

HORIZONS GRAND MOUND/ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SURVEY

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Washington State University Extension and **The Northwest Area Foundation** are working with citizens to help improve the quality of life in Grand Mound/Rochester through the *Horizons* program. *Horizons* is a community leadership program created to assist small rural and reservation communities faced with economic decline or population change enhance their quality of life.

As a part of this project we are gathering input from as many community members as possible. We invite you to take a few minutes to fill out this brief survey so that your opinions will be heard, and so that you can have a direct hand in promoting positive change in your community. We would appreciate your participation greatly.

Your participation in the survey is *completely voluntary*, and your views will be **anonymous**. Summaries of survey responses will be provided to a Horizons project committee in your community. Watch for a community event in April-June where community members will be invited to create a vision statement and a basic community plan based in part on the survey results.

Did you know?

1. A group of over 42 community members have been participating with WSU Extension's Horizons Project in an effort to identify and create economic and social opportunities for you.
2. Several grassroots ideas have become reality through this group as they identified the many assets of your area. The community blog ([Grand Mound-Rochester.blogspot.com](http://GrandMound-Rochester.blogspot.com)) has been created for you to stay in touch with the *Horizons* program. The projects are preliminary and are just a few of the initiatives being identified.
3. Now we need your input and ideas for your community to continue developing opportunities for a prosperous future for everyone.

For additional surveys or more information, contact your Horizons Community Coach, **Joe and Joy Baisch**, at (360) 301-1512 or (360) 301-1244, or by e-mail at jmbaisch@wsu.edu or elk@dishmail.net. If you have any questions regarding the purposes, content or ultimate use to be made of this survey please call 360-301-1512 to speak with the WSU Extension Community Coaches conducting the survey in collaboration with the Onalaska Horizons Community Group. Please return the survey in the pre-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience. **Thank you** in advance for your participation in this important community effort.

SECTION ONE: This section of the survey asks for your opinions regarding your community, and what measures might be taken to improve conditions in your community.

1. Would you describe the area where you live as a place where people mostly help one another, or a place where people mostly go their own way?

People help one another

People go their own way

2. Do you feel the area where you live is more of a “real home” or “just a place to live”?

Real home

Just a place to live

3. Overall, how satisfied are you with your community as a place to live?

Very satisfied Satisfied Somewhat satisfied Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied

4. Please list three things you think are the most important **strengths** of your community.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

5. Please check the **three** areas you believe are most important for improved quality of life in your community.

Affordable housing

Better or more jobs

Services for elderly

Youth activities

Health care

Improved economy

Education

Transportation

Other: _____

SECTION TWO: In this section of the survey we are interested in your willingness to participate in community activities organized by the *Horizons* project to promote the quality of life in your community.

6. How willing are you to help *Horizons* improve the quality of life in your community — for example, go to meetings or make phone calls to friends and neighbors?

- Very willing Willing Neither willing nor unwilling Unwilling Very unwilling

If you are willing to help in these ways, please contact the Horizons Community Coach named on the front page of this survey.

7. What one project or activity do you think your community should undertake to reduce poverty and promote a thriving environment in your community?

SECTION THREE: The questions in this section deal with aspects of your personal background. This information is needed in order to make sure that the opinions of people from all walks of life are represented in the *Horizons* community survey.

8. Please indicate your age category:

- 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

9. Ethnic background (Check one):

Caucasian/White (not Mexican or Latino/Hispanic) Asian American/Pacific Islander

Mexican American

Black/Afro-American

Native American/Indian

Latino/Hispanic (not Mexican)

Other (Please Specify) _____

10. Gender (Check one): Male Female

11. How many years have you lived in your community? _____

12. How many school-age children live in your household? _____

13. Please indicate your approximate family income before taxes in 2006.

Less than \$20,000

\$20,000-\$50,000

More than \$50,000

COMMENTS: We would appreciate any observations or suggestions you would like to record. Your comments will receive our careful attention. Please add additional pages if needed.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING.