

Soap Lake Creative District Community Readiness Workbook

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SECTION 1: SETTING THE GROUNDWORK

1: VISION, MISSION, VALUES

WHAT IS THE VISION FOR THE CREATIVE DISTRICT?

A statement that describes your ideal future. This short statement should describe how your District will change your community.

Our vision is a supportive community that encourages artistic expression, collaboration and inspires us all.

WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CREATIVE DISTRICT?

A phrase that describes how you will work toward achieving your vision. In other words, it's what you'll do and how you'll do it.

Our mission is to support a thriving and diverse community that celebrates creativity and innovation.

WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY/CREATIVE DISTRICT'S VALUES?

Use short words or phrases to describe the core beliefs or guiding principles your community holds dear.

We value the economic, social, and cultural vitality of our district, while fostering a sense of pride and belonging among our residents and visitors.

2: ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Please describe the types of artistic or cultural activities that take place in the region. *Examples: a community center/theater, business district, training/educational facility, production facility, annual festival, recurring arts-related activity (e.g., Arts Walk), etc.*

Name	Organizing entity	within/adjacent	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3
Soap Lake Public Library (NCWL)	SLPL	within	education	Public arts/crafts	
Soap Lake School District Office & Soap Lake Schools	SLSD	Within & nearby	education	training	

Masquers Theater	Masquers/Jolly Theater	within	Community theater	Performing arts	
SL Community & Senior Center	Same	adjacent	Community center	Public arts/crafts	
Suds n' Sun	SL Chamber of Commerce	within	Annual festival	Arts activities	
Winterfest	SL Chamber of Commerce	within	Annual festival	Arts activities	
Moonlight Magic aka Moonlight Paddle	SL Chamber of Commerce	within	Annual festival		
Gate 17	Fabric Patch	within	artistic	Art education, Makers & visual	education/training
Daisy House	Fabric Patch	Within	artistic	Art education, Makers & visual artists	education/training
Downtown Soap Lake, sp. Main St E		within	Business district		
Make Everyday Earth Day (Earth Day)	SL Chamber of Commerce	within	Annual festival		
Soap Lake Visitors Information Center	SL Chamber of Commerce	within	education		
Fire on Main Gallery	Fire on Main	Within	Art gallery & exhibits	Art education (glass fusing/blowing)	Performing arts
Youth Empowerment Program	Kate Buchanan of YEP	Within & adjacent (SL Community Center & other locations)	art	Art education	
Beauty of Bronze	Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee	Within	Elementary school program, specifically 5 th grade	Art education teaching sculpture	
Flood Fest – annual event	Local chapter Ice Age Floods Institute	At Dry Falls interpretive center, Sun-Lakes	Science & history education	Education about our indigenous people	Interactive exhibits

		Dry Falls State Park			
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PLACE-MAKING/ARTS ANCHOR

Are there place-making and/or arts-related anchor attractions that exist in the community?

Yes

Examples include an entertainment complex, museum, waterfront access, etc.

If so, please list them below:

- Masquers Theater - Masquers Theater, founded in 1979, is the oldest community theater in Grant County. The current facility was built in 2002 and is within our CD boundary.
- Fire on Main Gallery - Glass gallery, hot shop, and site for free artistic events open to the public.
- Kivachitsky Gallery - gallery exhibitions and lectures
- Smokiam Park and East Beach (access to Soap Lake)
- *Calling the Healing Waters* bronze sculpture and sundial (largest human-figure sundial in the world)

CREATIVE ECONOMY INDUSTRIES

What other activities take place in the proposed creative district? What other businesses and attractions exist that would appeal to residents and visitors?

Examples include breweries, food production, publishing, video production/broadcasting, design services, performing arts companies, photography, museums, boat building, etc.

Name	within/adjacent	Creative discipline	Primary use	Secondary use
La Cucina di Sophia	within	culinary	hospitality	
Cloudview Kitchen	within	culinary	hospitality	Event hosts (art/makers, dance, music)
Kivachitsky Gallery	within	visual		
Mi Cocinita Mexican Grill & Cantina	adjacent	culinary	hospitality	
Healing Waters Gallery	within	visual		
Mom's European Deli	within	culinary	retail	
Recollections - Vintage, Handcrafted Goods	within		retail	

Soap Lake Products	within	maker		
Buck-in-Up – vintage, used	Within		retail	
B&B Mancaves – vintage, used	Within		retail	
Eco Health International	within	maker		
Del Red Pub	Within	Performing	Live music, karaoke	hospitality
Masquers Theater	Within	Performing		

What is missing from these lists? What would you like to see come into your community?

