</th>
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<td>13.9%</td>
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Source: www.census.gov
Rev. 12-10
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE
The following graphs illustrate the population divided into five year groupings based on age. The Washington State graph shows a slight dip in the 25 to 34 age grouping and a steep decline at age 55 and above. The population dips significantly at age 20 in Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield Counties; Whitman County, with its large population of college students, is the anomaly. The population declines at age 55+ in Asotin, Columbia, and Whitman Counties but actually increases in Garfield County.

Changes in the Age Composition of Washington’s Civilian Population (16+)

Source: www.ofm.wa.gov
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Percent of Population by Age Group, Current and Projected
Asotin County

Percent of Population by Age Group, Current and Projected
Columbia County
LABOR FORCE


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Source: www.workforceexplorer.com
Rev. 1-13
LARGEST EMPLOYERS

A listing of each county’s largest employers is provided in the following table. This includes both public and private employers. Employment figures reported are as of 12/31/12.

**TABLE 10 - Largest employers in the SEWEDA area by number of employees**

(2012 figures include regular, part-time)

*Federal Government = Current employees + Retirees*

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MEAN & MEDIAN WAGES

The mean wage is the average wage that is calculated by adding together all the wages in a particular classification and dividing by the number of wage earners. The median wage represents the wage that is in the middle with half the wages being greater and half being less.

**TABLE 11 - Eastern Washington Wage Estimates as of March 2011**

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**Source:** [wwwfortress.wa.gov](http://wwwfortress.wa.gov) Rev. 12-11

*Includes Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman Counties.*

A dash (-) means not reported.
LABOR FORCE BY INDUSTRY

The Government is the largest employment industry in the SEWEDA region. This is due to the predominance of K-12 and higher education, federal government agencies, and city and county government employment.

Another significant industry of employment is Services.

**Number of Employees in the SEWEDA Area 2011, by Industry**

- Government: 42%
- Services: 22%
- Wholesale trade: 4%
- Retail trade: 9%
- Manufacturing: 6%
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing: 3%
- Finance & Insurance: 2%
- Real Estate & Rental Leasing: 1%
- Construction: 4%
- Transportation: 2%
- Other: 5%
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing: 3%

**SEWEDA = Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman Counties, WA**

**Source:** www.workforceexplorer.com

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MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYEES BY COUNTY

Asotin County

The service and government sectors remain stable and provide the highest percentages of the Asotin County workforce. Manufacturing saw a slight increase during the past year.

Number of Employees in Asotin County

[Diagram showing the distribution of employees across various sectors]

Source: www.workforceexplorer.com
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Asotin County is located at the confluence of the Clearwater and Snake Rivers. As a far inland seaport, the Snake River east and south of Clarkston contains Hells Canyon and defines the Washington/Idaho borders.

Three ports are within the immediate area with adequate industrial land for business growth and expansion. The highway system provides access to Idaho and the southern tier of Washington, as well as the northern tier of Oregon, with connections to north-south and east-west interstates.

The southern part of the county is heavily forested, containing part of the Umatilla National Forest. The region has a safe, rural, educated lifestyle, with small-town hospitality and a commitment to commerce.
Columbia County
All industries (except for “Other”) have experienced increases within the last year in the Columbia County workforce. Government and Services are the largest industries, similar to Asotin County.

Number of Employees in Columbia County

Source: www.workforceexplorer.com
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Columbia County is located at the western edge of the SEWEDA region and has railroad, highway, river, and telecommunication access.

The northern border of the county is the Snake River that connects the county to ports along the Columbia River and Portland, OR; Highway 12 connects trucking companies with major transportation routes such as Interstates 82 and 84; and Blue Mountain Railroad connects Dayton with two other major railroads.

High speed Internet links the county with the world, and the Blue Mountains, in the southern part of the county, provide people with access to outdoor recreation opportunities.
Garfield County
Various units of government employ the largest portion of Garfield County’s workforce, with another large industry of the county’s workforce in wholesale trade.

![Number of Employees in Garfield County](image)

**Source:** [www.workforceexplorer.com](http://www.workforceexplorer.com)
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Garfield County is located between Asotin and Columbia counties in southeastern Washington. It is a geographically diverse region bordered on the north by the Snake River and on the south by the Blue Mountains.

Historically an agricultural region, the business economy is based largely in government and wholesale trade. The pioneer history of the area is preserved in its historic houses, buildings, and family farms. The county supports a port district that utilizes waterway transport along the Snake River and is serviced by overland transportation via U.S. Hwy.12, with connections to major interstates.

Community pride is evident in its friendly customer service, quality K-12 education system, local health services, and recreational opportunities.
Whitman County

In Whitman County, the largest segment of the population is employed in the government sector. This sector includes Washington State University and the public schools. Another significant segment of the workforce is employed in the services industry.

Number of Employees in Whitman County

Source: www.workforceexplorer.com
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Pullman is the largest city in the County, and is home to Washington State University (WSU). WSU is the largest employer in the four county SEWEDA region. In addition, fifteen other incorporated cities throughout the county offer small town and rural life styles.

A growing industry in Pullman is the field of research and biotechnology. The close proximity of the two research universities, Washington State University and the University of Idaho, located eight miles east of Pullman, provide numerous business opportunities for the region.

Outside of Pullman, the vast majority of the county is rich farmland known for its wheat production.
Latah and Nez Perce counties border Whitman and Asotin counties and so labor pools are shared.
LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

Common designations of land use within the SEWEDA area are: rural residential, agricultural, recreational, commercial, heavy and light industrial, woodlands, range land, forest land, urban, watershed, and public.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Commercial and Industrial zoning classifications provide for the development and location of businesses that are typically private sector and income-producing. Both classifications bring the benefit of outside dollars into our region.

INDUSTRIAL SITES AND PARKS

Manufacturers and distribution firms are primary users of industrial sites and parks. Established sites and parks for industrial use are predominately developed within the SEWEDA area by port districts.

Asotin County – Port of Clarkston

The Port of Clarkston owns 77 acres of prime flat property in the historic “port district” within the city limits of Clarkston and leases from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers an additional 42 acres bordering the Snake River. In 2012, the Port acquired 130 additional acres west of Evans Road for development as a sustainable business park. Development within the Port includes:

- An industrial area where tenants lease land and buildings
- A river terminal with a 140 ton Lima crane for loading barges with containers, logs, sawdust, and chips
- A grain elevator
- A marina
- A public park, with a recreational dock, amphitheater and pathway to the river
- A 570-foot long tour boat dock that currently accommodates tours by eight different cruise boat companies
- A dock serving as a base for jet boat tours up Hells Canyon
- A hotel/convention center
- A golf facility with a driving range and putting green
- A RV Resort

It is the mission of the Port of Clarkston to fully use its statutory authority to:

- Deliver property, facilities, and infrastructure that encourage private investment, create wealth for constituents, create family wage jobs, diversify and stabilize the local economy, and create a sustainable environment;
- Play a leadership role in ensuring that waterfronts are vibrant, active centerpieces for the communities in the locality and partner on improving other tourism and recreation opportunities;
- Preserve and better the quality of life for the citizens of Asotin County.

More information is available at: www.portofclarkston.com
Columbia County – Port of Columbia

The Port of Columbia has used the incubator building, speculative building and build-to-suit methods to create space for businesses and jobs for the community. The Port of Columbia Industrial Park, located on the west end of Dayton adjacent to Highway 12, currently has a 2,080 sq ft office building and available lot space. Three buildable lots are available in the Rock Hill Industrial Park, and the Port has previously been successful with build-to-suit projects. 175 acres of land zoned Heavy Industrial at Lyons Ferry on the Snake River has rail service, electrical power, and natural gas. This acreage is privately owned, but has great development potential.

The Port also manages the Seneca Business and Industrial Park, a privately owned facility that once housed an asparagus cannery. It includes approximately 50,000 square feet of warehouse space and 30,000 square feet of food-grade production space that are available for lease through the Port, as well as 4,500 square feet of office space. This facility has great potential.

The Port of Columbia operates the 37-acre Lyons Ferry Marina on the Snake River with camping, RV accommodations, fuel, a restaurant, groceries, and covered moorage. The concessionaire at the Lyons Ferry Marina also leases and operates the 140-acre Lyons Ferry Park on the north side of the Snake River with a boat launch, swimming and camping areas, and a food concession during the summer season.

The Port owns 39 miles of railroad tracks stretching from Dayton to Walla Walla, with the primary shippers being Northwest Grain Growers and Seneca Foods. The tracks are scheduled for a state-funded rehabilitation project starting in 2008 and ending in 2013.

More information is available at www.portofcolumbia.org

Garfield County – Port of Garfield

The Port of Garfield owns several sites in Garfield County: (1) the Central Ferry Site, (2) the U. S. Forest Service Administration Building, and (3) the DSP Industrial Site.

CENTRAL FERRY
This river site is located on Highway 127 at Central Ferry. The 80-acre site has only 3.5 acres developed to accommodate grain barges for the Pomeroy Grain Growers. A small boating dock sits west of the grain elevators, and the remaining acres are hillside.

U. S. FOREST SERVICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
In 1986 the Port constructed a 5,000 square foot log façade administration building for the U. S. Forest Service, located on Highway 12 at the west end of Pomeroy. In a few short years the Forest Service out-grew this facility, and in 1993 the building was expanded to 10,000 square feet.

DSP INDUSTRIAL SITE
The only industrial site in Garfield County is a 33-acre site located at the west end of Pomeroy. In 2005, the port constructed a new access road and bridge, west of the Forest Service building, crossing Pataha Creek and connecting the site to Highway 12. This site is divided into two sections: approximately 10 acres for recreation and 23 acres for industrial development.

The recreation site consists of eight acres supporting three ball fields with restrooms, and adjacent to the ball fields is a small campground and RV park.

Of the industrial area’s 23 acres, approximately 10 acres have existing facilities and are presently being leased. The remaining acres are currently undeveloped. The existing facilities are:

- 21,460 square foot brick facility with 3,000 square feet of offices, lunchroom, and restrooms. The remaining 18,000 square feet is for warehousing and manufacturing.
- 15,600 square foot metal warehousing facility.
- 5,400 square foot facility being renovated for mini or RV storage and a small shop on one end.
- 9,525 square foot metal warehousing facility with 2-phase wiring.
- A 4,800 square foot facility, and will be used for business recruitment. The facility will consist of two 2,400 square foot units, one turn-key and the other to be completed to suit at a later time.

In 2012, Fort Neal, an RV Park, was developed from a 2 acre plot on the Port of Garfield Industrial Park.

More information is available at: www.portofgarfield.com
Whitman County – Port of Whitman County

The Port of Whitman County manages three on-water industrial parks (The Port of Wilma, the Port of Almota, and the Port of Central Ferry) along the Snake River and two off-water industrial parks in Pullman and Colfax.

The Port of Wilma includes 275 acres and is the largest and busiest of the on-water port sites. It is located directly across the Snake River from Lewiston, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington. A 2003 expansion added 30 acres, a new water line, and fiber-optic access allowing the site to offer additional services and room for industrial business growth. The facility also features water and sewer systems, rail access, water access, and most utilities.

The Port of Central Ferry’s 131-acre on-water site is located adjacent to State Highway 127, 56 miles north of Walla Walla. It offers rail and county road access, and most utilities are available on-site. The Port of Almota is the smallest of the Port of Whitman’s industrial parks. The 10.5-acre site is located on the Snake River at Almota and offers access to water and county roads. Almota is at maximum capacity with no room for expansion.

The Pullman Industrial Park, a 107-acre site, is located in Pullman near Washington State University and just fifteen minutes from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. It is home to a number of research and development and technology companies including Whitman County’s second largest employer, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. The Park was designated an Innovation Partnership Zone by the State and received $1 million in funding. Part of that funding was used to purchase additional acreage for expansion of the park. Truck access is available on-site with commercial air access ten minutes away at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport. City water, sewer, roads, electrical service, and natural gas are available.

The Port of Whitman Business Air Center consists of a small general aviation airport and industrial park (34 acres divided into 12 lots) located four miles from State Highway 195, near Colfax. Aviation fuel is available through a private party on site. The complex features access to all utilities, fiber-optic access, water system, drain field, truck and direct-air access, and rail siding access within one mile.

The Port of Whitman’s Boyer Park and Marina is located on the shores of the Snake River. The full-service Park boasts 56 acres with a 150 slip marina, 48 RV campsites with hookups, tent camping, on-site motel, convenience store, restaurant, picnic tables, swimming beach, recreational trail, restrooms and gas. The Park is free for day use activities.

The Washington State University Research and Technology Park is located in close proximity to the Pullman Industrial Park. The Park is comprised of two technology transfer facilities. Building One, a 50,000 square foot building, is home to a number of growing companies. Building One also contains a 5,000 square foot incubator for small start-up companies. Special rates and services are provided to companies that locate in the incubator section of Building One. A 17,000 square foot building houses high-tech and biotech businesses and technology transfer start-ups.

Building Two houses several companies, some of which graduated from the incubator facility. It offers additional amenities to Research Park tenants such as a weight room and two conference rooms. The Park’s cooperative partnership with WSU provides access to research laboratories and centers, technical services, computing facilities, and communications technology, such as:

- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility
- Electron Microscopy Center
- Environmental Research Center
- International Marketing Program for Agriculture and Trade
- Institute of Biological Chemistry
- Bio analytical Chemistry
- Laboratory Animal Resources Center
- State of Washington Water Research Center
- Radiation Safety Office

More information is available at: www.portwhitman.com
HOUSING
Housing stock availability varies throughout the District. Some of the factors impacting availability include: income levels of the residents, changes in the job market, age of housing stock, and availability of developable residential lots. The availability of affordable workforce housing is lacking in some areas of the SEWEDA region.

Each community has its own matrix of factors and is impacted by its proximity to other housing markets.

MEDIAN HOME PRICES 2010-2012
All counties followed the state with median home prices increasing in the mid to upper 20% range. However, Columbia County experienced a decrease in median home prices during the one year period from 2010 thru 2012, according to the Washington Center for Real Estate Research.

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Source: www.cb.wsu.edu/~wcrer
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Most of the housing growth within the region is occurring in the incorporated areas of the counties, with the exception of Whitman County where the City of Pullman saw a 9% increase in housing stock from 2009 to 2011.

### TABLE 13 - Housing Units by Structure type for Cities and Counties, WA 2009, 2011

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*Mobile Homes Trailers/Specials

Source: [www.ofm.wa.gov](http://www.ofm.wa.gov)

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GEOGRAPHY
The South East Washington Economic Development Agency (SEWEDA) is located in the far southeastern corner of Washington State. It is comprised of the four counties of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman. This is an area of over 4,320 square miles with a variety of topography and geological features. The territory is bisected by the Snake River that consists of rugged bluffs and deep valleys. The northern portion of the region contains rich agricultural land that is well suited for the production of dry land wheat, peas, lentils, and barley. The southern section of the SEWEDA consists of mountainous, forested terrain and is home to the Umatilla National Forest.

CLIMATE
The vastness of the region and the diversity of the topography make the calculation of an average temperature difficult. It can generally be stated that the region enjoys four distinct seasons. The average precipitation is less than 20 inches a year.

SEPA
Washington State legislates, through the State Environmental Policy Act and the Shoreline Management Act, that development will not adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas. Various local governments have identified environmentally sensitive areas and have adopted regulations to address potential problems. In addition, Columbia and Garfield counties are voluntarily complying with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), adopted in 1990.

AGRICULTURE
The agricultural soils in the SEWEDA area are considered some of the most fertile in the United States. Farmers in the SEWEDA area have established sound farming practices over the years and have become world leaders in agriculture, especially in wheat production.

Over the past few decades, smaller farms have been purchased by larger operations, and old farming methods have been replaced by modern, less labor-intensive systems. This has resulted in fewer workers being employed in the agricultural industry in the SEWEDA region. Only three percent of the workforce in the SEWEDA region is currently employed in the agricultural industry.

However, agriculture has been the mainstay of the region's economy in the past and is still a large contributor to the economy. Profits from area crops are generally returned to the local economy and boost activity in all other industries, especially the retail trade, wholesale trade, and services industries.

The region's primary crops are wheat and barley. Lentils, green peas, and garbanzo beans are also very prevalent in Whitman County. The remaining crops of oats, hay, grass seed and various fruits and vegetables are also grown, but in lesser amounts. Cattle, hogs, and sheep are also raised in the region.

