POPLAR AREA
MONTANA COMMUNITY REVIEW
MAY 14 - 15, 2018    *   Phase 1
Agenda for the Evening

- Welcome/Introductions
- MT Community Review Process
- Brief Survey Update
- Poplar Tour
- Discovery Sessions
- Your Advance Team Summary/Main Issues
- What is Next?
Welcome and Introductions

Congratulations!

You are the second Montana Community Review!

A Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho USDA grant partnership to make our rural communities stronger, healthier, and more prosperous.

Key Montana partners include:
What is the process for a Montana Community Review?

Application and Preparation
1. Survey and Community Profile
2. Home Team – funding, build participation, agenda
3. Advance Team – prepares to visit the community

1. Phase 1 – Prepare for Action - Advance Team Arrives
   1. Tour
   2. Discovery Sessions
   3. Summary of what was Heard
   4. Consensus from Community
   5. Preliminary Report Written

2. Phase 2 – Projects, Priorities and Engagement - Team Arrives
   1. Topic Priorities Explored in Depth (identified in previous Team Visit)
   2. Process for Consensus Building - Worksheets
   3. Time to get to work!

3. Phase 3 – Implementation and Follow-Up
   1. Final Report
   2. Mobilization of Home Team and Coach Engagement
   3. Mini Grant Application
   4. Celebrate, Evaluate, and last but not least Ripple Effects Mapping
Poplar Community Satisfaction Survey Update

Montana Community Review, Part 1
May 14 - 15

Results will be included in the Poplar Area Community Review report
Received to date: 208!
Open until May 21st

If you did not receive the survey in the mail, you can send an email to info@gndc.org with your name and P.O. Box number, and we will get your unique access code to complete online.
WORKING LUNCH with Home Team, Advance Team, and Community Leaders.
POPLAR AREA TOUR
Your Advance Team enjoyed every minute.

Thanks, Marvin!
POPLAR AREA TOUR
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DISCOVERY SESSIONS – Learning the answers to three questions.

Cultural, Community, and Social Services
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Business and Retail, Agriculture, Nonprofit and Church
DISCOVERY SESSIONS –
Learning the answers to three questions.

Healthcare and Emergency Services
DISCOVERY SESSIONS – Learning the answers to three questions.

Local, County, City, and Tribal Government
DISCOVERY SESSIONS – Learning the answers to three questions.

Law and Justice
DISCOVERY SESSIONS –
Learning the answers to three questions.

Senior Citizens
DISCOVERY SESSIONS – Learning the answers to three questions.

Educators
DISCOVERY SESSIONS – Learning the answers to three questions.

Youth and Educators
People of Poplar

- Buffalo Ranch
- Strong schools
- Workforce
- A & S Industrial Facility
- Youth
- Rich Culture
- City Government
- Water
- Tribal Government
- Ft. Peck College
- Agriculture
- Rail access
- Hospital

ASSETS
GOVERNANCE - Improved communications between

- Tribe
- City
- County
- BIA
- The people

To increase coordination, partnerships and sharing of resources.
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Increase trades – carpenters, plumbers, electricians
• Business creation
• Increase community services

• Note: Fabulous beans and potato salad!
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

• Brownfields Redevelopment
• Blight removal
• Broad community engagement
• Address boarded up properties
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

EDUCATION
- Graduation rates
- Utilization of Community College for High School Students
- Vocational training
- College Classes
- Law Enforcement Training
- Nursing and Trades
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

HOUSING

• Rehabilitation needs
• Remove vacant dilapidated
• Increase supply of affordable housing
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

INFRASTRUCTURE

• Solid waste
• Sidewalks
• Street lighting
• Trails
• Community Parks
  • Green space on Main Street
  • Poplar Community Park
• Swimming Pool
What We Heard
Main TOPICS AND ISSUES

CULTURE AND HEALTH
• Meth and Opioid Prevention and Treatment
• Language and heritage education
• Enhance Public Safety
• Active and Engaged Parenting
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

- Evaluation of Infrastructure needs – water, sewer, street, sidewalks
- Examination of market (to determine what is needed; identify investors)
- Preparation of Master Plan
- Downtown Capital Improvement Plan, including financing
NEXT STEPS

Final step of Phase 1: Advance Team Compiles Report

Phase 2 – Projects, Priorities and Engagement - Poplar Area Team Arrives
1. Topic Priorities Explored in Depth (identified in previous Team Visit)
2. Process for Consensus Building Worksheets
3. Working Groups Meet
4. Coach engagement
5. Time to get to work!

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Suggestions??

- Local and/or Regional Shoulders to tap for the Poplar Area Team Expertise?
NOTE OF THANKS….

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• Fort Peck Community College – Dorms and Greet the Dawn
• Great Northern Development Corp.
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• Northeastern Montana Health Services
• Fort Peck Tribes
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• Martina Wilson
• Rusty Boxer
• Ernestine Youpee
• EPA
• Maureen Dionne
• Make Poplar Great Again
• American Legion
• Ft. Peck Transportation
Thanks from your Poplar Home and Advance Team

Gloria, Tori, Paul, Wilfred, Gus, Linda, Martina, and Ashleigh
We’ll be back soon!
Poplar Area Advance Team

Gloria O’Rourke, Gus Byrom, Paul Lachapelle