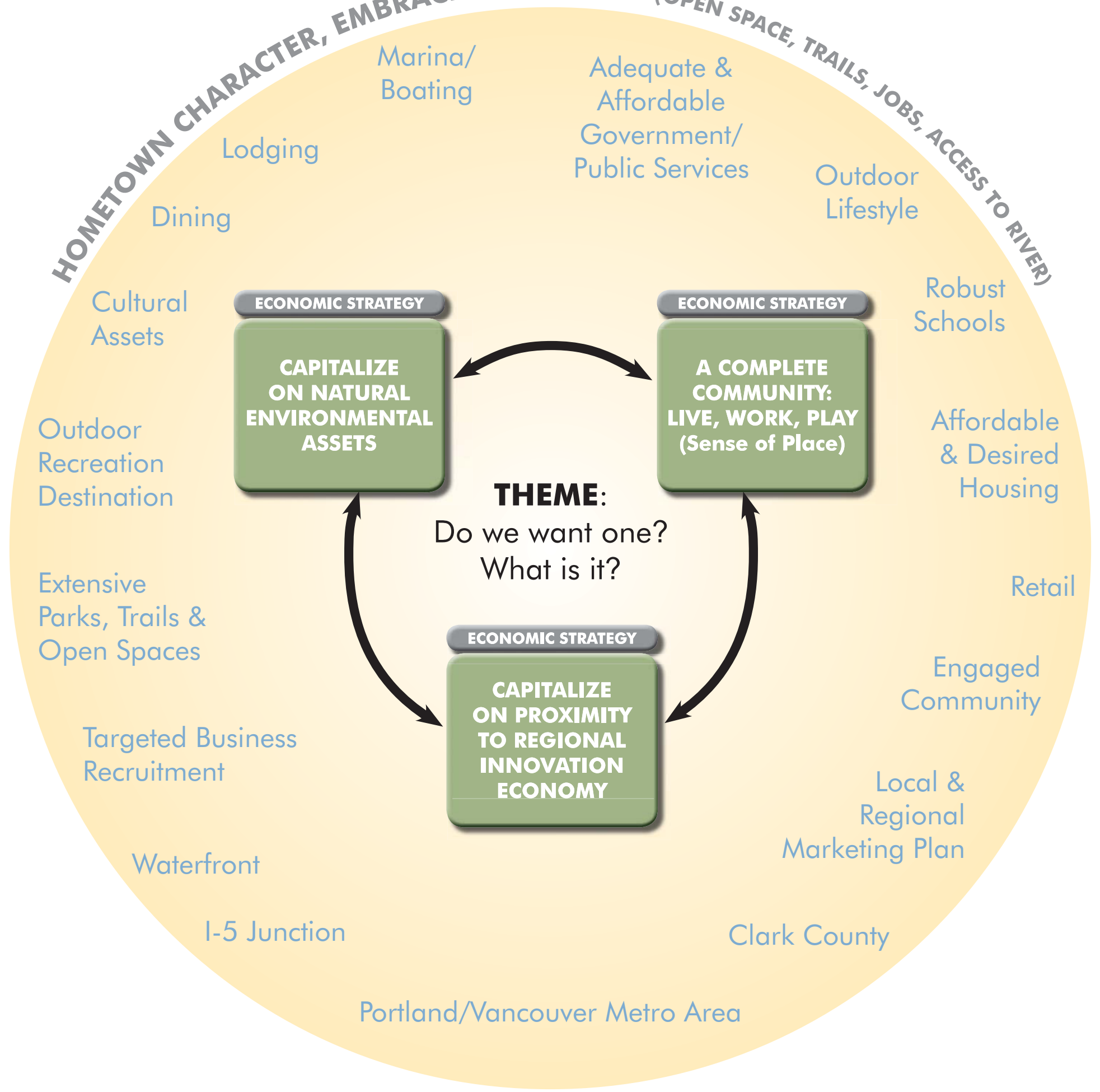


Community Building Themes & Economic Strategies

OVERRIDING VALUES

HOMETOWN CHARACTER, EMBRACING "GREEN" (OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, JOBS, ACCESS TO RIVER)



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Next iteration based on input

VISION	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	PRIORITY ACTIONS
What the community wants to be in the future	Elements of community that continue to achieve the vision	Where community will primarily focus energy & resources	Specific steps to achieve the objectives and vision
<p>VISION Ridgefield will be an employment and residential center, a destination that builds on its small town charm, vibrant local economy, and natural environment</p>	<p>Objective: MAINTAIN RIDGEFIELD'S UNIQUE CHARACTER</p> <p>Objective: PROMOTE AND PROTECT NATURAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS</p> <p>Objective: SUPPORT A VIBRANT ECONOMY</p> <p>Objective: IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY AND SYNERGY BETWEEN DOWNTOWN, WATERFRONT, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND REFUGE</p>	<p>TOOLBOX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage Ridgefield tourism value Foster waterfront and outdoor recreation opportunities Branding & marketing Targeted business recruitment <p>ECONOMIC STRATEGY #1: ECO-RECREATION DESTINATION Capitalize on access to the natural assets as an economic driver for tourism and development opportunities</p> <p>ECONOMIC STRATEGY #2: NORTHWEST HOMETOWN Brand Ridgefield as a charming small town that capitalizes on the economic opportunities of the metropolitan region</p> <p>TOOLBOX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and improve educational opportunities Foster development of a range of housing options Design guidelines & development standards Branding & marketing 	<p>SHORT TERM (1-3 Years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete cleanup of Lake River Industrial Site Begin construction of Miller's Landing Waterfront Development Update development code Explore local financing mechanisms to promote quality development in downtown and waterfront Pursue Courthouse Project or similar research & public education facility on waterfront Improve pedestrian and biking trail connections linking downtown, waterfront, refuge, and neighborhoods Implement Abrams Park Master Plan Construct Overlook Park Explore feasibility of constructing a public marina <p>MD TERM (4-9 Years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement comprehensive way finding and signage system Develop a transportation and parking plan Construct planned Pioneer Street improvements <p>LONG TERM (10-20 Years) & ON-GOING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build-out of Miller's Landing Waterfront Development Expand municipal water system (municipal or regional) Improve/expand sewer system (municipal or regional) Coordinate planning for regional trail connections

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