Most of the land in the SEWEDA region is designated as agricultural and can be broken into three categories: Prime Farmland, Statewide Important Farmland, and Other Lands, as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Prime Farmland is land best suited to producing food, feed and forage, fiber, and oilseed crops. Managed properly, prime farmland has the soil quality, length of growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce a sustained high yield of crops. Prime farmland produces the highest yields; with minimal energy and economic resources, farming this type of land results in the least environmental disturbance.

Statewide Important Farmland is farmland defined as land in public or private use for the purpose of producing irrigated or non-irrigated crops such as wheat, barley, potatoes, alfalfa, etc. and is not
designated as prime farmland. These lands have slight to moderate limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require moderate conservation practices.

Other Land is a category of lands not used for agricultural purposes as it relates to growing crops, but instead, is used as rangelands and spring pasture for livestock operations. This includes lands where native vegetation is predominantly shrubs and grasses. The production potential and plant composition depend on the characteristics of the soils and climate.

The fertile soil and ample wind, sun, and water resources in the SEWEDA area create great opportunity for renewable energy development, such as bio-fuels and wind energy production. These uses have shown themselves to be compatible with current uses in the agricultural zones in the region.

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Source: www.nass.usda.gov Rev. 1-13
TIMBER/FOREST LAND
The southern portion of the District is forest and timberland that contrasts the dry land farming and rolling hills that typify much of the District. The wooded areas include the Umatilla National Forest, the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness, and the Blue Mountains. Asotin, Columbia, and Garfield counties all contain portions of the Umatilla National Forest. This area contains Camp William T. Wooten State Park, the Ski Bluewood ski area, and two peaks over 6,300 feet: Oregon Butte and Diamond Peak.

Umatilla National Forest
The Umatilla National Forest, located in the Blue Mountains of southeast Washington and northeast Oregon, covers 1.4 million acres of diverse landscapes and plant communities. The forest has some mountainous terrain, but most of the forest consists of v-shaped valleys separated by narrow ridges or plateaus.

The landscape also includes heavily timbered slopes, grassland ridges and benches, and bold basalt outcroppings. Elevation ranges from 1,600 to 8,000 feet above sea level. Changes in weather are common, but summers are generally warm and dry with cool evenings. Cold, snowy winters, and mild temperatures during spring and fall can be expected.

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SURFACE WATER/RIVER SYSTEM
Centuries ago, floods carved out what today is known as the Columbia, Snake and Clearwater River System, with its countless coulees, steptoes, plunge pools, river valleys, and huge depressions. A complex system of reservoirs, canals, rivers, streams, and wetlands resulting from these unique geologic features provide recreation, irrigation, wildlife habitat, and transportation.

The primary surface water in the region is the Snake River. Most of the creeks, streams and rivers within the District flow into the Snake River that in turn connects with the Columbia River and eventually to the Pacific Ocean.

A series of Snake River dams supply the most prevalent source of energy in the SEWEDA area, hydroelectric power. The reservoirs created by the dams enable an economical barge transportation system to serve as a low-cost alternative for shipping the region’s agricultural commodities, lumber, and manufactured products to the West Coast and beyond.

The reservoirs also provide recreational opportunities for boating, rafting, fishing, and other water-related sports. The recreational and scenic features are a primary draw upriver from the Lewiston-Clarkston area on the Snake and Clearwater River systems.

Smaller systems include the Palouse River, Alkali Flat Creek, Union Flat Creek, Rock Creek and Rock Lake in Whitman County; Asotin Creek and Grande Ronde River in Asotin County; Alpowa Creek, Deadman Creek, Meadow Creek and Pataha Creek in Garfield County; and the Tucannon River and Touchet River in Columbia County. The Touchet River flows into the Walla Walla River, which then flows into the Columbia River.
FLOODPLAINS/WETLANDS
Because of the climate and topography of the SEWEDA region, wetlands are abundant during the rainy season of spring and early summer. However, most of the wetlands either dry up completely or become intermittent streams during late summer and fall.

The primary federal law regulating development of wetlands is the 1972 Clean Water Act. Section 404 of this Act establishes a permit program for regulating the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States including wetlands. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers administer the section 404 programs. A number of state laws regulate development in wetlands, including the following:

- Shoreline Management Act: This Act was designed to prohibit piecemeal development of shorelines and their associated wetlands. It requires permits for development within 200 feet of shorelines and requires local governments to develop master shoreline programs to regulate development within their jurisdiction.
- State Environmental Policy Act: This Act was designed to analyze the environmental impacts of development. It requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement if a project is determined to have a “probable, significant, adverse environmental impact.”
- Hydraulics Code: This law requires a Hydraulic Project Approval by the Department of Wildlife or Department of Fisheries before any work is conducted.

Watershed Planning
In 1998, Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law the Watershed Management Act that provides a framework for local citizens, interest groups, and government organizations to collectively identify and solve water-related issues in each of the 62 Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) throughout the State of Washington. Governments in both Asotin County (WRIA 35) and Whitman County (WRIA 34 and 35) have initiated the watershed planning process. The Watershed Plan addresses water quality, water quantity, fish habitat, and in-stream flows. The assessment of each watershed will include an inventory of tributaries, water sources, wells, and many other items and issues related to these four elements. The final result will be a planning document adopted by each county government. The plan will be implemented in coordination with Salmon recovery, sub-basin planning, and other water resource planning efforts.

HAZARDOUS & CONTAMINATED WASTE SITES
As of October 2012, there are no “Superfund Sites” designated in the SEWEDA region. The Department of Ecology has listed the following number of confirmed and suspected contaminated waste sites in the SEWEDA region.

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Source: www.ecy.wa.gov
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INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER SUPPLY
The District has a good supply of clean drinking water. Numerous underground aquifers throughout the four counties provide a high quality, dependable source of drinking water, although none are sole source aquifers. The Lewiston Basin Aquifer, located in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley, received Sole or Principal Source Aquifer designation by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1989. This designation protects the aquifer from potential contamination by mandating that the EPA review any federal projects that could compromise the aquifer.

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a (The total surface water rights are unknown. Only the ground water rights are listed.)
b (Two water rights are in development stage in addition to those listed. These are for waste water treatment and authorize up to a total of 5.2 af/year. The extent of their Water Right Claim is unknown and is not included in the listed numbers.)
c (Water is withdrawn under Water Right Claims, therefore, the extent and validity is unknown. The number listed is a total of all three claims added together.)
d (Water is withdrawn under Water Right Claims, therefore, the extent and validity is unknown. Three Water Right Claims each list 500 gpm & 320 af/year.)
e (The extent of the Water Right Claim is unknown and is not included in the listed numbers. The certificate appears to have a ministerial error. If 900 gpm were pumped continuously throughout the year approximately 1,450 af/year could be pumped, not the documented number of 1,600 af/year.)
f (Currently under litigation)
gpm = gallons per minute   af/year = acre feet per year

Source: Washington State Department of Ecology
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SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT

Sewage collection methods vary widely throughout the District. Factors such as population, service area, topography and land use have determined local treatment methods. Sanitary sewer is provided by activated sludge, secondary sludge, trickling filter, and aerated lagoons. Smaller towns and farms use septic tank systems.

**TABLE 18 - Sewage Treatment Methods and Sanitary Sewer Capacity, WA 2010**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>Plant Type</th>
<th>Total Capacity (MGD)</th>
<th>Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>Albion</td>
<td>Facultative lagoons with chlorination</td>
<td>0.12 MGD</td>
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<td>Asotin</td>
<td>Oxidation ditch w/ chlorination</td>
<td>.344 MGD</td>
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<td>Clarkston</td>
<td>Activated sludge w/nitrification</td>
<td>2.2 MGD</td>
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<td>Colfax</td>
<td>Aerated lagoon; chlorine disinfection; infiltration cells</td>
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<td>Colton</td>
<td>Municipal facultative lagoons</td>
<td>0.06 MGD</td>
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<td>Dayton</td>
<td>Trickling filter w/ nitrification, UV disinfection</td>
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<td>Endicott</td>
<td>Aero-mode (Publicly owned treatment works)</td>
<td>.15 MGD</td>
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<td>Farmington</td>
<td>Publicly owned treatment works, earthen lines lagoon followed by vegetated, 0.018 MGD evaporation in filtrated lagoon</td>
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<td>Garfield</td>
<td>Activated biofilter with polishing wetland</td>
<td>0.07 MGD</td>
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<td>Lacrosse</td>
<td>Publicly owned treatment works, facultative lagoon/seepage lagoon</td>
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<td>Oakesdale</td>
<td>Waste stabilization lagoons with chlorination, surface water discharge</td>
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<td>Palouse</td>
<td>Extended aeration; activated sludge</td>
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<td>Pomeroy</td>
<td>Biofilter with second stage aeration and UV disinfection</td>
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<td>Activated sludge w/ chlorination/dechlorination</td>
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<td>Rosalia</td>
<td>2 cell discharging facultative lagoons</td>
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<td>St. John</td>
<td>Trickling filter; followed by clarification; chlorination and discharge</td>
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<td>Starbuck</td>
<td>Attached growth activated sludge w/nitrogen removal and low pressure drip irrigation</td>
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<td>Steptoe</td>
<td>2 cell, non over-flow earthen lined lagoons</td>
<td>0.03 MGD</td>
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<td>Tekoa</td>
<td>Activated sludge, w/ nitrification, chlorination aerobic digestion</td>
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<td>Uniontown</td>
<td>Facultative, unlined, non-overflowing lagoons</td>
<td>0.05 MGD</td>
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*Source: [www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov)*

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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The primary site for solid waste disposal in the SEWEDA region is the Asotin County Regional Landfill. The landfill is comprised of approximately 76 permitted acres of unincorporated land. The facility is open six days a week and receives approximately 125 tons per day or 38,000 tons per year. At this rate the site will reach capacity in 2032. The Solid Waste Management Plan was developed and adopted by the Asotin Board of Commissioners in April 1973 by inter-local agreements with three counties and four cities. Counties: Asotin and Garfield counties, WA and Nez Perce County, ID. Cities: Asotin and Clarkston in Asotin County; Pomeroy in Garfield County; and Lewiston in Nez Perce County.

Other facilities used by communities in the region include Sudbury Landfill in Walla Walla, WA and the landfill in Arlington, OR.

Whitman County operates a Solid Waste Transfer Station and a small limited purpose landfill for construction demo. They ship approximately 25,000 tons of waste to Arlington, Oregon annually. Local haulers operate both curbside and recycling drop off centers. Interlocal solid waste plan agreements have been signed with 16 cities and towns that make up this county.

Recycling

Whitman County offers a very active recycling program. Residential curbside recycling is available in some communities with drop-off sites located in many of the other communities. The Whitman County Landfill offers recycling drop off as well as free household hazardous waste drop-off and yard waste recycling. Both the county and Washington State University (WSU) have Recycling Coordinators, and WSU operates construction waste recycling programs. The Town of Garfield provides its own garbage and recycling service and also offers yard waste recycling.

Dayton, in Columbia County, and Asotin and Clarkston, in Asotin County, have multiple locations to drop off recyclables, as well as transfer stations accepting household hazardous waste, yard debris, and other recyclable items.

Compost Facilities

In Whitman County, Garfield, Rosalia and Palouse operate small composting facilities. The product generated is distributed to community residents free of charge. Washington State University operates a composting facility that diverts significant amounts of solid waste from the Whitman County Landfill.

Dayton, in Columbia County, has a composting facility, and nearby Lewiston, ID houses a regional, privately run composting facility. Its operation utilizes feedstock from communities around the region, with a market sales area in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and Eastern Oregon.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Connections to telecommunication services, particularly Internet connectivity, are varied throughout the District. Most areas are served with Fiber Optic, and DSL and wireless internet options.

Asotin County, and Clarkston area has Fiber Optic, high speed DSL and wireless Internet options.

Telecommunication services in Garfield County consist of Fiber Optic, DSL and wireless internet connections.

Dayton has Fiber Optic, DSL, wireless, and satellite high-speed Internet options. Pullman has Fiber Optic, high speed DSL and wireless. Colfax and several other smaller communities in Whitman County also have the same internet connections.
ENERGY
The SEWEDA region is served by various public and private electric utilities. Most urban areas are served by either Avista Utilities or Pacific Power. Inland Power & Light provides service to portions of Whitman County, and Columbia Rural Electric Association serves rural areas of Columbia County. Customers enjoy some of the lowest electric rates in the nation due to the region’s abundant supply of low cost hydropower. In addition, recent additions of wind and natural gas generation ensure an abundant energy supply for the region.

The SEWEDA region is served with natural gas in Whitman and Asotin counties by Avista Utilities. Prices are competitive and there is a plentiful supply. Pipeline capacity is adequate in most incorporated cities and industrial areas.

TRANSPORTATION
Included within this section are descriptions of the highway, public transit, air, rail, and water transportation systems. These transportation systems are critical for the economic activities occurring within the District. Additional information regarding the region’s transportation system can be found in the Long Range Transportation Plan 2010 (RPTO). This document establishes the goals and policies for the transportation network, and discusses the region’s key issues.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Additionally, State Route 26 runs west from Colfax and connects with U.S. 395, and on to Interstate 90 at Vantage. This is a major route west to Seattle. State Highway 129 is the major north-south highway between Clarkston and Enterprise, Oregon.

![MAP 1 - Major Highways in the SEWEDA region](image-url)
### TABLE 19 - Summary of Roadway Mileage by Jurisdiction, WA

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<th>Road Type</th>
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<th>Columbia</th>
<th>Garfield</th>
<th>Whitman</th>
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<td>County Roads</td>
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<td>Principal State Highway</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>457.20</td>
<td>547.38</td>
<td>490.28</td>
<td>2,190.69</td>
<td>3,685.55</td>
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### Trucking and Delivery

The region is served by numerous trucking and express package delivery services. Trucking fleets include private contract carriers, corporate truck fleets, and commercial for-hire fleets. Various express package fleets serve the region using the air facilities located in and around the region.

### PUBLIC TRANSIT

Transit services are available in each of the counties.

- Council on Aging & Human Services serves nine counties in Washington and Idaho including Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman. They are a broker for Medicaid transportation services and a direct provider of services.
- Asotin County Transit services are provided through a contract with Valley Transit that operates Fixed Route service as well as Demand Response service.
- Columbia County’s service is provided by Columbia County Public Transportation. They offer Demand Response (Dial-a-Ride) and van pool services.
- Garfield County Transportation operates a deviated fixed route between Pomeroy and the Lewiston/Clarkston Valley and a Dial-a-Ride service within Pomeroy.
- Whitman County has a variety of transit services.
  - Pullman Transit operates fixed route services and a para-transit service within Pullman city limits.
  - Wheatland Express, a charter bus operator, operates a subsidized fixed-route public shuttle between the campus of Washington State University and the University of Idaho, and serves Spokane International Airport.
AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Commercial airports serving the SEWEDA region are located in Pullman, Spokane, Tri-Cities, and Walla Walla, Washington and Lewiston, Idaho. Numerous smaller landing strips are available in the area, as well as some general aviation fields. These smaller airports play an important role in agriculture-related operations such as aerial applications and access to remote recreational areas.

Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport
Located in Lewiston, Idaho, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport serves the eastern portion of the District. The airport has regional air service provided by Horizon and Sky West. Additional services include: charter services provided by Stout Flying Service and Hillcrest Aircraft Company; express package services provided by DHL, Federal Express, and UPS; rental cars, a restaurant, and beauty shop.  www.lcairport.net

Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport
The Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport is served by Horizon Air, rental car agencies, taxi services, and hotel shuttles. It provides general aviation services through a fixed base operator and houses corporate aircraft. www.pullman-wa.gov/airport

Spokane International Airport
Spokane International Airport, the second largest air carrier airport in the state, is approximately 60 miles north of Colfax and 110 miles north of Clarkston in Spokane, WA. It is served by multiple national carriers, express package services, and by a fixed base operator. The terminal has food service, taxi, transit, car rental, and hotel shuttle services. www.spokaneairports.net

Tri-Cities Regional Airport
Tri-Cities Regional Airport, the third largest air carrier airport in the state, is located approximately 60 miles west of Dayton in Pasco, WA. It is served by Delta Connection, Horizon Air, United Express and Allegiant Air. General aviation services are provided through a fixed base operator, Bergstrom Aircraft, Inc., and package freight by Federal Express. www.portofpasco.org/airport/general_info.html

Walla Walla Regional Airport
Located just outside the boundaries of the District, 27 miles west of Dayton, Walla Walla Regional Airport serves the western portion of the region. Its services include Horizon Air, rental cars, and a restaurant. www.wallawallaairport.com

General Aviation Fields
General aviation airports are located outside of Colfax and Rosalia. Colfax’s airstrip is 2,170 feet and Rosalia’s is 2,650 feet long. In addition, Tekoa has a General Aviation runway that is 2,300 feet long. Numerous private agricultural runways exist throughout the region used primarily for aerial applicators.
RAIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Whitman County is served by the P & L Line that are parts of the greater Eastern Washington short-line rail system. The line serves Whitman County, parts of Idaho, and interchanges with both the Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The State acquired the short lines in 2006 from Watco. This purchase was made in order to preserve the rail and inject State funds into the infrastructure for rehabilitation purposes. The State has requested proposals for rail operators and is in the process of working with local government entities in order to form a rail governance structure.

