



## 2018 Community Meeting Recap for the Town of Broadus

This document is a summary of the 2018 CEDS community meetings. These meetings were designed to discuss and update local findings for the five-year CEDS document created by SEMDC, and to get community feedback as to what the current state of the community is, how things have changed from last year or what has been completed, and what projects are priorities for the coming year(s).

This year was especially important to host a community meeting because of the many changes in natural resource development projects. There will be many impacts on communities in southeastern Montana, and the goal is to maximize positive impacts and mitigate negative ones. The more communities understand the impacts, proactively plan, and communicate within the community and region, the better the outcomes will be.

This document summarizes the thoughts, ideas, and projects discussed at the community meeting.



# Broadus CEDS Meeting 2018

## Group Discussion

The first activity in this community meeting was to review previous meeting recaps and record strengths and weaknesses of the community. This was a way to open up discussion, and begin looking at the various aspects that enhance or hinder this community. This community continues to be affected by natural resource development from oil development at Belle Creek. Many are employed in coal producing communities, but further development for coal in Powder River county has little chance of ever happening.

## Strengths

Eating establishments	Nurse Practitioner
Expanded physical therapy services	Financial institution located in town
Newer airport	Variety of churches
Wildlife fence at airport	Fairground Facilities
Airport Cardrol for Fueling	Golf course
Many natural resources	Pool
Ag-based economy	Belle Creek Oil Field
Clean air/water/etc.	Some access to the arts
Largest Coal Deposit in the World in County	Recycling
Nursing home (provides about 58 jobs)	Public transportation for all
Strong Ethics	Retail
Good schools and great school staff	Crossroads on highways 59 and 212
Volunteerism is strong	Town square/New Sidewalks
Land available if maximized	Abundant wildlife
Denbury company	Chiropractor Visiting One Day Per Week
Massage Therapy Services	Community Foundation
New Lodging Options/Community Conference Room	Floodplain remapping completed/Decreased properties in floodplain
Outdoor Recreation	Electricians
Clinic/Medical Staff	Grocery Store
County Yards/Pick up for Sale Barns	Strong Local Core Businesses
Library	Outfitters/Hunting Economy
Pharmacy	Funeral Home
Three veterinarians	Contractors
Rest Stop/Visitors Center	Close to Custer National Forest/Recreation
New Safety Lights at "T" near golf course	Now have a rep for SE MT Tourism
Improved Website Maintenance	Chamber Improvement/Seminars/Website
Trails System Grant Award	SCDC \$\$
Pre School Proposal	

## Concerns

Primary Businesses OK/Secondary businesses decreasing	Knowledge about broadband and internet access capabilities
“Brain drain”	Difficult to find recreation
Aging Infrastructure	Trying to be everything to everybody
Passive feeling towards the planning for energy developments	Cost of upcoming upgrades to town sewer system
Lack of “service-based” workers	Limited lots for development
Loss of service type workers to existing competition from other employers	Lack of diverse job opportunities and higher wage jobs
Predator Concerns/Affecting Ag and Hunting	Several Brownfields sites/inability to resolve
Ambulance/EMT Services and Staff	Stability of Eating Establishments
Lack of services/recreation/quality housing	Would like to see an increase in population
Cell Phone Service/Coverage	FEMA Flood Insurance Changes (subsidies)
Changes to EPA Water Regs	No Doctor In The Entire County
Future of Ambulance Service	Difficult to keep/find quality people to work
EMS Staffing/Volunteers/Training	Nursing Home Facility (Costs?)
Broadband Capacity	\$\$ for Preschool Needs
Small Pool for Labor Force	Costs for Road Maintenance
Cost of Utilities (Electric)	Large Amount of Houses on Market
Staffing \$\$ for Visitor Center/Lack of promotion for tourism and Warrior Trail	Inflow and Infiltration in Sewage Lagoon, needed upgrades, aging water system
Lack of opportunities for college graduates/no jobs to return to	Mental Health Services/Availability at School Additional services
Highway Signage	No local bank that does housing loans
Vacant Commercial Buildings	Ag based economy
Fairground Maintenance – Arena/Bleachers	Dependent on Federal \$ and oil revenues
Assisted living options for lower income persons	Land that is available does not have water/sewer services
Little promotion of vocational training or entrepreneurialism	Walking trail structure in town lacking/Need more improvements
Old houses/buildings	No job development
Lack of Quality Daycare	Small Business Transition
Lack of Emergency Services and Equipment	Large number of rentals available
School Transportation \$\$ cut	No independent living units for elderly
Lack of Industry	School population decrease
Substance Abuse High/Few Programs to	Lack of handicapped access (clinic)
Great school staff, but worried about how to replace them with quality staff when they leave/retire	

## Working Groups

In this second activity, we asked the group to discuss important potential projects keeping in mind Housing, the Economy, Quality of Life, and Essential Services/Infrastructure. After the projects were

discussed, we came back as a group to review each issue. Each person was given three stickers which they would use to vote on certain projects they deemed more important. They could put all three stickers on one project, or one sticker on each project. This prioritization of projects provides SEMDC and the community an idea of what the priorities are.

## **Housing, Economy**

### ***Historical Museum***

Continue to encourage the operation of the historical museum. It creates an attraction to assist with people stopping and taking in our community.

### ***Senior Housing and Housing Rehabilitation Project***

Work with CDBG Housing to establish a senior and rehabilitation project for lower income homes. Also encourage the development of independent living units.

### ***Signage/Internet Presence***

Establish more signage for town to create welcoming atmosphere and make services and information more accessible via internet.

### **Proposed Economy/Housing Projects Receiving Votes**

Museum – 2 Votes

Housing – 2 Votes

Signage – 2 Votes

## **Quality of Life**

### ***Trail System***

Create a trail system to encourage exercise programs, better health and mental clarity for residents.

### ***Mental Health/Chemical Addiction Services***

Establish more access to mental health and in particular information about chemical addiction services.

### ***Gazebo/Pavilion***

Work with governmental entities to encourage the development of a gazebo/pavilion structure that could be utilized for special events.

### ***Pre-School***

Encourage the development of pre-school services in the community since they are not available at the present time.

## **Proposed Quality of Life Projects Receiving Votes**

Trail System – 7 Votes

Mental Health/Addiction – 1 Vote

## **Services and Infrastructure**

### ***Next Gen 911***

Move toward becoming compliant with Next Gen 911 standards

### ***Lagoon/Sewer System Upgrades***

The Town of Broadus is facing some mandates they must comply with which would require some upgrades to the sewage lagoons as well as the sewer system.

### ***Storage Structure for Fire Dept Trucks***

New storage structures are needed to house fire trucks and keep them in good repair.

### ***Fairgrounds Improvement***

Work on arena and bleachers to maintain and improve fairground facility.

### ***Nursing Home Walkway Cover***

Encourage the development of walkway covers at the nursing home. It is a long distance from the parking lot into the facility and it is not covered which makes it dangerous during the winter when ice and snow are prevalent.

### ***Emergency Services Plan***

Establish a working group to look into the possible establishment of a Critical Access Hospital where Emergency Services, clinic, physical therapy, and nursing home could be located.

### ***Ranch Creek Road***

Work toward the submission of a FLAP grant to assist with the upgrades for Ranch Creek Road near Belle Creek.

## **Proposed Services/Infrastructure Projects Receiving Votes**

Emergency Services Plan – 11 Votes

Fire Truck Storage – 2 Votes