



**Ester Community Planning Workshop**

**September 17, 2023 | 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Flossie & May’s/Ester Gold Camp**

**PURPOSE**

- Have a community conversation to:
  - Celebrate Ester’s history – where we’ve been and where we’re at today.
  - Learn what residents value most and find challenging about living in Ester.
  - Learn what residents want to see in “their future Ester” – long-term goals and short-term priorities.
- Set the stage for a community strategic/action plan that includes community vision, goals, and priorities.

**AGENDA**

Time & Structure	Topic
<b>1:00 – 1:30 PM</b> <i>full group</i>	<b>Doors Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Brief Planning Team/Facilitator Introductions</li> <li>• Who’s in the Room – Pull out your cellphones!</li> <li>• Meeting Purpose &amp; Structure</li> </ul>
<b>1:30 – 2:15 PM</b> <i>roaming breakouts #1 visit as many topics as you’d like!</i>	<b>Our Vision, Values, &amp; Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision: Ester in the News! What is our future Ester?</li> <li>• Values: What do you love most about living in Ester?</li> <li>• Challenges: What can be challenging about living in Ester?</li> </ul>
<b>2:15 – 2:30 PM</b> <i>individual break time &amp; connecting</i>	<b>BREAK – Snacks &amp; Beverages</b>

<p><b>2:30 – 3:15 PM</b>  <i>roaming  breakouts #2</i>  <i>visit as many  topics as you'd  like!</i></p>	<p><b>Our Goals &amp; Priorities: Part 1 – What are our most pressing concerns and priorities?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Use &amp; Environment (desired future use, zoning, watershed planning, air/water quality)</li> <li>• Parks, Recreation, &amp; Trails (open/green space, activities, access)</li> <li>• Community Facilities &amp; Services: Part 1 (transportation, water/sewer infrastructure, community buildings)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3:15 – 3:30 PM</b>  <i>individual break  time &amp;  connecting</i></p>	<p><b>BREAK – Snacks &amp; Beverages</b></p>
<p><b>3:30 – 4:30 PM</b>  <i>roaming  breakouts #3</i>  <i>visit as many  topics as you'd  like!</i></p>	<p><b>Our Goals &amp; Priorities: Part 2 – What are our most pressing concerns and priorities?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Development (business development/support, jobs)</li> <li>• Community Facilities &amp; Services: Part 2 (energy – solar, e.g., communications, other)</li> <li>• Food Security (agriculture, subsistence, production, distribution)</li> <li>• Arts, Culture, &amp; Historic Preservation (community talent, identity)</li> </ul>
<p><b>4:30 – 4:45 PM</b>  <i>individual break  time &amp;  connecting</i></p>	<p><b>BREAK – Snacks &amp; Beverages</b></p>
<p><b>4:45 – 5:45 PM</b>  <i>full group</i></p>	<p><b>Our Emerging Concerns/Priorities: What Did We Have to Say?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What concerns or priorities are rising to the top? What else should we share/understand about those topics? What's missing?</li> </ul>
<p><b>5:45 – 6:00 PM</b>  <i>full group</i></p>	<p><b>Next Steps – Timing &amp; Process for Developing/Implementing Our Strategic Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do we go from here? Who, how, when will we develop our plan? How will we monitor and update our plan?</li> </ul>
<p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b>  <i>everyone!</i></p>	<p><b>Dinner, Music, &amp; Movies</b></p>