Columbia County is served by the Blue Mountain Railroad also known currently as the Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad. The State of Washington Department of Transportation has recently become involved in rail ownership and maintenance in Eastern Washington.

Cargoes handled on these lines include wheat, barley, other grains, peas, lentils, lumber, and fertilizers.

Asotin County and Garfield County do not have rail service.

WATER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The Snake River is an important component of the transportation system serving the region. The river handles a significant amount of grain and other goods produced in the region. The construction of four major dams on the Snake River in the 1950’s to 1970’s, complete with lock facilities, enables ocean going cargo to travel inland as far as Lewiston, Idaho. Both the Little Goose Dam and Lower Granite Dam are located within the SEWEDA region.

There are four port Districts serving the SEWEDA region that have water-side facilities: the Ports of Clarkston, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman. The Port of Whitman operates three industrial sites along the river: Ports of Wilma, Central Ferry, and Almota. Outbound shipments consist primarily of agricultural commodities and lumber. The ports of Clarkston, Columbia, and Whitman also have contracted marinas at some of their locations. A fifth port, The Port of Lewiston located in ID, is an important factor to our regional economy with its water-side facility for grain and containerized shipments.

Port facilities located along the Snake River are operated by Port Districts. Specific ports include the following:

- Port of Garfield at Central Ferry
- Port of Whitman County at:
  - Port of Central Ferry
  - Port of Almota
  - Port of Wilma
- Port of Clarkston
- Port of Lewiston

Table 20 shows the volume of commodities shipped through area locks. The grain shipped by barges down river originates and is trucked in from various areas such as Montana, Oregon, Colorado, the Dakotas, Idaho, and the Great Plains states, and from the farms within the SEWEDA region. Water transportation helps to reduce the effect of highway trucking on our roadways. Table 20 also displays the number of truckload equivalents of commodities shipped by barge.
**TABLE 20 - Total Tonnage of Commodities Shipped through Area Locks 2003-2012**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Commodities Shipped*</th>
<th>Annual Percentage Change (%)</th>
<th>Semi-Truckload Equivalent (# of truckloads not on road as a result)</th>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>6,971,900</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>278,876</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>7,967,400</td>
<td>14.3</td>
<td>318,696</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>7,375,800</td>
<td>-7.4</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>7,201,600</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>11,578,435</td>
<td>60.7</td>
<td>463,137</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>7,096,495</td>
<td>-63.1</td>
<td>283,851</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>8,843,038</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>8,925,502</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>8,158,470</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>10,054,684</td>
<td>8.1</td>
<td>402,187</td>
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*Includes combined tonnage through Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite Dams.

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Navigation Data Center
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PUBLIC FACILITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Services

The four SEWEDA counties have fire districts and departments providing coverage with trained volunteers and, in some cases, by paid staff.

Asotin County is served by Asotin County Fire District #1, the City of Asotin Fire Department, and the Clarkston Fire Department. All three use the services of trained volunteers, and Asotin County and Clarkston both have some paid positions. First Response is provided by the Clarkston Fire Department, and medical transport is provided by the Lewiston Fire Department.

Columbia County has three fire districts operating within the county. Fire District #3 is the largest and provides services to the City of Dayton. They also provide medical transport services for District #1 that covers the north part of the county and the town of Starbuck. District #2 is a joint district between Columbia County and Walla Walla, primarily serving the City of Waitsburg in Walla Walla County.

Garfield County is covered by a fire district staffed by trained volunteers. The district provides services to the City of Pomeroy, in addition to the unincorporated areas of the county.

Whitman County has 16 towns and cities, 14 city fire departments, and 13 county fire districts. Two of the cities contract with fire districts for services. The City of Pullman is staffed with fulltime crews and supplemented with volunteers. The other districts and departments predominately use the services of trained volunteers.

Crime Rates

The crime rate has decreased in some areas of the SEWEDA region, and increased in others. All counties are below the state’s rate in the Crime Index, except Columbia County. All counties are well below the state’s rate of Violent Crimes.

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<th>County, WA</th>
<th>2010 Crime Index Offenses Rate Per 1000 People</th>
<th>2011 Crime Index Offenses Rate Per 1000 People</th>
<th>2010 Violent Crimes Rate Per 1000 People</th>
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<td>39.8</td>
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<td>Asotin</td>
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<td>17.8</td>
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Source: www.waspc.org
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SCHOOLS & EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Higher Education
Numerous institutions provide four-year degree programs in or near the SEWEDA:

**TABLE 22 – Four Year Institutions Fall 2012**

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<th>College</th>
<th>Public or Private</th>
<th>City, State</th>
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- Washington State University is located in Pullman
- University of Idaho is eight miles east of Pullman
- Lewis-Clark State College is one mile east of Clarkston
- Eastern Washington University is 25 miles north of Rosalia
- Gonzaga University is 30 miles north of Rosalia
- Walla Walla College is 30 miles west of Dayton
- Whitman College is 30 miles west of Dayton
- Whitworth College is 40 miles north of Rosalia

Whitman College, Walla Walla University, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Whitworth University, Washington State University, and the University of Idaho also offer masters degrees and Washington State University, Gonzaga University, and the University of Idaho offer doctorates. WSU has a School of Veterinary Medicine, and Gonzaga University and University of Idaho each have a Law School. Lewis Clark State College and Whitman College also provide two-year transfer programs.

The WSU Center for Distance and Professional Education has developed a unique program for providing upper division courses leading to a baccalaureate degree in Social Science by satellite. This program serves numerous Washington State communities and is significant in that it is the first program in the State of Washington to address the need for equitable access to higher education for rural citizens. The Center also provides a range of programs and online degrees in six academic areas from any location through distance learning, and also offers a number of online certificate programs, face-to-face training programs, and professional conferencing services.

Most other four-year institutions offer distance learning programs, as well.
Community Colleges

Community Colleges and Lewis Clark State College deliver vocational education, two-year degree, and certificate programs to the residents of this region.

- Walla Walla Community College – Clarkston Center - [www.wwcc.edu/clarkston](http://www.wwcc.edu/clarkston) - provides degree and/or certificate programs in Carpentry, Computer Technology, Early Childhood Education, Medical Terminology, Nursing, Office Technology and Associates of Art for transfer students, as well as Distance Learning options.
- Walla Walla Community College – Walla Walla campus – [www.wwcc.edu](http://www.wwcc.edu) – has a variety of offerings available.
- The Community Colleges of Spokane – [www.ccs.spokane.edu](http://www.ccs.spokane.edu) – through their Institute for Extended Learning provides classes to our region.

### TABLE 22a – Area Community College Enrollment Fall 2012

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K-12 Education

The PEDD provides excellent opportunities for learning with a wide variety of education options. Eighteen school districts provide elementary and secondary education in the PEDD.

- Asotin-Anatone School District – [www.aasd.wednet.edu](http://www.aasd.wednet.edu)
- Colfax School District – [www.colfax.k12.wa.us](http://www.colfax.k12.wa.us)
- Colton School District – [www.colton.k12.wa.us](http://www.colton.k12.wa.us)
- Dayton School District – [www.dayton.wednet.edu](http://www.dayton.wednet.edu)
- Garfield-Palouse School District – [www.garpal.wednet.edu](http://www.garpal.wednet.edu)
- LaCrosse School District – [www.lax.wednet.edu](http://www.lax.wednet.edu)
- Lamont School District – [www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/129/wa](http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/129/wa)
- Oakesdale School District – [www.greatschools.net/modperl/brose_district/178/wa](http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/brose_district/178/wa)
- Pomeroy School District – [www.psd.wednet.edu](http://www.psd.wednet.edu)
- Pullman School District – [www.psd267.wednet.edu](http://www.psd267.wednet.edu)
- Rosalia School District – [www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/225/wa](http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/225/wa)
- St. John-Endicott School District – [www.sje.wednet.edu](http://www.sje.wednet.edu)
- Starbuck School District – [www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/315/wa](http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/315/wa)
- Steptoe School District – [www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/225/wa](http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/browse_district/225/wa)
- Tekoa School District – [www.tekoa.wednet.edu](http://www.tekoa.wednet.edu)
Employment Training
Many different job training opportunities are available in the SEWEDA region. These include Walla Walla Community College with branches in Walla Walla and Clarkston, Community Colleges of Spokane with additional offerings in Whitman County, and Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho all providing various job training to area residents.

Rural Resources is the lead agency in the District for the delivery of job training programs and funding under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

LIBRARIES

Asotin County
Asotin County is served by the Asotin County Library that serves all incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. This includes the City of Asotin and the City of Clarkston. www.aclib.org

Columbia County
Columbia County has a county-wide library service for its residents in unincorporated areas. Dayton operates its own city-funded library. The town of Starbuck does not have library service. www.daytonwa.com/

Garfield County
Garfield County does not have formal countywide library services for its residents in the unincorporated areas. Pomeroy operates its own city-funded library. The county provides some funding to the Pomeroy Public Library to serve county residents. www.pomeroy.lib.wa.us

Whitman County
Whitman County operates a 14-branch rural library system that serves all of the incorporated and unincorporated areas except the cities of Pullman and Lamont. Pullman operates its own city-funded library, Neill Public Library. The town of Lamont does not have library service. www.whitco.lib.wa.us, www.neill-lib.org

Washington State University Library
WSU has six libraries on campus in Pullman. www.wsulibs.wsu.edu

University of Idaho Library
The U of I library is located in Moscow, ID and offers a variety of services. www.lib.uidaho.edu
Recreational & Cultural Activities and Facilities
The SEWEDA region is rich in natural resources for recreation and tourism. The Snake River runs through the region and offers water-based recreation and fishing on miles of calm, uncrowded water. The Clearwater & Snake River National Recreation Trail offers ten miles of paved continuous trails, boat launches, marinas, and swimming beaches. Several parks and marinas throughout the District offer services and amenities such as: swimming, picnic areas, overnight lodging, RV sites, and many have utility hook-ups.

The SEWEDA region is also known as the gateway to Hells Canyon, North America’s deepest gorge, and attracts more than 30,000 visitors each year to enjoy world-class whitewater adventures. The Port of Clarkston is the docking point for several cruise boat companies that originate in Portland, OR, and travel the Columbia-Snake River system following the Lewis & Clark water route. The Touchet and Tucannon Rivers are found in the western part of the region and provide additional recreational opportunities. In the northern end of Whitman County a series of lakes entices anglers. Whitman County is the home to Steptoe Butte State Park and Kamiak Butte County Park. The county also operates several other smaller day use parks. Asotin County is the home to Fields Spring State Park, Chief Timothy Park, and several other park areas along the Snake River in Clarkston and Asotin. Garfield County is home to Central Ferry Park and is considered a gateway to the Blue Mountains. Columbia County is home to Palouse Falls State Park and Camp Wooten State Park, as well as Lyons Ferry Park.

The array of recreational activities available in the SEWEDA region keeps visitors and residents entertained through every season of the year. Activities include hunting, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, biking, golf, and other outdoor endeavors. The area is home to the Umatilla National Forest and the Weneha-Tucannon Wilderness area, as well as numerous sandy beaches and boat launches on the Snake River.

Throughout the year, the region is host to many local and nationally recognized events. These include rodeos; fairs and festivals highlighting the agricultural roots of the SEWEDA region; car shows and road races; major college sports, including the NAIA World Series; and the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. WSU also offers residents access to PAC 12 sporting events. The National Lentil Festival held each August in Pullman celebrates the regional title as the Pea and Lentil capitol of the world. Garfield County is the site of the developing Eastern Washington Agricultural Museum and the Wild West Road Rally. Columbia County has many activities such as the All-Wheels Weekend and fine arts events, and Asotin County now boasts an Aquatic Center.

Cultural opportunities flourish in the SEWEDA region. The largest art museum in the Inland Northwest is located on the WSU campus in Pullman, offering changing exhibits ranging from fine arts and fine crafts to architecture and design. In addition, several towns boast art galleries representing a wide variety of local, regional, and national talent. Theatre, dance, and music performances occur regularly at facilities across the area, including the 12,000 seat Beasley Coliseum on the WSU campus. Top-name comedians; rock, country, and jazz stars; and touring ballet, symphony, and theatre acts perform at the coliseum throughout the year. The area is in close proximity to the rich culture of the Nez Perce Nation. The Dahmen Art Barn resides in Uniontown, a 1934 Dairy Barn turned Artisans workshop, which offers interactive opportunities to visit with artists while they create their work. The Tekoa Empire Theatre, built in 1940, is a 280 seat Art Deco Theatre, and has been renovated and re-opened as a performing arts center. Regular performances throughout the year include local and regional talent.
### TABLE 23 – Travel Statistics 2009

No data available after 2009

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<td>Local Tax Receipts ($million)</td>
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**Source:** www.deanrunyan.com

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### Historic Areas

The region is rich in history providing historic trails and encampments, historic homes and buildings, museums, and restored historic sites of local, regional and national significance. The SEWEDA region has more than 70 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places including the Steptoe Battlefield in Whitman County, the 1878 Perkins House in Colfax, and the oldest courthouse and depot in the state, located in Dayton. Additionally, there are hundreds of individual buildings within the historic districts of Colfax, Dayton, Palouse, Pomeroy, and Pullman.

![MAP 2 - Map of Four County Area](image-url)
COMMUNITY SERVICES

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Hospitals
Five hospitals provide a total of 231 beds in the SEWEDA region. Special services at the hospitals in the SEWEDA region include outpatient care, cardiac and respiratory therapy, orthopedic surgery, CAT scanning, outpatient surgery, ultrasound, echocardiography, radiology, endoscopy, chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, eye surgery, spinal cord treatment, and family hospice. Referrals and coordination with larger regional facilities outside the area are also available when other major medical cases arise. Those are often transferred to Walla Walla (30 miles west of Dayton) and Spokane (approximately 60 miles north of Colfax). Hospitals located in nearby Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho provides an additional 185 beds. Emergency service via local ambulance, helicopter, and airplane is available to all hospitals.

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<th>Hospital, WA</th>
<th>County</th>
<th>City &amp; Phone Number</th>
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<td>Columbia County</td>
<td>Dayton, WA (509)382-2531</td>
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<td>Garfield County Memorial Hospital</td>
<td>Garfield County</td>
<td>Pomeroy, WA (509)843-1591</td>
<td>54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pullman Regional Hospital</td>
<td>Whitman County</td>
<td>Pullman, WA (509)332-2541</td>
<td>42</td>
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<tr>
<td>Whitman Hospital &amp; Medical Center</td>
<td>Whitman County</td>
<td>Colfax, WA (509)397-3435</td>
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Licensed Hospitals in nearby Idaho

<table>
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<th>Hospital, ID</th>
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<td>Gritman Medical Center</td>
<td>Latah County</td>
<td>Moscow, ID (208)882-4511</td>
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<td>St. Joseph Regional Medical Center</td>
<td>Nez Perce County</td>
<td>Lewiston, ID (208)743-2511</td>
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<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
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<td>7 Hospitals</td>
<td><strong>407</strong></td>
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Source: [www.hospital-data.com](http://www.hospital-data.com) Rev. 10-12
The SEWEDA region is home to numerous practicing, licensed medical doctors and several clinics providing healthcare needs, including a comprehensive sports medicine clinic in Pullman. In addition, the Lewiston/Clarkston Valley has a medical lab that provides one-day turnaround for many laboratory tests.

