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Land conservancy group hosts meeting Kittitas County

The Cascade Land Conservancy invites Kittitas County citizens to participate in the Cascade Dialogues Town Hall meeting on Thursday, May 6 in Ellensburg.

The Cascade Dialogues is Cascade Land Conservancy's new program to identify far-reaching conservation goals in Kittitas, Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties through discussions with citizens, community groups, business leaders, environmentalists and public officials. The goal of the Cascade Dialogues is to develop a strategic vision and plan of action to preserve and restore wild and open space in the region; and to create working partnerships among key stakeholders to shape the region's growth, economic development and ecological well-being.

The first stage of the Cascade Dialogues will be town hall meetings in each of the four counties, followed two weeks later by panel discussions with civic and business groups.

The Cascade Dialogues will culminate with the drafting of a Cascade Agenda - a blueprint for planning conservation efforts in the region for the next 100 years.

Topics that citizens will be asked to discuss include:

What will define the Cascade region in 100 years?

Can we develop a regional vision to guide our conservation efforts?

How can the conservation of our key landscapes serve our community and how can our economy conserve our key landscapes?

What landscapes and natural areas are most cherished by our community?

How do we know when we have achieved this vision?

All Kittitas County citizens interested in participating in a dialogue about the region's conservation planning are encouraged to attend the meeting at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds Heritage Center 512 N. Poplar Street. For more information about the Cascade Dialogues, visit www.cascadedialogues.org

What's happening

The meeting is May 6 at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds.

Check out www.cascadedialogues.com for more information.