Stehekin Community Plan

The Stehekin Community Plan (Plan) will establish policy and strategy to guide land use, interagency partnerships, and public and private investment in Stehekin. The Plan will affirm the intent for Stehekin to remain a viable, year-round community with a core of permanent resident families and the necessary community support services. The Plan will acknowledge the importance of critical local services and infrastructure, such as the local school, post office, power utility, and daily ferry service, as well as the impact of National Park Service past, current and future policies and decisions on the long-term viability of the Stehekin community.

The final Plan will revolve around the foundational assumptions articulated in the draft vision, treating Stehekin as a viable economic and social community, with families and lifestyles unique to the valley. Preserving these fundamental qualities is the basis upon which the plan will propose policy initiatives, economic strategy, zoning initiatives, and public investment. Community engagement will be crucial to ensure the plan's proposals fit Stehekin and its jurisdictional, environmental, economic, and cultural context.

The Plan would supplement the County's existing comprehensive plan, augmenting existing policy with more detail tailored to guiding land use, public investment, and interagency coordination in and around Stehekin. The Plan will also provide necessary guidance to the Chelan County PUD by clarifying the types and extent of development anticipated in the valley. The PUD must make investment decisions based on anticipated demand. The Plan will help address these needs, establishing a community vision and putting in place a policy basis to achieve it.

Community Plan Committee: The committee will serve as a sounding board and communications hub, reviewing draft material, providing input and disseminating updates to their networks. The committee will represent a broad spectrum of perspectives and will convene periodically throughout the process to discuss the plan and the topics it addresses.

Specific Areas of Emphasis

The Plan's policies and implementation strategies will focus on the following:

- Minimum "critical mass": An understanding of the level of economic activity needed to support the community and its vital institutions
- Sustaining economic opportunities for year-round residents
- Evaluation of Lake Chelan National Recreation Area General Management Plan/National Park Service policies/actions on the Stehekin Community and compatibility implications of the Plan
- Assessment of private land capacity, zoning and land use and community viability
- Expanding visitor accommodations and opportunities
- Power system upgrades
- Ferry landing parking and transportation management
- Non-motorized transportation safety/attractiveness/access
- Public support services inventory: solid waste, road maintenance, power, USPS, school, recreation