New construction has occurred during the last few years at several area hospitals, and some of the hospitals are offering new services. Some examples of these completed projects and services include:

- Tri-State Hospital in Clarkston constructed a facility housing a dialysis unit with 12 outpatient beds and a home training program, as well as an imaging center.
- Pullman Regional Hospital built the first new hospital in the State of Washington in more than 25 years on hospital-owned land next to the medical center on Bishop Boulevard. This creates opportunities for cost-sharing, patient convenience, equipment sharing and other resources due to the adjacent location of the facilities.
- The Whitman Hospital and Medical Center in Colfax constructed a new building for visiting physician specialists and a new surgery wing. As a result, they are actively increasing outpatient and specialty services provided by visiting doctors from urban areas.
- Garfield County Memorial Hospital has added an in-house laboratory for the majority of medical testing, outpatient services, telemed and X-ray capabilities.
- Along with primary and acute care, Dayton General Hospital also hosts several specialty clinics. Physicians from Spokane Cardiology are on site at Dayton twice monthly to provide cardiology services. Podiatry services are available once a month.

In addition, the use of telemedicine via the Internet has greatly enhanced area hospitals’ abilities to offer high-quality healthcare services.

Skilled & Assisted Nursing Care Facilities
Eighteen skilled and assisted nursing facilities and/or adult family homes are located in the region. Several smaller shelter home facilities and home health services in the four-county area provide similar services. Many communities neighboring the SEWEDA region, such as Lewiston and Moscow, Idaho, and Walla Walla, also have skilled and assisted nursing facilities. Some of the facilities within the SEWEDA region include the following:

| TABLE 25 - Skilled & Assisted Nursing Care Facilities, Adult Family Homes |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| **Asotin County**               | **Columbia County**             |
| Preferred Care AFH - Clarkston  | Booker Rest Home – Dayton      |
| Prestige Care Center - Clarkston|                                 |
| Clarkston Shelter & Care - Clarkston|                                 |
| Evergreen Estates Retirement Community - Clarkston|                                 |
| Riverview Residential Care - Clarkston|                                 |
| Sycamore Glen Adult Family Care - Clarkston|                                 |
| Tender Care Homes – Clarkston   |                                 |
| Katherine’s Harmony House – Clarkston|                                 |
| **Garfield County**             | **Whitman County**              |
| Garfield County Memorial Hospital District & Long Term Care – Pomeroy | Bishop Place, Senior Living - Pullman |
| Eagle HealthCare - Pomeroy      | Community Pride Senior Living - St. John |
|                                 | The Courtyard - Colfax          |
|                                 | Glenhaven Adult Family Home - Pullman |
|                                 | LaDow Court - Garfield          |
|                                 | Paul’s Place – Colfax           |
|                                 | Avalon Care Center – Pullman    |
|                                 | Tekoa Care Center - Tekoa       |
|                                 | Whitman Health & Rehabilitation Center - Colfax |

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Assisted Living
A listing of adult family homes in the SEWEDA region is available through Aging and Long Term Care
in Clarkston. The Council on Aging in Colfax also maintains a list of in-home caregivers.

**Dental Care**
A variety of dentists provide services in the SEWEDA region with some of them specializing in orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, and children's dentistry. The Lewiston/Clarkston Valley also has several dental labs that provide one-day turnaround for many laboratory tests. Dental services are also available in the adjoining communities of Lewiston, Moscow, and Walla Walla.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Services for Elderly & Low-Income Populations**
A variety of agencies in each county provide services for the District's elderly and low-income residents. In addition, many local organizations and churches throughout the District provide food banks and services for low-income residents.

**TABLE 26 - Asotin County Services for Elderly & Low Income Populations**

- Asotin County Health District
- Asotin County Housing Authority
- Asotin County Food Bank
- Asotin County Transit
- Community Action Agency (Lewiston)
- Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS)
- Gerontology Senior Citizens
- Habitat for Humanity
- Home Care Services
- Home Care of Washington
- Interlink Volunteers
- Job Service Center
- Meals on Wheels
- New Hope Services
- Office of Aging & Long Term Care
- Pautler Senior Center
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Rural Resources
- Senior Roundtable
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Walla Walla Community College, Clarkston Campus
- WorkSource (at WWCC)
- YWCA – Crisis Services

**Columbia County Services for Elderly & Low Income Populations**

- Blue Mountain Action Council
- Columbia County Transportation Services
- Columbia County Health Department
- Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS)
- WorkSource (Walla Walla)
- Office of Aging & Long Term Care
- Project Timothy
- Rural Resources (Clarkston)
- Senior Center
- Walla Walla Community College, Walla Walla Campus

**Garfield County Services for Elderly & Low Income Populations**

- Blue Mountain Action Council
- Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) Located in Clarkston, WA
- Garfield County Food Bank
- Pomeroy Medical Clinic
- Salvation Army
- Rural Resources (Clarkston)
- Senior Center / Office for Aging & Long Term Care
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<th>Garfield County Health District</th>
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<td>Walla Walla Community College</td>
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<td>Garfield County Transportation</td>
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<td>WorkSource (Pullman/Lewiston)</td>
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<td>Office of Aging &amp; Long Term Care</td>
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**Whitman County Services for Elderly & Low Income Populations**

- COAST Transportation
- Community Action Center (Pullman & Colfax)
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Congregational Thrift Shop
- Consumer Credit Counseling
- Dial-A-Ride
- Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS)
- Emmanuel Baptist Church
- FISH Food Bank (Colfax)
- Harvest House Thrift Shop
- LaCrosse Clothing Bank
- North Palouse Area Food & Clothing Bank
- Palouse Industries Thrift Shop
- Pregnancy Counseling Services
- Pullman Senior Center
- Pullman Transit
- Rural Resources
- Thrifty Grandmothers Shop (Colfax)
- USDA Food Commodities Distribution
- Whitman County Council On Aging
- Whitman County Health Department
- WorkSource (Pullman)

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STATE & LOCAL TAXES

Corporate and Personal Income Tax
The State of Washington does not impose a corporate income tax. Washington is one of only a few states that does not levy a personal income tax, or impose a tax on intangible assets such as bank accounts, stocks, or bonds. In addition, Washington State does not assess any tax on retirement income earned and received from another state.

Property Tax
Property taxes are one of the primary sources of funding for local governments. Property tax varies throughout the state, due mainly to voter-approved special levies. The average rate is approximately $14.00 per $1,000 of fair market value. Personal property taxes are levied on the assets of businesses only.

Retail Sales Tax
Retail sales tax applies to most items sold to consumers. In Washington food, food ingredients, and prescription drugs are not taxed. Generally, no sales tax is charged on utility services, personal services (medical, dental, legal, barber, etc.), and real estate (although construction services and building materials are subject to sales tax). The retail sales tax is comprised of both a state and local portion. Within the SEWEDA region the combined rate ranges from 7.5 percent to 7.9 percent.

Taxable retail sales vary within each county with some posting a decline and others showing areas of increase. Please refer to the chart on the next page for more information.

Deferrals, Exemptions and Credits
The state of Washington offers several tax deferrals, exemptions, and credits making Washington an attractive place to do business. New and existing manufacturers, research and development firms, and certain high technology companies can benefit from several tax incentives. These incentives are intended to encourage the creation and preservation of family-wage jobs in the manufacturing and high technology sectors, particularly where high unemployment exists.

Sales/Use Tax Exemption on Machinery, Equipment, and Buildings - Manufacturers, processors for-hire, and manufacturers who locate in the SEWEDA region and perform research and development are not required to pay the sales or use tax on machinery and equipment used directly in the manufacturing or research operations.

Rural Area Sales/Use Tax Deferral/Exemptions - This program defers or waives sales/use tax for manufacturing, research and development, or computer-related businesses locating in the .

Rural Area Business and Occupation Tax Credit – A credit against the business and occupation tax ranging from $2,000 to $4,000 is available for each new employment position created and filled by specific industries in rural counties.

High Technology Sales/Use Tax Deferral/Exemption – This program defers or waives sales and use tax associated with construction, expansion, or renovation of qualified buildings and acquisition of qualified machinery and equipment in research and development, and pilot scale manufacturing in specific industries.

High Technology Business and Occupation Tax Credit - An annual credit of up to $2 million is allowed for businesses that perform research and development in Washington in specified high technology categories and meet minimum expense requirements.
### TABLE 27 - Percent Change in Taxable Retail Sales, 1st Quarter 2011-2012

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<td>1,026,696</td>
<td>1,044,986</td>
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<td>48,602,743</td>
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<td>3,546,416</td>
<td>22,506,519</td>
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<td>Dayton</td>
<td>7,488,098</td>
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<td>139,053</td>
<td>134,882</td>
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<td>Unincorporated Areas</td>
<td>3,648,003</td>
<td>4,469,254</td>
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<td>Pomeroy</td>
<td>5,158,300</td>
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<td>11,262,436</td>
<td>11,968,169</td>
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<td>10,704,610</td>
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<td>401,383</td>
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<td>Endicott</td>
<td>270,105</td>
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<td>Farmington</td>
<td>128,317</td>
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<td>430,960</td>
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<td>568,887</td>
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<td>68,747</td>
<td>96,875</td>
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<td>52,265</td>
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<td>654,736</td>
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<td>Palouse</td>
<td>1,157,156</td>
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<td>78.2%</td>
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<td>1,625,028</td>
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*Source: [www.dor.wa.gov](http://www.dor.wa.gov)*

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POLITICAL JURISDICTION
The following table lists the primary governmental landowners/managers present in the Southeast Washington Economic Development Association who have a substantial effect upon development, and the level of government they represent.

**TABLE 28 - Political Jurisdiction**

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COMMUNITY AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

The CEDS development process is achieved through a synthesis of ideas and inputs between the public and private sectors, which represent the major groups that form the economy of the South East Washington Region. Having a representative balance between these groups is achieved through a process of community involvement in public meetings to elaborate a vision, goals and objectives, and to develop specific project lists that will achieve the desired outcomes. Five County-wide meetings were held in, and a sixth was held at the SEWEDA Board meeting in April, 2013, to draft and modify the various elements found within this CEDS document. Private sector participation has been especially courted, as planning activities typically are more closely aligned with the public side, as custodians of these documents. Local partner and private sector attendance was typically strongest at the County meetings.

Input into the various elements was solicited at each meeting, project lists were worked on, and responsible parties to execute the plan were identified through these meetings. The local visions, strengths and weaknesses were identified and rolled-up into the regional Goals and Objectives, and the Vision Statement. The identification of the regional clusters and narrative was accomplished through the SEWEDA Board as a regional descriptive process and documentation.

In addition to the private sector and the governmental organizations just listed above, the other partners that assisted in providing input into the CEDS are listed below.

ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Regional
- Rural Resources
- Walla Walla Community College
- Work Source
- Other Economic Development Districts in Washington and Idaho

Asotin County
- Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Hells Canyon Visitor Bureau
- Port of Clarkston

Columbia County
- Dayton Chamber of Commerce
- Dayton Economic Development Task Force
- Port of Columbia

Garfield County
- Port of Garfield County
- Pomeroy Chamber of Commerce
- Prosperous Pomeroy Economic Development Committee

Whitman County
- Colfax Chamber of Commerce
- Port of Whitman County
- Pullman Chamber of Commerce
- Colfax Chamber of Commerce
- Other Chambers of Commerce
- Washington State University
Out of State and Bi-State Organizations

- Palouse Knowledge Corridor
- Valley Vision
- Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association

RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL

- US Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration
- Governor’s Office of Regulatory Assistance
- Inland Northwest Economic Alliance
- Inland Northwest Partners
- Small Business Administration
- Small Business Development Centers
- Northwest Business Development Association
- Northwest Trade Adjustment Assistance Center
- United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development
- U.S. Commercial Services
- Washington State Department of Commerce
- Washington Department of Transportation
- Walla Walla Community College
OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMY

- The District has a very rural economy with 74,050 residents living in a four county area comprised of over 4,300 square miles.

- Washington State’s population continues to grow at a rate more than twice as fast as the District.

- The median age of three of the counties is increasing and the percentage increase is at a faster rate than the state as a whole. The exception is Whitman County with its large student population remaining fairly consistent at 24.9 years median age.

- Racial diversity, while increasing in many categories, is less than 4% of the population in three of the counties, but nearly 12% in Whitman County with its significant university population. The region is not considered to be racially diverse.

- The educational attainment of the District shows a decrease in the percentage of population with less than a high school education. The percentage of high school graduates has increased and the number of those attending and graduating from college has significantly increased.

- Residents of the District’s four counties continue to earn between 61% and 73% of the state’s Median Household Income (MHI). Asotin County’s MHI is growing at a rate faster than the state, Columbia County’s is at the state’s rate, and Garfield and Whitman counties MHI rate is growing much slower than the state’s rate at this time.

- Asotin and Whitman counties have experienced an increase in per capita income since the year 2010, but Garfield and Columbia counties experienced a decrease. As a whole, the four counties lag 23% to 47% behind the state’s level.

- Poverty Status – The District’s counties have a larger percentage of families and individuals below the poverty level than Washington State as a whole.

- The distribution of the population by age group shows the District experienced a drop in the prime working ages, particularly the 20 to 35-year old age groups. This indicates younger workers are leaving the area in search of better job opportunities outside the district.

- The distribution of workers among industries shows the government and service sectors make up nearly 50% or more of each county’s workforce when categorized by industry. In total, government and service sector employment account for 65% of all jobs in the District.

- While agriculture, forestry, and fishing make up less than 5% of the employment opportunities, they are still important factors in the economy, requiring many of the government and service sector jobs as support for these industries.

- The remote location of the District impacts the economy. The distance from major metropolitan areas to the north and west and difficult access to metropolitan areas east and south can make transportation expensive. The geographical constraints of the Rocky Mountains and sheer distances over stretches of wide-open plains add to that difficulty. As no major interstate highways cross the district, resulting opportunities for economic development are reduced due to this constraint. These concerns increase the importance of all-weather transportation routes and access to adequate telecommunication infrastructure. The importance of the navigable river channels to provide for the economical shipping of products by barge to and from the Port of Portland and other destinations is a critical element of the transportation infrastructure of the region.
• Roads, river, rail, air and telecommunications infrastructure each play a role in developing the region's economy.
  
  o Roads – Farm to Market and all weather roads are key factors to improving the economy of the region.
  o River – The Columbia – Snake River System is an important factor in the movement of commerce to and from the region. The issue of maintaining a navigable channel has dramatic impacts on the economics of the region. The Snake – Clearwater River system and its attraction as a destination for visitors is also an important factor of the tourism segments portion of the economy.
  o Rail – As major rail operators leave the area, short line operations become more critical. The impact of reduced loads on both the river and rail places a heavier burden on the road system and has the effect of increasing transportation costs to a point where economic viability becomes a consideration.
  o Air – The movement of goods and people is a factor of frequency, destinations and costs. Ample air transportation resources exist throughout the district, or are adjacent to it. The increasing difficulty of maintaining thee services is a concern for the development of the region.
  o Telecommunications – The connection for rural areas to the world can be improved, in many cases, through the use of telecommunications. Much of the District has access to telecommunication infrastructure. However, the challenge is to provide high-speed connectivity throughout the District at affordable rates, while at the same time providing a cost-recovery scenario for the investor. This issue is typical of rural areas, with a low concentration of population. The addition of a fiber backbone in 2011 – 2012 through the district creates an opportunity for the region to capitalize upon.

• The basic infrastructure of the region is adequate to address the current growth trends, yet it may face some specific challenges going forward. Water rights, sewer systems, and solid waste disposal issues are generating more interest as the region develops. Storm water issues, driven by policy formed in a different climate region, adversely affect the ability of property owners to develop their parcels in a cost efficient manner.
INTERNAL TRENDS AND FORCES

STRENGTHS
- Variety of freight movement
- Low cost water transportation
- Waterfront access
- Agricultural and natural resources
- Recreational opportunities and tourism
- Quality of life and Climate
- Availability of undeveloped land
- Room for expansion
- Supportive local elected officials
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Universities/higher education
- Progressive community college programs
- Progressive Port districts

WEAKNESSES
- Preparing students for work in industrial fields
- Small and underemployed workforce
- Outward migration of workforce
- Resistance to change
- Zoning and building codes in some areas are restrictive and selectively enforced
- Availability of zoned and serviced land and buildings
- Funding opportunities

EXTERNAL TRENDS AND FORCES

OPPORTUNITIES
- Stable housing market, compared to national market
- Additional universities and colleges
- Recreation
- Additional manufacturing businesses
- Technology companies (data centers, teleconferencing capabilities)
- Labor pool to draw from outside region
- International markets
- Escape from urban gridlock
- Opportunity for renewable energy development using the SEWEDA regions remarkable wind, sun, and water resources

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  - Globalization – overseas production
- Threat of dam removal
- Federal regulations on municipal infrastructure
REGIONAL ECONOMIC CLUSTERS

The industries within the South East region of Washington State can be grouped into identifiable clusters based upon the types of work performed or products developed. This is descriptive in that support programs in business finance, in workforce development, and for common marketing efforts are more readily achievable when like companies are able to share scarce resources to attain progress for the common good.

Interestingly, the initiation and development of several clusters have been recent events, and have shown remarkably strong growth rates as compared to the several established clusters. This could be reflective of the changing dynamics within the general economy that favor one industry cluster over another.

Identified regional economic clusters within the SEWEDA District are (in alphabetical order):

- **Agriculture**

  The agriculture industry has been a mainstay of the region since it was first settled. The Palouse region is recognized worldwide as a top producer of premium quality wheat, and is gaining the reputation of being a substantial producer of alternative crops to rotate the land to maintain the high yield and quality of the grain crops. The primary crops used in rotation are lentils, peas, and chickpeas or garbanzos. Other crops are being developed to diversify the agricultural offerings, such as oil seed species and varieties that thrive in non-irrigated conditions. Agriculture will continue to be a predominant industry within the SE Region for the foreseeable future. The agriculture industry depends upon the availability, capacity and quality of the various transportation systems to be able to move the tremendous volume of products to the world markets in an expedited manner once harvest season begins.

  More recent developments within agriculture include the explosion of the wine industry starting on the West end of the District and continuing through the remainder of South East and South Central Washington State. Opportunities are being created and developed from these new endeavors in education, value-added agriculture, entrepreneurism, agricultural sciences, and regional marketing and branding strategies.

- **Education**

  The quantity and quality of the educational institutions in and adjacent to Southeast Washington is on par with any other Economic Development District nationally. Two major universities, the University of Idaho and Washington State University, each with statewide mandates in both Idaho and Washington, along with the Lewis Clark State College in Idaho and Walla Walla Community College in SEWEDA’s District provide ample support to the other clusters within the region.

  Strengths include support to the health care industry, veterinary medicine, computer sciences, engineering, materials science, and research services supplied as a land grant university.

- **Forest Products and Pulp / Paper Products**

  A foundational industry cluster that remains a strong employer in parts of Southeast Washington, the forest products and paper products industries form a cluster of basic products manufacturers that are a shadow of their prominence in the early years of the development within the SEWEDA District.

  Continued efforts to provide suitable employee training to support these industries help form the basis for many of the workforce development programs throughout the District.

- **Health Care and Retirement Community Development**

  Health care is an important cluster within South East Washington, although it is rather diffused. The challenges inherent with maintaining a viable health care system with the economic and demographic challenges in today’s economy are immense. In many respects, the challenges within health care
provision will help determine the ability of the region to grow and prosper in the future. If rural health care becomes non-viable, then it follows that the demographic changes that have dis-favored the rural economy will accelerate. As population disruptions occur, the ability for the region to attract and retain talent to feed into the region’s clusters becomes more difficult and expensive. Washington State offers advantages to attracting retirees due to the absence of an income tax. With this dynamic in effect as a potential draw for increasing the numbers of retirees, housing, health care, retirement planning counseling businesses, and active recreation venues and activities should be areas of growth in the future.

- **Manufacturing, with Identifiable sub-cluster concentrations**
  - **Boat building**: The Lewis-Clark Valley hosts a cluster of small businesses devoted to producing top quality aluminum welded recreational boats of many types. Support to this cluster is shared among the various Port Districts and economic development organizations throughout the region, as well as the workforce development programs within the colleges.
  - **Electricity Control and Electronic Products**: World-class engineering, product development, and systems integration products are produced for the electric production industries worldwide from South East Washington. The continual expansion of this cluster is responsible for much of the relative prosperity that the Southeast Washington economy has experienced within the past decade.
  - **Government Procurement / Military Parts Manufacturing**: Cluster development best describes the efforts to establish a branded network of businesses that specialize, in part, to produce Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) comparable products geared for purchase through the competitive bid process by the Federal Government and the US Military. The American Manufacturing Network is established through the partnership of many regional educational and economic development organizations within both Idaho and Washington for this purpose. SEWEDA participates as an active member of the non-profit side of the AMN on behalf of our District’s manufacturers.
  - **Outdoor Recreation Products**: The region’s economy is strongly supported through the location of several major employers that specialize in the production and development of specialty products for the outdoor recreation industry. This cluster has demonstrated a remarkable growth curve over the past decade, and appears to be in a position to remain strong for the upcoming year or two, based upon advance order volume with the manufacturers continuing to remain steady.

- **Tourism**
  The tourism industry remains steady, but with the economic conditions that have been experienced in the recent few years, is not particularly strong. The dynamics of the tourism industry within South East Washington are consistent with the national norms with respect to the types of jobs and compensation rates experienced.
  Recent developments within several sub-markets, notably the wine industry as the primary example, show promise as an attractor of increases in tourist traffic, with the feature of having increased levels of disposable income within the demographic of people attracted.
  The notable development of an agricultural value-added product and business incubator designed as an ecologically-friendly agri-tourism center reflects the entrepreneurial spirit found throughout South East Washington within the SEWEDA District.

- **Wind and Water Energy Production**
  - **Water**: Long an important contributor to the Northwest economy, power production from the Inland Northwest River System retains its position as a strategic renewable resource, but has some political headwinds to persevere against to remain the vital resource it presently is. One defining issue is the relationship between the dam system and the fisheries resources. Another issue that is being brought forward is the concept of
whether the river system’s power production should be classified as renewable or not. The resolution to these and other pertinent issues will drive the decision process regarding the types, amounts, and locations of alternate power production sources developed in the future. In the South East Region where alternate forms of power production are available, a substantial effect upon the regional economy will be one result of the resolution to these issues, regardless of the direction it takes.

- Wind: Electricity production from wind energy is an important contributor to the region’s economy, having been birthed and grown to a mature cluster within the past five years. Educational support programs to this cluster have been developed through the Walla Walla Community College. Although not a large employer post construction, the industry cluster provides a steady revenue stream to the landowners and County Governments affected by the various projects that have been built. Recent attempts to quantify the opportunities for supply-chain development for this industry, or for other product and service opportunities for local businesses that wish to establish with the industry players have not proven to be especially fruitful. The industry’s continued interest in expanding the footprint in South East Washington is primarily dependent upon the continuing improvements in the efficiencies of power production from wind sources, and from the business environment as reflected in the tax structure relating to recouping the invested capital.
SEWEDA VISION STATEMENT

Drawing on the rich heritage and natural resources of the region, the South East Washington Economic Development Association is committed to enhancing economic vitality and an unparalleled quality of life through developing programs and partnerships with business, civic interests, and government for the benefit of the residents of Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Whitman Counties.

The region is building a competitive advantage in the following areas to help achieve the vision, through the following examples:

- **Educational Institutions** - The District has outstanding K-12 systems and access to numerous institutes of higher education. These include progressive community colleges and research universities.
- **Advanced Technology** – Bioscience, plant research, advanced material technology, educational software and high tech firms, many being spin offs from research conducted at the area’s universities, are located in the District. Fostering relationships with these technology-based interests will help diversify the region’s economy.
- **Agriculture/Natural Resources** – This category has been a traditional mainstay of the District. The interest in biodiesel, alternative fuels, wineries, and grass fed livestock is providing the region with more value-added opportunities. Collaborations between producers, entrepreneurs, and new markets development initiatives will become more common and effective in the near-term future, and will produce synergies with other industry clusters, such as tourism.
- **Renewable Energy** – The District is well positioned to take advantage of new technologies in the growing renewable energy sector. Ample wind, sun, and water resources, the ability to grow bio-fuels feedstock, and the open space for project development together create a competitive advantage for the region. At the end of 2012, the South East region of the State hosted roughly 25% of the total Renewable Portfolio for the State of Washington in wind energy.
- **Tourism** – The rich recreational opportunities, the historical nature of the area, its scenic by-ways, and its mild climate provide for growth and development in this arena. Through promoting these opportunities, visitors come into the District who will spend time and money in our communities. Enhanced agri-tourism opportunities are being developed in the western end of the District that promise to be an interesting diversification to the tourism offerings.
- **Healthcare** – The District is well served by its healthcare institutions. Each county has access to medical care with populated centers having access to hospitals and care facilities. In addition to serving the current population, the industry serves as a major attribute to the growing active retiree community.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The following Goals and Objectives are intended to increase job creation, capital investment, and the tax base. The District recognizes that it can only accomplish this economic growth through the success of individual businesses. Within the District, various groups and organizations partner throughout each county to assist in enabling the private sector to make the necessary investment in jobs and capital.

**Capacity Building**

The planning process can only go so far before it becomes time to take action, but prior to taking action there is opportunity to look at different options and their feasibility. It is through this activity that options are developed, evaluated, and ranked for practicality and return on investment. Once this is determined,
preferred courses of action and investments can be more wisely pursued.

**Goal:** To develop the region’s ability to plan for prosperity

**Objectives:**
- Support feasibility studies that identify opportunities to expand local capacity and resources for economic growth and vitality.
- Develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the four county District.
- Develop and foster economic development partnerships with other organizations and businesses.
- Actively support the creation and uses for the Innovation Partnership Zones (IPZ) that have been established. Currently, at the end of 2012, Whitman County hosts an IPZ, and just outside the District, Walla Walla Community College (Walla Walla Campus) hosts another.

**Workforce**

A critical component to the District’s economic growth and well-being is its workforce. The new and expanding companies in the region need qualified and available workers in order to realize their potential. Accomplishing this requires a partnership between education/training institutions and workforce agencies.

**Goal:** To increase the availability, skill level, and productivity of the District’s workforce.

**Objectives:**
- Identify locations and industries experiencing workforce shortages and needs.
- Work with Eastern Washington Partnership Workforce Development Council, Work Source, the local Manufacturers Association, and other agencies to ensure an adequate labor force exists throughout the District.
- Partner with educational institutions (K-20) to increase the skill sets of the workforce and to ensure students become fully aware of local job availability.

**Housing**

The issue of affordable housing availability can be an economic development issue. In our area where housing shortages negatively impact the ability of companies to secure their needed employment base, it becomes an issue for the District’s ability to develop. Some of our District’s communities are unable to attract needed workers because of the limited stock of desirable and affordable houses.

Although housing prices have fallen nationwide in the most recent several years, the housing market in Southeast Washington has not expressed this to the same degree. Available housing inventory has remained tight, and the prices of single-family housing remain relatively high as compared to the median wage of the area. SEWEDA will work with other agencies to ensure the availability of the workforce is not hampered by housing issues. Additionally, much of our increase in population is from retirees, so SEWEDA will also support efforts to ensure senior living options are available throughout the District.

**Goal:** To increase the availability of housing options for the residents of the area.

**Objectives:**
- Support and encourage affordable housing throughout the region.
- Encourage the development of adequate assisted living and retirement facilities.
- Ensure affordable workforce housing is readily available throughout the District.

**Community Development and Infrastructure**

The provision of basic infrastructure is important to the growth of an area’s economy. This includes ensuring adequate services, utilities, land, and facilities are available. Working to maintain basic services and increase those services is necessary to create a vibrant economy.

**Goals:** To encourage development, maintenance, and operations of facilities, utilities, and services necessary to support economic development.

**Objectives:**
• Work to increase the availability of zoned serviced industrial land.
• Facilitate the development of vibrant downtowns.
• Support, facilitate, and promote adequate funding for improved and expanded telecommunication, water and sewer systems, and the availability of other utilities.
• Ensure transportation modes including air, rail, river, roads, and public transportation are preserved, maintained, and improved.
• Ensure waterfront plans allow access to rivers for housing.
• Recognize the strategic and economic value of the Region’s airports. Actively support the retention and upgrading of the facilities. Assist in the development of the airports where assistance is needed.
• Support efforts to retain and maintain the rail system as a strategic resource for transporting the goods and services necessary to maintain the local economies served by the rail.
• Support the continued utility of the Columbia River system as an ecologically-friendly transportation alternative to transporting the same quantities of goods by truck over the road system.

**Business Development**
The basis of most economic development efforts center around business startup, expansion, retention, and recruitment. These remain an important part of our efforts to grow quality jobs, investment in the District, and tax base. A comprehensive approach will be utilized to reach the goal of increased economic vitality for the region.

**Goal:** To enhance economic vitality through recruitment, startups, retention, and expansion of business ventures.

**Objectives:**
• Facilitate establishment of private business ventures in the District.
• Market the business attributes of the region.
• Promote the growth and sustainability of existing businesses within the region through identifying and addressing business needs.
• Actively participate in providing and facilitating the offering of educational resources to the business community throughout the District.
• Continue to support the Palouse Knowledge Corridor as an active sponsor organization and board member for the advancement of collaborative efforts to commercialize the various technologies and business entrepreneurs that are developed within the Region.

**Tourism**
The tourism and visitor trade industry is a growing and increasingly important factor in the District. The rural nature of the region, its proximity to the Walla Wall wine country and Hells Canyon, its natural attributes, the presence of major cultural amenities, and a number of nearby universities make this an obvious economic engine for the region. SEWEDA actively supports the various lead organizations throughout the District to develop tourism opportunities through partnerships to maximize the benefits of this industry.

**Goal:** To foster the development of visitor trade throughout the District.

**Objectives:**
• Support impact studies and feasibility studies related to tourism and increased visitor revenues.
• Support improvements and creation of appropriate tourism facilities and community tourism partnerships.
• Support efforts to increase the capacity to maximize visitor’s length of stay.

**Additional Planning Tasks**
The District will also engage in broader-based activities that will contribute to the above-listed goals and objectives and also assist in growing the regional economy. This includes
participation in state and regional efforts. SEWEDA recognizes that the synergy resulting from collaboration is priceless, and that we must therefore interact with other groups and organizations in order to provide the best service to the region. Partners include:

- **Inland Northwest Economic Alliance**: This is a group of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho economic development organizations and professionals that have joined together to jointly market the area to southern California companies. SEWEDA will continue to work with this group to grow the region’s economy.

- **Inland Northwest Partners**: This organization is made up of cities, counties, chambers, and economic development organizations throughout the inland northwest. The partners meet three times a year for training, education, and sharing of resources and successes. SEWEDA will continue to participate with the Partners in efforts to advance economic development.

- **Washington Economic Development Association**: This is a statewide association comprised of economic development professionals and supporters of economic development. The organization serves as the voice of economic development in the State of Washington. The SEWEDA Executive Director serves on the WEDA Board of Directors of this association and will continue to support its activities.

- **Clearwater Economic Development Association**: The CEDA office is located across the river from the Eastern boundary of the SEWEDA District in Lewiston, ID. CEDA serves the five County area adjacent to the SEWEDA District in Idaho. We continue to work together and share information in order to maximize our resources, particularly since our businesses draw from a common labor pool.

- **Northwest Intermountain Manufacturers Association**: This organization has proven to be a critical partner in our attempts to resolve issues faced by the manufacturers in our region. Assisting this group of businesses through the American Manufacturing Network will help to ensure that our manufacturers, a significant sector in the economy of our District, remain viable and have the opportunity and support to grow, particularly as they face workforce and expansion issues.

- **Benton-Franklin Council of Governments**: The primary purpose of the group is to assist businesses in the community to expand and prosper, and in doing so, create new jobs. The BFCOG is the Federal Economic Development District bordering SEWEDA on the West side.

- **Tri-County Economic Development District**: This Economic Development District strives to develop a stable and diverse economy in the Northwest corner of the state; to build partnerships between businesses, government and communities; and to assist businesses to grow, invest, create and retain jobs.

- **The Port Districts of Washington State**: Each of the Counties within SEWEDA has a Port District within their respective borders. We actively partner with the Port Districts to develop the region’s economy, while acknowledging their lead in developing the appropriate supporting infrastructure.

- **Washington Association of Economic Development Districts (WAEDD)**: Although this is a fledgling group, the association of the Economic Development Districts within Washington State may prove to be of benefit to coordinate the economic development efforts across the State.

- **Valley Vision**: This organization is a public-private partnership in the Lewis-Clark Valley primarily devoted to business recruitment. SEWEDA partners with Valley Vision regarding common areas of interest to extend each organization’s resources.

- **Impact Washington**: A non-profit organization that strengthens Washington manufacturers to make them more globally competitive.

- **Eastern Washington Partnership Workforce Development Council**: Eastern Washington Partnership (EWP) Workforce Development Council (WDC) is a 19-member volunteer board of directors, a majority of whom are from the private sector. The board designs and administers a workforce development system to meet the needs of employers, workers, job seekers, and youth in the four Counties within SEWEDA under the Workforce Investment Act of 2000.

**Integration**

The State of Washington's economic development priorities are difficult to quantify, unless a broad-brush is used to paint the 'priority picture'. In the absence of a statewide collective vision, and a goals and
objectives set that has been vetted through a process of engagement, the current best proxy has been
developed by the Economic Development Commission, which is out of the Governor’s Office. To be
applicable to the many regional and local economies within the State, the priorities are general in nature.
The five current economic development priorities found within the Commission’s Plan, and the manner
that the South East Region cooperates and integrates each priority are:

**Talent**

Two main thoughts, as stated by the Commission with regard to talent are: 1) Talent development should
not be geographically dependent – the development of talent should be spread throughout the state, and
2) The capacities of the community and technical colleges, and the universities, need to be expanded to
accommodate a higher educational attainment rate by the citizenry of Washington State.

The South East corner of Washington State houses ample educational resources with Walla Walla
Community College’s Clarkston Campus, and the main campus of Washington State University, located
within Pullman in Whitman County. Education is recognized as a primary driver of the regional economy,
as well as a resource that can be developed to have stronger ties to the local economies within the
region. Enhanced investments in this priority will only benefit the SE corner of the State.

**Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

The development of ‘innovative ecosystems’ along with improvements in tax and regulatory policy are
ways that this priority can be implemented, as outlined by the Commission report.

The South East corner of the State is home to an exceptionally large array of entrepreneurs by percent in
the form of agriculturalists, small business owners, manufacturers, service providers, and research and
technology innovators. Many of the latter groups are tied into the University community out of Pullman.

Economic development efforts continue to build bridges between the educational and business support
services readily available to the business and entrepreneur communities throughout the District.

Additional ties are made with the Port Districts, as the Ports are legislated to be able to develop the
necessary infrastructure elements for innovation and entrepreneur development.

**Infrastructure**

The investment into infrastructure, and recognition of the strategic value of the infrastructure resources is
a key priority of the plan.

In South East Washington, the quality of the infrastructure resources are a top priority, as rural areas are
constantly looking for ways to maintain and improve these resources. All of the resources, whether it be
rail, water, roads, or air transportation, are recognized for the values they bring to the movement of the
goods and services into and out of the region. The continued investment into these resources is
strategically significant to the South East Region, and will continue to be a priority. Many of the
jurisdiction’s projects are infrastructure related in the lists that follow the CEDS narrative.

Recent improvements into the development of supporting infrastructure for connectivity to the internet
through the construction of a high-speed fiber loop throughout the South East area provides opportunity
for business development along the cable’s route.

**Regulation**

Washington State regulatory system, with the complexity and costs considered, is an area that the
Commission believes should be investigated for applying ‘lean’ concepts.

With the proximity to the State of Idaho, the South East region is affected by the disparate burdens that
government levies upon business ventures. This is manifest through comparative evaluations of the
business climate, as evidenced by the promotions that are broadcast by outside jurisdictions to
Washington employers hoping to recruit them away. Having an effect upon Washington State policy is
difficult for a small rural Economic Development District to accomplish from a distance. Working through
local legislators is the preferred method of having a voice in the issues.

**International**

The thesis from the Commission is that through innovating at a local level, and having resources and
policy support this level of activity, coupled with cross-border collaboration, the State can succeed at
achieving economic diversification and growth in the economy.
The South East region’s largest and fastest growing employer has a world-wide market, and a regional (cross-state) small water craft manufacturing industry is gaining strength, as mentioned within the cluster discussion above. Intra – and interstate collaborations regularly occur in support of businesses and industries that have potential for economic and employment gains throughout South East Washington.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS LIST**

**Asotin County** - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.

(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

**Capacity Building/Planning**
5 year
- Improve working relationships and encourage the continued collaboration and meeting of elected officials and administrators in Nez Perce County, Asotin County, and Cities of Lewiston, Clarkston, and Asotin in order to discuss items of common interest, opportunities to consolidate services, and to expedite common goals.

**Education and Training**
5 year
- Encourage further development of the healthcare industry through a broader array of education and training programs, including the addition of medical assisting a one-year program intended to serve the health care community with highly trained individuals capable of working in the front office as well as providing direct patient care.
- Develop worker training programs for alternative energy projects, particularly for the wind industry.
- Partner with all neighboring colleges and universities to develop workforce development training opportunities, and transfer educational programs that ensure students are able to complete baccalaureate degrees in a timely manner.
- Serve the region’s citizens with high quality educational programs and services, partnering with community based organizations and agencies to ensure that citizens needing education from adult basic instruction through associate’s degrees are accommodated through local in-classroom instruction, as well as distance education opportunities.
- Utilize state and federal job skills grants, partner with local business and manufacturers to provide training and skills upgrades to employees.
- Access funding and build a Workforce Development Center on the Clarkston Campus to house Industrial Maintenance Technician and Entrepreneurship programs.

**Infrastructure** (Roads, River, Rail, Air, Water, Sewer, Energy, Telecom, Solid Waste, Transportation, Utilities, etc.)
- Develop an adequate supply of zoned and serviced industrial lands and buildings.
- Support the expansion of air service at the regional airport.
- Support and implement transportation plans being developed through the MPO and RTPO planning process.
- Work with the Corps of Engineers, the Port of Clarkston to maintain a navigable river system that promotes commerce.
- Support implementation of recommendations from the Confluence Waterfront Coalition Report regarding the restoration of recreational and commercial docking facilities along the river system to optimum operating conditions.
- Construct sidewalks where needed, particularly on 6th Avenue, to ball fields and bike path.
- Support the Port construction of rental buildings and associated infrastructure when feasible and
• Continue to improve safety at the entrances to the Southway Bridge from Hwy 129.
• Promote additional modern telecommunications infrastructure in Asotin County.
• Support the expansion of the sewer system to include additional unincorporated areas of Asotin County.
• Determine need for adequate jail capacity.
• Adopt Asotin County Bike-Pedestrian Plan, and support bike/ped path extensions:
  o From Clarkston to Chief Timothy Park, including connection to Confluence Project
  o Through the City of Asotin and up the Snake River; and along Scenic Way.
  o Uphill route on Critchfield Road
  o Downhill route on Ben Johnson Road
• Develop improvements to the Snake River Road for safety and for access to recreational areas.
• Develop Public Facilities District to provide maintenance and operation for Aquatic Center.

Business Development
5 year
• Assist local companies to expand their markets and their employment opportunities.
• Market the area to prospective businesses.
• Encourage private development, particularly in the Aquatic Center area.
• Support the growth of the grape and wine industries throughout the region.

10 year
• Support the planning and development of a new industrial park.

Tourism
5 year
• Support the Valley-wide tourism bureau.
• Implement a Waterfront Development Master Plan.
• Explore the benefits and pursue, if appropriate, the National Heritage Designation.
• Support development of the Confluence Project at Chief Timothy Park.
• Support the building of a new Visitor Information / Hells Canyon Interpretive Center and “Jet Boat Capital of the World” Museum in Clarkston

Housing
• Support affordable and available housing options.
• Work to ensure adequate assisted living facilities are available.
• Support development of upscale retirement facilities/communities.
• Support development of affordable retirement facilities/communities.

Community Development
5 year
• Continue improvements to the public transportation system in Asotin County, including capacity and accessibility.
• Expand and improve access to bike and pedestrian paths.
• Investigate and pursue, if feasible, the creation of a Park and Recreation District.
• Continue development of baseball field and sports complex with amenities.
• Implement community clean-up, including junk cars and trash, and beautify areas beyond downtown Clarkston, including flowers, paint, etc.
• Address EKO odor issues.
• Encourage school support across broader base of community members.
10 year
• Adequately fund public safety.
• Construct a new Post Office with adequate parking.

Port of Clarkston – Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.
(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

GOAL 1: Actively encourage diversification of the Port District’s economic base.

Policies/Objectives:
• Support the manufacturing sector through membership in, grant support for and other support activities of the Northwest Intermountain Manufacturing Association (NIMA), the American Manufacturing Network, Inc., and AMN Solutions, LLC.
• Identify and assist in the development of new products, markets, and industries relying on the human, organizational, educational, agricultural and natural resources of the region.
• Investigate the need for additional facilities for storage, handling, and processing of value-added agricultural commodities.
• Undertake active recruitment of new economic activities and accelerate the Port’s involvement in economic development activities in Asotin County’s communities, including providing technical assistance on the City of Asotin’s Marina, as needed.
• Promote tourism as a viable industry by advertising, publicizing or distributing information designed to attract visitors as outlined by RCW 53.08.255 and/or assist with the development of tourism facilities, in cooperation with the Hells Canyon Visitors Bureau.
• Partner with local, regional and state economic development organizations in order to recruit, retain, enhance and foster business and industry.
• Identify and follow-through with opportunities relating to feasibility or other studies for emerging clusters and/or incubators.
• Seek opportunities to diversify the economy through renewable/sustainable energy business growth and retention.

GOAL 2: Support economic development facilities and services and coordinate communication and partnerships with entities engaging in economic development activities.

Policies/Objectives:
• Undertake active recruitment of new economic activities both from inside and outside the District.
• Acquire feasible sites in Asotin County for cooperative development with interested communities and firms. Initiate dialog and work in partnership with other public agencies and the private sector for economic development purposes.
• Seek partnership with entities such as the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB), Washington State University (WSU), the state legislature and state and federal agencies to fund economic development facilities and services.
GOAL 3: *Continue acquisition, development and management of Port properties and facilities.*

**Policies/Objectives:**
- Maintain a flexible leasing policy responsive to the needs of the District.
- Provide public port facilities as warranted by market demand.
- Work toward acquisition of additional acreage and buildings wherever needed or invited for future Port expansion.
- Encourage maximum taxable tenant improvements at all Port sites.
- Incorporate proactive environmental planning with industrial development.
- Keep assets clean, safe, and attractive.

GOAL 4: *Develop a telecommunications plan and infrastructure to facilitate enhanced telecommunications services countywide.*

**Policies/Objectives:**
- Develop telecommunications needs assessment, connectivity strategies and recommendations for future network implementation projects for telecommunications infrastructure within Asotin County.
- Work with partners, including non-profit and private sectors, to grow telecommunications infrastructure, including building transmission and “bricks and mortar” type facilities for lease in Asotin County.
- Where possible, tap state and federal resources to support this goal, including USDA Rural Utilities Services program or equivalent.

GOAL 5: *Encourage a balanced and economical multi-modal transportation system serving agriculture, commerce and industry.*

**Policies/Objectives:**
- Continue advocacy for maintaining the Columbia/Snake River channel as a transportation system.
- Formally participate in the metropolitan statistical area, regional (RTPO), and state transportation planning on a regular basis to preserve and enhance transportation systems.
- Work with partners to: a) improve traffic flow; b) improve walkability; and c) improve bike and pedestrian routes and amenities, constructing amenities as needed and as applicable.

GOAL 6: *Develop and maintain recreational facilities physically and operationally in recognition of the importance of recreation to the health and quality of life of citizens within the Port District.*

**Policies/Objectives:**
- Continue to make improvements to existing recreational facilities including but not limited to retaining wall viewing areas, interpretive panels, path upgrades, landscaping and lighting of pathways.
• Create new recreational opportunities where compatible with commercial and industrial development goals (for example, a trail system at the Sustainable Business Park).
• Investigate opportunities to increase income and reduce costs while continuing maintenance of the park, marina, trails and other facilities.

City/Community Projects – Each Community named is the Lead Organization for Each Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

The following are listings from Asotin County Cities & Communities that submitted projects for the CEDS.

Community of Anatone

Mid-Range (up to 10 years):
• Identify funding sources, plan for, and develop a wastewater treatment system.

City of Asotin

Short Range (up to 5 years):
• Dredge riverbed, clean up waterfront area, and re-install a marina and docks.
• Enhance bike path:
  • Bike Path Bridge over creek along highway.
  • Extend bike path up Snake River Road.
  • Extend bike path through Corps property to boat ramp and expand parking.
  • Work with County to provide access to bike path from 13th Street.
• Renovate, or encourage renovation of, Jerry Flour Mill, to include commercial activity such as music, arts, historical tours, etc.
• Develop RV Park, campground, or other overnight accommodations.
• Start a Farmer’s Market on 2nd Street on Saturdays from spring to fall.
• Improve telecommunications:
  • Free wireless Internet
  • Improve cell phone coverage and landline service
  • More high-speed Internet access
• Establish a Youth/Teen Center (such as a Boys & Girls Club, YWCA, skate park) to be located at either the Fairgrounds or a vacant building in town.
• Improve neighborhood appearances.
• Repair sidewalks and streets.
• Enhance, preserve, protect, and increase the awareness of the community’s best attributes (water, quietness, small-town feel, schools, clean air).

Mid-Range (up to 10 years):
• Recruit a small IGA-type grocery market.

Long Range (up to 20 years):
• Build an underpass across highway for students to safely access bike path from the school.
City of Clarkston

Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Extend sidewalks throughout the City of Clarkston into those areas where missing.
- Enhance all the entrances to the City of Clarkston including signage.
- Prepare a Downtown Revitalization Plan, to include Bridge Street (Highway 12).
- Beautify Diagonal Street.
- Support retention and further development of Aquatic Center.
- Implement community clean-up, including junk cars and trash.
- Expand wastewater treatment capacity.
- Replace covered picnic shelter area at Beachview Park
- Install restroom at Vernon Park and add sidewalk along Park Street
- Improve traffic circulation throughout community
- Support community events, such as Alive After Five
- Work with WSDOT to study and improve traffic along US-12 (Bridge Street) by making alterations to traffic layout.

Infrastructure (Roads, River, Rail, Air, Water, Sewer, Energy, Telecom, Solid Waste, Transportation, Utilities, etc.)
- WWTP upgrade goes out to bid in April 2012, with construction commencing in 2012. (15% complete)
- Reconstruction of 12th Street from Chestnut to Highland with sidewalk infill (2013)
- Storm water drainage facilities (up to 10 locations) to improve drainage and pollution control (2013)
- Safe Routes to School sidewalk improvements on Poplar from 12th to 13th Streets (proposed)

Columbia County - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.
(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Education and Training
5 years
- WWCC (and/or WSU) to open branch or satellite office.
- Continue to expand programs at Dayton High School/Skill Center with WWCC.
- Partner with the Chamber, Community Network to facilitate youth internship/entrepreneurial program in school.
- Encourage active participation in regional workforce training.
- Research community workforce need, then develop programs to meet established needs.
- Participate in the Safe Routes to Schools Plan.
- Improve relationships with high schools and colleges.
- Provide incumbent worker training.

Infrastructure (Roads, river, rail, air, water, sewer, energy, telecom, solid waste, transportation, utilities, etc.)
5 years
- Improve the city street and County road infrastructure.
- Implement the Commercial Street Corridor plan.
- Increase sewer capacity for industrial use.
- Bicycle bridge for Hwy.12 over the Touchet River.
- Community Activity Center.
- Improve the water and sewer system infrastructure of the City of Dayton.
- Encourage and improve west main entrance to Dayton.
- Obtain funding for maintenance on dike.
- Develop artisan food center at Blue Mountain Station. (Up to 15 jobs)
- Install Touchet Valley Golf Course sprinkler system.

10 years
- Improve railroad tracks to include passenger service.
- Improve safety, access, and ADA accessibility for pedestrians on Hwy. 12 viaduct on E. Main Street.
- Jail/Law & Justice facility.

**Business Development**
5 years
- Continue to improve stability of local hospital district.
- Develop value added agriculture (niche products). USDA certified meat processing. (6 jobs)
- Encourage alternative fuels production facility (oilseed crushing/biodiesel or ethanol blending).
- Facilitate small business technical assistance and workshops – SEWEDA as lead.
- Encourage development of wind generation project.
- Encourage biomass energy production.
- Create targeted marketing strategy for business recruitment.

**Tourism**
5 years
- Develop additional opportunities for ag tourism and seasonal recreation (hunting/fishing, biking, camping, horseback riding, outfitting, skiing, snowmobiling, zip lines, etc.).
- Construct walking/biking path from courthouse to fairgrounds and extend the bike path to the fairgrounds.
- Expand existing marketing committee to consist of retail and lodging representatives.
- Improve tourism web sites, Develop Ag-tourism.
- Construct walking/biking path from river to fairgrounds, plus extend bike path. Develop path from Waitsburg to Pomeroy.
- Achieve funding for regional Way Finding program.
- Encourage the establishment of cabin rentals.
- Encourage and improve West entrance to Dayton.
- Maintain and enhance existing railroad depot.

10 years
- Build a bandstand on the courthouse lawn.
- Improve courthouse grounds.
- Seek funding for maintenance and improvement of Courthouse grounds.

**Housing**
5 years
- Address and encourage affordable housing needs in Dayton and Starbuck.
- Develop adequate Senior and retirement housing.
- Rehab community housing (possibly with CDBG funds).
- Temporary/emergency housing assistance.
- Develop a sequential housing environment.

10 years
- Develop assisted living facility.

**Community Development**
5 years
- Develop Community Center
Expand recreational opportunities at Bluewood.
Develop outdoor walkways for community use.
Encourage youth activities.
Move and restore Smith Hollow School House.
Encourage development of Sports Complex for events and tournaments
Fund and construct ADA pathways.

Port of Columbia County - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.
(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Goal #1
Develop Blue Mountain Station Eco-Industrial Park:
- Design Blue Mountain Station in the most ecologically-friendly manner possible at the time of construction.
- Implement recommendations in the marketing strategy for job creation through business recruitment and entrepreneurial development plans.
- Connect Business Park to the City of Dayton wastewater treatment system.
- Continue to extend infrastructure throughout Business Park as demand and finances call for. (Job creation numbers are not quantified).
- Create marketing umbrella brand and program to promote business success.
- Create educational and networking opportunities for regional growers, producers, and business owners for value-added agriculture and food processing opportunities.
- Create food tourism program and related marketing materials in coordination with regional programs.
- Create capacity within Port District to implement and manage new park and programs.

Goal #2
Maintain access to water for use by the public:
- Operate Lyons Ferry Marina in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers.
- Install rental cabins, construct handicapped fishing deck, update restrooms, and repair and/or replace moorages.
- Update electrical system.
- Investigate opportunities to increase income and reduce costs while continuing maintenance of the marina.
- Grow the marina and park facilities and amenities as demand increases and where feasible.

Goal #3
Maintain and grow Rock Hill Industrial Park:
- Create available space for business location and development.
- Assist tenant businesses with retention and growth requirements.
- Evaluate and make necessary changes to marketing plan to promote knowledge of available facilities.

Goal #4
Encourage a balanced and economical multi-modal transportation system:
- Improve relationship with shippers and operator of PCC short-line railroad.
- Seek funding for rail rehabilitation projects on Port-owned rail lines.
- Partner and participate in the RTPO to address regional transportation issues.
- Support continued navigation on the Columbia/Snake River system.
- Support the continuation of short line rail operation within the Port District and throughout the State.

Goal #5
Assist Port District communities and the regional economy by supporting economic development projects, programs, and partnerships:
• Acquire feasible sites within the Port District for cooperative development with interested communities and firms.
• Work in partnership with Port District communities, public agencies, and the private sector to enhance countywide economic development.

Goal #6
Continue acquisition, development, and management of Port property and facilities:
• Maintain a flexible, market-rate leasing policy responsive to the needs of the Port District.
• Construct public port facilities as warranted by market demand.
• Pursue acquisition of additional land at all Port sites when existing facility occupancy is high and development is economically feasible.
• Incorporate proactive environmental planning with industrial development.

Garfield County (Includes the City of Pomeroy) - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Capacity Building/Planning
5 years
• Develop volunteer pool.
• Develop area marketing strategy to attract new business.

Education and Training
5 years
• Support the increase and development of the health occupation workforce.
• Upgrade the Track & Field facility
• Develop infrastructure for Safe Routes to School
• Foster relationship with regional Workforce Development entities
• Develop skill center for CAN training program
• Identify funding source to purchase hardware for school district to support implementation of SolidWorks program curriculum in voc-tech classes.

Infrastructure (Roads, river, rail, air, water, sewer, energy, telecom, solid waste, transportation, utilities, etc.).
5 years
• Update area planning:
  o Update floodplain maps.
  o Prepare GIS maps for the entire county.
• Improve critical local infrastructure.
• Support WSDOT 6-year plan
• Enhance municipal facilities including the golf course, swimming pool, and play equipment at the City Park.
• Support repairs and maintenance of the Garfield County Food Bank.
• Continue to enhance the aesthetic quality of Main Street/Hwy. 12 through Community supported initiatives and municipal code enforcement.
• Repair and enhance bridges within the City of Pomeroy.
• Work with land developers to provide City services for single and multiple family dwellings developments.
• Improve Fire District services:
  o Acquire additional property for expansion of present facilities.
  o Purchase new firefighting equipment and vehicles.
• Improve Hospital District facilities and services:
  o Construct new entrance and new wing for hospital facility.
  o Relocate the District business offices.
o Improve the laboratory.
o Create new emergency entrance and guest waiting area.
o Relocate physical therapy facility.
o Replace electrical system.
o Improve nurses’ area in Long Term Care.
o Renovate resident accessible personal laundry area in Long Term Care.
o Improve living and common areas of Long Term Care utilizing Creating Home model.

Business Development
5 years
• Market available Port District properties and other commercial space.
• Conduct Targeted Industries study
• Attract small manufacturers.
• Research and partner with site selection services for business recruitment.
• Attract new businesses and encourage competition in the business district.
• Develop community kitchen for food related entrepreneurs and start-ups
• Foster entrepreneurial environment
• Foster opportunities for value-added ag producers
• Develop micro-enterprise initiative.
• Promote the expansion and/or development of overnight accommodations.
• Support wind energy development throughout Garfield County.

Tourism
5 years
• Continue support of new and existing eating establishments.
• Develop resources and plan to make Pomeroy a travel destination.
• Implementation of Pomeroy Downtown Revitalization Master Plan:
  o Continue to improve the Senior Center and recover usable space for various community needs.
  o Improve signage.
  o Develop uniformity of sidewalk/street plantings.
  o Promote the restoration of historic buildings throughout the county.
• Support and expand opportunities for the development of arts and culture through the Pomeroy Community Center:
  o Acquire facilities of 3 historic structures.
  o Restore and rehabilitate historic structures: Elsensohn/Cardwell Building, Seeley Theatre, and Central Drug Store building.
  o Build capacity for expansion of programs including health and wellness, continuing education, and the arts.
• Continue improvements to city sidewalks.
• Plan and construct paths and trails for bicycles and pedestrians.
• Enhance/expand downtown museum.
• Continue to develop Ag History museum.
• Continue to improve parking in Pomeroy.
• Build a skateboard park.
• Continue support of new and existing eating establishments.
• Improve Garfield County Fairgrounds through implementation of Master Plan:
  o Replace roofs on main buildings.
  o Improve electrical wiring to vending booths.
  o Improve water system.
  o Restructure equestrian facilities to single outdoor arena
  o Construct indoor arena for equine and other livestock events
  o Purchase adjacent property to expand entrance/exit options
Housing
5 years
- Improve and develop single and multi-family housing units.
10 years
- Develop assisted living facilities.
- Develop retirement living facilities.

Port of Garfield - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.
(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Goals
Within 1 year
- Be actively involved in tourism promotion
- Continue marketing the second unit of the spec industrial facility
- Locate a new business in the west side of the spec industrial facility
- Continue to research motel developers
- Sell nonessential properties and use proceeds for economic development
- Continue serving on the lodging/house committee, searching for solutions to the housing problem for Garfield County.
- Work with WSU Economic Development to help identify businesses that would blend in with Garfield County and continue working with the leads.
- Begin making a new Port of Garfield information packet for business recruitment.
  o Make plans for the best possible methods of recruiting for Garfield County and the Port District.
- Complete the Pataha RV Park renovation
- Renovate west side of Building#1 for showers and restrooms for the RV Park
- Renovate the east side of Building #1 for RV storage units
- Continue working with Technology Inc. to expand its business
- New road connecting Geiger Gulch to Port Way, connecting to Highway 12

Within 5-10 years
- Assist in locating a motel developer for Garfield County.
- Expansion of industrial park as needed.
- Continue business recruitment: new, expansion and relocation
- Continue to sell nonessential properties and use proceeds for economic development
- Work with WSU Economic Development to help identify businesses that would blend in with Garfield County and continue working with the leads
- Pataha RV Park completed and profitable
- Construction of new industrial building

Whitman County - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise.
(Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Education and Training
5 year
- Coordinate with Workforce Development Council (WDC), Port of Whitman County, and SEWEDA to determine workforce and workforce skills shortages that need addressed.
- Coordinate development or extension of workforce training through the State and WDC.
- Continue to work with WSU extension in applicable economic development.
- Continue to support the Port of Whitman County for its Innovation Partnership Zone programs. (Job creation numbers are not quantifiable).
- Meet with USDA area reps to better utilize programs.
- Coordinate towns/cities with USDA to help provide needed infrastructure.
- Build a county employee training program via the Community Education & Training Center to upgrade worker skills.
- Work with Regional 911 Agency (WHITCOM) to apply for a grant for reserve dispatchers and other training opportunities.

**Infrastructure** (Roads, River, Rail, Air, Water, Sewer, Energy, Telecom, Solid Waste, Transportation, Utilities, etc.)

*5 year*
- Encourage development of key all weather road corridor throughout the county.
- Support keeping the Snake River dams in place.
- Support current dredging activities to maintain valuable barge traffic along the Snake River.
- Support maintaining rail under the WSDOT governance.
- Support the preservation of Rail Road rights of way to be potentially used for future rail projects as opposed to abandonment.
- Encourage and support growth at the Pullman Regional Airport, including the new runway realignment.
- Support continued expansion of high speed Internet throughout the county through the Port’s leadership.
- Identify additional funds for developing infrastructure.
- Support Port Industrial Park Expansion in Pullman. (Job creation numbers are not quantifiable).
- Continue to support funding for County Road Administration Board & Transportation Investment Board in their important rolls for County and City roads.
- Find a way to get additional water to the SR 270 corridor for development.
- Continue to support SEWEDA as ADO for both economic and community development.
- Support the expansion of the wind energy projects in Whitman County.
- Encourage additional natural gas pipelines through the County.
- Funding and Planning for 3-5 lane Airport Rd. as North Pullman Bypass and development corridor.
- Complete Whitman County Solid Waste Transfer Station upgrades.

**Business Development**

*1 year*
- Maintain the agreement with the Hawkins Group for a major retail project in the Pullman – Moscow corridor.

*5 year*
- Support and encourage development of high tech businesses in the region i.e. Innovation Partnership Zone and Smart Electrical Grid. (Job creation numbers are not quantifiable).
- Work towards improving technology transfer from WSU to the local economy.
• Support existing businesses by providing educational opportunities, networking and joint promotional opportunities via SEWEDA and ADO.
• Work to identify and recruit businesses that are suitable to the region via Port, SEWEDA and ADO.
• Encourage development of additional alternative energy sources.
• Continue to work with Port, INWP, DOC, SEWEDA on recruiting opportunities.
• Encourage the build out of a regional retail concern in the Pullman – Moscow corridor.
• Encourage and support the business and retail base inside Pullman and other Whitman County towns.

Tourism
1 year
• Use County website to links promoting Whitman County.
• Create image through marketing, websites, and publications via ADO & Scenic Byways.
5 year
• Work with area chambers and communities to highlight events and coordinate networking of cities and towns and a more regional approach via SEWEDA and ADO.
• Continue updating state and other regional websites via SEWEDA and ADO.

Housing
1 year
• Sign an agreement with the City of Pullman to redefine and encourage cluster residential housing.
5 year
• Have at least two new cluster residential sites available for large lot development.

Regional Partnerships
• Continue to support the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Research on aquifer issues.
• Create MOU with City of Pullman on SR 270 corridor for revenue sharing.
• Continue supporting a ‘Council of Governments’ (COG) concept in bringing together local governments and organizations.

Port of Whitman County - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Goal #1
Actively encourage Port District economic diversification:
• Develop and assist with projects/resources for Innovation Partnership Zone in Pullman to foster new economic growth through research, internal recruitment and training opportunities. (Job creation numbers are not quantifiable).
• Identify and assist in the development of alternative products, markets and industries.
• Undertake active recruitment of targeted industries.
• Create living wage job opportunities.
• Partner with Washington State University to aggressively pursue technology transfer.
• Promote tourism as a viable industry.

Goal #2
Encourage a balanced and economical multi-modal transportation system:
• Manage maintenance of existing rail access at all port sites operated by the Port District.
- Manage, operate and maintain the Port of Whitman Business Air Center’s general aviation airport and industrial park.
- Continue to participate as a partner in the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport.
- Partner and participate in the RTPO to address regional transportation issues.
- Support continued navigation on the Columbia/Snake River system.
- Support the continuation of short line rail operation within the Port District and throughout the State.

Goal #3
Assist Port District communities by supporting economic development projects, programs, and partnerships:
- Acquire feasible sites within the Port District for cooperative development with interested communities and firms.
- Work in partnership with Port District communities, public agencies and the private sector to enhance countywide economic development.

Goal #4
Maintain Boyer Park & Marina for public use:
- Continue to maintain the free day use areas of Boyer Park & Marina as a public service to the citizens of Whitman County.
- Investigate opportunities to increase income and reduce costs while continuing maintenance of the park and marina.
- Grow the Park’s facilities and amenities as demand increases where feasible.

Goal #5
Continue acquisition, development and management of Port property and facilities:
- Maintain a flexible leasing policy responsive to the needs of the Port District.
- Construct public port facilities as warranted by market demand.
- Pursue acquisition of additional land at all port sites when occupancy reaches 75 percent or when invited and economically feasible.
- Incorporate proactive environmental planning with industrial development.

Goal #6
Complete telecommunications infrastructure to facilitate Port District-wide capacity:
- Work within the guidelines of SSB 6675 to build telecommunication infrastructure.
- Maintain and increase partnerships to enhance telecommunications services and link networks.

Washington State University - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Secure funding for Veterinary Medical Research Building
- Secure funding for Waste Water Reclamation
- Secure funding for Student Housing
- Secure funding for Clean Technology Laboratory
- Secure funding for Martin Stadium Phase 3
- Secure funding for US Agriculture Research Service Building
- Secure funding for Design Disciplines Building

Whitman County Hospital District and Medical Center Projects - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)
**Short Range (up to 5 years):**

- ER services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week; rooftop helipad
- Palliative Care Program
- A new Radiology Department to house state-of-the-art digital imaging services, including
  - CT, mammography, ultrasound and mobile MRI services. (5 Jobs)
- Community Health Outreach:
  - SAIL (senior exercise)
  - Car seat safety checks
  - Diabetes Education.
  - Nutritional Counseling.
  - AEDs in the schools
  - Athletic trainer in the schools
- Telehealth program – Health Ed.; Specialty physicians; ED; pharmacy; meetings.
- One-on-one nursing care of laboring mothers and newborns, newborn hearing screenings, diaper bags with infant care items, and educational videos for parents on baby care, infant first aid and CPR.
- State-of-the-art gastrointestinal services.
- Whitman Specialty Clinic (asthma/allergy, nephrology, urology, neurology, podiatry, cardiology, ophthalmology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurosurgery). (12 Jobs)
- Respiratory Therapy services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- Adult and pediatric rehabilitation services (physical, speech, massage, occupational therapies).
- Whitman Medical Group – an independent practice (on-site).
- Three Forks Orthopedics – an independent practice (on-site).
- Integrated Electronic Medical Information Systems.
- Major infrastructure remodel starts in 2013 (7 Jobs)

**Whitman County Rural Library District Projects** - Lead Organization for This Section, unless indicated otherwise. (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

**Mid-Range (up to 10 years)**

- Upgrade and keep pace with the most current computing and transmission technologies for library service within our 14 branch locations, 15 annexed towns and for services accessed through the library’s website. These include improvements to the library’s computing infrastructure of hardware and software and every level of computing including infrastructure between the Colfax Library and Neill Public Library in Pullman and also telecommunication infrastructure and networks within the region and state.
- Participate in cooperative relationships with other entities to improve the services provided to library customers.
- Improve the Library District website and the services and products available there.
- Provide intensive outreach and in-house programming for community members of all ages on variety of topics, workshops, programs and instructional classes.
- Continue to encourage community donations as a means of long-term support for library services and facilities.
- Focus on digitizing the historical photographs and collections from across Whitman County as part of the Whitman County Rural Heritage Project and in conjunction with the Washington State Rural Heritage Project.
- Capital projects to improve the library’s 14 locations and outreach locations, including but not limited to:
  - Complete renovation projects at the Endicott and Lacrosse locations.
  - Renovate the Community Enrichment Center that sits adjacent to the Colfax Library.
  - Continue planning for library building improvements and handicap accessibility system-in all Whitman County Library Branch locations and/or locations where service outlet is needed.
City Projects - Each Community named is the Lead Organization for Each Section, unless indicated otherwise.  (Job numbers are listed in each section, if any are estimated)

The following are listings from Whitman County Cities that submitted projects for the CEDS.

Albion
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Produce a set of digitized maps from new aerial photographs.
- Conduct engineering and environmental studies to determine land use possibilities in flood plain.
- Upgrade Internet communications and phone lines.
- Renovate/repair/remodel/repaint Community Center.
- Install elevator for senior and disabled citizen access to second floor of Community Center.
- Construct Safety Building for Fire, Ambulance, and Police Departments on Front Street land owned by City.
- Remodel present Fire Department facility to create youth recreation center in Community Center.
- Improve Community Park toddler and youth play areas and equipment.
- Build a skateboard facility and/or dirt bike area for Albion youth.

Mid Range (up to 10 years):
- Find funding for establishing a local recreational program for all ages.
- Purchase property for new 200,000-gallon water storage tank.
- Construct new 200,000-gallon water storage tank to provide for increased population growth and fire demand.
- Expand sewer to accommodate increased growth (aeration system or another lagoon).
- Publish a town brochure giving information about services, facilities, organizations, policies, and events.
- Upgrade substandard housing, and/or build affordable housing units for low and moderate-income residents.
- Install bleachers at Community Park ball field.
- Repair split-rail fence at City Park, and add new sections of fencing as appropriate.

Colfax
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Begin work on Mill Street - Phase One.
- Improve sewage sludge removal system.
- Replace Thorn Street booster station.
- Explore option of extending new water line from Glenwood to annexed area.
- Replace new Southview reservoir.
- Reconfigure intersection at S. Main/Highway 195.
- Install new regulation sized tennis courts.
- Obtain and develop community center building.
- Partner with Chamber to make Visitor Center.
- Participate with community in business recruitment.
- Support Transportation Improvement Projects as outlined in Resolution No. 04-06.
- Construct public restrooms.
- Extend the sewer line from Sixth Street to the new annexed land by Schmuck Park.
- Work with the county to replace the bridge at Sixth Street.

Mid Range (up to 10 years):
- Install a second siphon at all siphon locations.
Reconstruct secondary treatment ponds.
Continue water conservation programs.
Extend water service along SR 26.
Upgrade to hypochlorite generation at wells.
Establish a water line loop between Hillcrest and Cherry.
Reconstruct Morton –Third to Tyler.
Reconstruct Tyler –Morton to SR 195.
Purchase land for RV parking near McD Park.

Colton
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Purchase Water Rights.
- Construct new sidewalks, curbs, and drainage for streets.
- Buy/lay 8 inch water piping to improve fire flow.
- Build an addition to Town Hall for handicapped accessible bathroom.
- Build a new water tower for water storage or add a pressure system.

Mid Range (up to 10 years):
- Build and design a new wastewater treatment system.

Endicott
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Complete construction of new water system.
- Fund and construct new emergency services/community building.

Farmington
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Continue to rehabilitate the sewer system.
- Clean Pine Creek within town.
- Purchase additional park property.
- Plan and install new water services and meters for residences.
- Install new windows and winterize fire station.
- Purchase and install new playground equipment.
- Renovate old jail; establish incubator for local cottage industry.
- Develop information center for McCrusky Park.

Mid-Rangerange (up to 10 years):
- Construct an additional water reservoir.
- Complete Phase Two of sewer system rehab and sewer lagoon rebuild.
- Upgrade water service lines.
- Purchase equipment and site for composting of lawn and garden waste and tree trimmings.

Long Range (up to 20 years):
- Build larger water tower.

Garfield
Short Range (up to 5 years):
- Build gazebo/bandstand for the park.
- Conduct feasibility study for new fire station with training area.
- Retrofit old fire station into expanded community center and enlarge library space.
- Develop Water System Plan.
- Update inventory of vacant/available commercial space.
- Explore ways to recruit more housing availability.
- Extend water and sewer system into newly annexed areas.
- North 4th St. (Hwy 27): Level off sidewalk on west side, replace sidewalk with railing, add retaining wall, pave shoulders on both sides, possibly add new street lights.
- Fix rainwater infiltrating sewer system to allow for more capacity at sewer plant.
- Provide air conditioning for library.
- Install new street signs.
- Acquire additional storage for city shop.

**Mid Range (up to 10 years)**
- Extend water and sewer system into newly annexed areas.
- Main St. from Hwy 27 to east end of town: Replace sidewalks, pave shoulders, replace street lights.
- California Street 2nd to 3rd St: Renovate storefronts.
- Secure large facility for Community Center.

**La Crosse**

*Short Range (up to 5 years):*
- Improve sewage disposal system (upgrade lagoons, and construct a new lagoon, and other related upgrades).
- Repair or replace much of collection system.
- Add secondary treatment and upgrade final disposal.
- Replace pressure line from Lift Station #2 to Lagoon #1.
- Update electrical and controls.
- Improve potable water system (upgrade entire system).
- Replace and/or install new sidewalks on 2nd and Star Streets.
- Repair back shop wall and level up roof lines.
- Re-roof Shop.
- Replace or repair park restroom.
- Replace pump control system.
- Install underground sprinkler system for park or cemetery.

**Lamont**

*Short Range (up to 5 years):*
- Pave and install sidewalk on following loop: 4th Street to Spokane St.; Spokane Street from 4th to 8th Street, and 8th street from Spokane to Main St.
- Chip seal Main and 9th Streets.

**Malden** — Did not Participate.

**Oakesdale**

*Short Range (up to 5 years):*
- Finish work on Willows Bldg to house recycling facility.
- Locate funding for public restrooms near SR 27.
- Locate funding for RV parking with water, sewer and electric hookups.
- Locate funding and property for a helipad to be used by area air ambulance service providers.
- Look into possibilities of remodeling the area above the Library to include in Business Incubator Program.
• Update Comprehensive Plan and develop medium to long range plans for Oakesdale.
• Update Capital Improvement Plan to include plans to improve water distribution system.

Palouse

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Develop, through new construction, a Community Center complex including an outdoor courtyard.
• Develop East Main Street
• Encourage commercial development
• Install new swimming pool bleachers with shade
• Develop a municipal RV park offering water, sewer, electrical and telecommunications services.
• Continue to develop a nature trail/walking path system along the Palouse River and Abandoned railroad beds.
• Acquire the Palouse River Mobile Home Park. This project involves the removal of all infrastructure and buildings within the MH park that lies on the bank of the Palouse river. This includes the buy-out of relocation of current residences and the removal of abandoned units.

**Mid-Range (up to 10 years):**
• Build a municipal skate park.
• Recruit high-tech and light industrial businesses.
• Continue upgrading of arterial streets in Palouse. This includes gravel to asphalt surface upgrading as well as reapplying asphalt overlays to existing improved streets
• Develop business park/light industrial site. Municipal infrastructure currently in place includes:
  Water, sewer and storm drain infrastructure.
  • Rail access.
  • Highway access (SR 27 and SR 272).
  • Telecommunications access.
• Long Range (up to 20 years):
• Construct a new water tank reservoir on the South Hill in Palouse.
• Construct new cemetery outbuildings and restrooms
• New ball fields/play field complex for football, soccer, baseball, softball.
  • Improve recreational facilities to include, but not limited to a Trap/Skeet Shooting Facility and a Golf Course.

Pullman

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Realign and lengthen the runway at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport
• Extend the sanitary sewer system east to Airport Road and north on Airport Road to Grimes Way
• Expand Lawson Gardens to include features identified in the Master Plan update
• Develop and implement landscape and industrial buffers on North Grand Avenue to enhance commercial and pedestrian uses
• Construct upgrade improvements to the wastewater treatment plant
• Reconstruct the deck of the Kamiaken St. Bridge
• Continue to enhance transit service and upgrade transit equipment
• Construct a new fuel island
• Develop Mary’s Park
• Construct a traffic signal for the Bishop Boulevard/Klemgard Avenue intersection
• Resurface Stadium Way from Grand to Orchard/Colorado
• Construct a wading/spray pool
• Develop Itani Park/Sunnyside Park Linear Path
• Construct an extension to the garage of Fire Station 2 to accommodate new, longer equipment
• Construct interior remodel improvements to the Police Station to create additional usable space
• Complete the door security system at the Police Station
• Develop pedestrian/bicycle paths in accordance with adopted Pedestrian/Bicycle plan

**Mid-Range (up to 10 years):**
• Extend water and sanitary sewer into the Pullman-Moscow Highway corridor and the Airport Road corridor
• Replace Spring St. Bridge
• Pursue expansion of RV Park and construct a shower facility
• Locate a building or site for a branch library of Neill Public Library
• Develop Emerald Pointe Park
• Construct a Performing Arts Pavilion

**Long Range (up to 20 years):**
• Construct fire stations (1 new, 1 complete remodel)
• Provide channelization enhancements to Bishop Boulevard; ultimately to a 5-lane section
• Construct a new City Hall
• Provide a beltway for both the northwest and southwest portion of Pullman.
• Construct a new Police Station
• Develop remaining 9 acres of the City Cemetery

**Rosalia**

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Rebuild two railroad crossings.
• Replace 700 more feet of 8-inch plastic main line in high zone area.
• Develop recycle center for waste oil.
• Secure funding for 24/7 public restrooms at Texaco Station location.
• Replace 3,000 feet of 4” pipe with 8” plastic and add 9 new hydrants.
• Complete city council chambers.
• Complete design phase of waste water treatment plant.
• Upgrade city airport/rehab taxiway.
• Chip seal 1/2 mile of streets.
• Begin construction on waste water plant.

**St John**

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Move and upgrade sewer treatment plant and upgrade sewer lines.
• Improve water distribution system to include replacement of at least one well.
• Improve telecommunications including cell phone service and internet service to make the business climate more attractive.
• Improve streets.
• Enhance recreational facilities in area to include a lighted bike/walking path; enclose and upgrade swimming pool; and improve city park.
• Create St. John brochure and build web page. Provide Visitor Information and participate in Whitman County tourism efforts.
• Develop Business Park.
• Improve fairgrounds including a horse barn and arena.
• Expand RV services.
• Beautify waterway through downtown St. John.
• Preserve and enhance the downtown area.
• Construct a new building for Whitman Medical Group. (2 Jobs)
• Attract a bio-fuel production facility to St. John. (Job numbers are not quantified).
• Construct a new water reservoir.
• Add pedestrian bridge on Park Street.

**Mid Range (up to 10 years):**
• Improve Highway 23 between US 195 and Interstate 90.
• Improve railroad crossings in the area.

**Tekoa**

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Prepare feasibility study to provide infrastructure to airport.
• Add new sewer lines (received CDBG for portion in 2013, applied to RD for remainder).
• Add new water lines (will complete in 2013).
• Recruit business and industry and make use of our incubator building.
• Construct hiking and biking trails.
• Update Community Center Facility.
• Re-roof Museum/Library building.
• Update safety and improve aesthetics at sewer treatment plant.
• Street renovations (Henkle completed) Warren and Park Streets.
• Chip seal gravel streets.
• Water and electricity to cemetery.
• Safe routes to school – sidewalk installation.
• Removal of unfit dwellings.

**Mid-Range (up to 10 years)**
• Add new sewer lines.
• Add new water lines.
• Prepare Wastewater Facilities Plan (will be complete in 2013)
• Renovate Old Empire Theatre (historical project).
• Build affordable housing.
• Build a new reservoir (updated reservoir in 2012).
• Build a new sewage treatment plant.
• Build industrial park at local airport.

**Uniontown**

**Short Range (up to 5 years):**
• Line sewer lagoons.
• Install sprinkler system at Holzer Park.
• Recruit business to town and create a brochure.
• Construct bike/pedestrian path between Uniontown and Colton.
• Preserve buildings that are part of Uniontown’s history.
• Update the Comprehensive Plan.
• Grade, pave, add sidewalks & drainage to the St. Boniface-Church street loop.
• Inspect/repair reservoir.

**Mid-Range (up to 10 years):**
• Encourage more housing units.
• Develop a creek park or fishing pond.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
The following is a listing, by county, of a sampling of the accomplishments of the last year:

Asotin County
- Built Expansion for existing tenant.
- Completed Downtown revitalization of trees and flower planters.
- Completed the Land Sale for the Industrial Park

Columbia County
- Started new community event: “Dayton on Tour.”
- Created the Rural Library District.
- Completed portion of 3rd Street road improvements.
- Expanded Liberty Theater.
- Began third historic district.

Garfield County
- Placed ad in Choose Washington for Garfield County
- Bought laser printer, software, and materials to develop brochures for marketing
- Bids for Building #1 will be let in April/May
- Geiger Gulch Road should be completed in 2013
- Pataha RV Park renovation will be completed in summer of 2013
- Pioneer Plaza Park
- Pataha River RV Park
- Pataha St. House

Whitman County
- Improved water distribution system to include replacement of at least one well.
- Prepared study to provide infrastructure airport – Tekoa
- Renovated reservoir/drill new – Tekoa
- Henkle Street reconstruction – Tekoa
- Grand Ave. widening – Pullman
- Expand Fleet Maintenance Shop – Pullman

Port of Whitman County
- Received a $50,000 CERB grant for the Green IT Center for Excellence feasibility study.
- Recipient of an Innovation Partnership Zone designation and $1 million grant for land acquisition and the launch of the Green IT Center for Excellence at the Pullman Industrial Park.
- Purchased 30+ acres to be annexed into the City of Pullman for expansion of the Pullman Industrial Park.
- Constructed taxiway improvements at Port of Whitman Business Air Center.
- Constructed new dry storage building (by Central Ferry Dry Fertilizer) at Central Ferry.
- Expanded the Port fiber optic network in Pullman to service the City of Pullman, the Pullman School District, and several private sector companies.
- Planned and constructed a new Port shop, a new rental building, and a dry fertilizer loading area at the Port of Whitman Business Air Center.
- Sold two lots at the Port of Whitman Business Air Center to local businesses.
- Sold the Merman Drive building in Pullman to a local business.
- Sold a lot at the Pullman Industrial Park to a local business.
- Sold the Port warehouse building at the Pullman Industrial Park to its long-term tenant, Rivermasters Engineering.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Specifically outlined in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Guidelines (CEDS) are the reporting requirements for any CEDS document. Initially, a full-scale document is written and submitted to the EDA for approval. Once approved, copies are made and sent to all appropriate interested, state, and local parties. The document will remain available for review and comment by those interested.

As an EDD we have prepared a CEDS and submitted it for approval. The following criteria outline the ongoing steps that will be taken by the South East Washington Economic Development Association to meet the reporting and updating requirements of the CEDS document.

A CEDS Update report will be generated annually and will include the following:

- Adjustments to the CEDS as needed.
- A report on the previous year’s economic development activities and any significant changes in the region’s economic conditions.
- An evaluation of effectiveness in meeting goals.
- A schedule of achievable goals for the coming year.

In addition to the annual report, the CEDS document will be revised or updated every five years. This process may take place sooner if it is deemed necessary by the EDA. Changes made to the CEDS document may be made upon resolution of the area CEDS committee, and concurrence of the EDA. Any amendment will also meet the previously mentioned requirements.