- Art/craft supply store
- More culinary: restaurants, wine bar, farmers market
- Museums, galleries, makers spaces
- Permanent arts/crafts education center
- Shops featuring locally made products and art.
- Design center/building materials/hardware store

3: COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS AND IDENTITY

DEMOGRAPHICS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Please describe the demographics of your community: gender, ethnicity, age, disability, etc. You can find this information from the US Census Bureau and Washington State’s Office of Financial Management.

Soap Lake, 2020 census population 1,572	
According to the 2020 US Census, the American Community Survey, Soap Lake School District: The City of Soap Lake has a population of 1,572 people. About 30% of the population is 65 and older compared to the State's 16.2%. That puts over 50% of the 685 households in the City with an inhabitant(s) 65 years and older, compared to only 20% of households with children under 18. About 30% of the population has a disability compared to 12.7% in the State. There are about 5% more women than men.	
Age 65 and older	~30% (State of WA 16.2%)
Households with inhabitants 65 years and older	>50%
Households with children	~20%
Disabled population	~30% (State of WA 12.7%)

More women than men	~5%
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Married/Single; Education

Culturally, 1/3 of the households are a married/cohabiting type, while the rest have a single head of household. Over 75% of the population has a Highschool diploma or higher, with 8% having a bachelor's degree or higher (compared to the States 39%). While about 3/4 only speak English, about 80% of the remaining 1/4 speak Spanish, while the remaining 20% is mostly European languages with a handful who speak Asian/Pacific Islander languages. The majority of European speakers do not speak English well. According to the Soap Lake School data, about 1/3 of the population speaks English, 1/3 speaks Ukrainian/Russian, and 1/3 speaks Spanish. The majority (85.5%) of the population is native to the US, though almost 60% are from other states. 2/3 of the foreign-born population is from Latin America, followed by Europe (22%), Canada (8%), then Asia (3%).

Married/cohabiting households	~33%
Single head of household	~67%
Highschool diploma	>75%
Bachelor's or higher degree	~8%
Languages spoken	
English speaking	75%
Spanish	20%
Eastern European	5%
Immigrant Population ~15.5% of total	
Latin America	67%
Europe	22%
Canada	8%
Asia	3%

Economic data - persons over 16 years of age

Economically, the community over 16 years old has an equal split of people eligible for the labor force and those not in the labor force (retirees). Of those counted in the labor force, there is an unemployment rate of 9.9% compared to the States 4.9%. About 20% of households are under the federal poverty level, which is double the States 9.9%. The median income in the City is \$38,201, in contrast to the State median income of \$84,247.

Eligible for labor force	50%
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Retired	50%
Unemployment rate (of those eligible)	9.9% (State of WA is 4.9%)
Households under Fed. Poverty Level	20% (State of WA is 9.9%)
Median Income	\$38,201 (State of WA \$84,247)

Soap Lake Public Schools - student population languages spoken	
English	~33%
Spanish	~33%
Ukrainian/Russian	~33%

Soap Lake School District Report Card

<https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/ReportCard/ViewSchoolOrDistrict/100241>



521

Students Enrolled
2022-23 School Year



45.6%

Students Regularly Attend
2021-22 School Year

20.7%

Met ELA
Standards

12.0%

Met Math
Standards
Spring 2022

19.4%

Met Science
Standard



\$18,700

Per-pupil Expenditure
2021-22 School Year



87%

Graduated in 4 Years
2021-22 School Year



38

Number of Classroom
Teachers
2021-22 School Year



18.6% **19.3%**

High Math
Growth High ELA
Growth

2018-19 School Year



8.4

Average Years of Teaching
Experience
2021-22 School Year

Data is collected on different timelines throughout the year. To provide the most current data possible, each measure is updated as data becomes available.

Please describe your community's cultural or historical heritage. Include information about indigenous people, pioneers or settlers, the origins of the local economy (consider and include immigrant and migrant populations), etc.

DRAFT BELOW (464 words):

Soap Lake is known for its mineral waters and mud, which have been used for healing purposes for centuries. Soap Lake is a town with a rich history and culture. It is a place where people have come for centuries to heal and to create.

The first people to settle in the area around Soap Lake were indigenous people. They called the lake "Smokiam," which means "healing water." They believed that the lake had healing powers, and they would come to bathe in its waters to treat a variety of ailments. They have a deep connection to the land and the lake, and their culture is still an important part of the town's heritage.

In the early 1900s, Soap Lake became a popular tourist destination for people seeking the healing properties of its waters. This attracted people from all over the world, including many European immigrants. Significant populations of Greeks and Jews located here. Over time there developed a Hispanic population, a small Asian population, and a growing Native American population.

One of the most significant early enterprises in Soap Lake was the Siloam Sanitarium, founded in 1910, and it became one of the most popular sanitariums in the country. It offered a variety of treatments, including mud baths, mineral water baths, and massages. It had a hospital, a laboratory, and a library. Other sanitariums and supporting businesses grew at an astounding rate, and Soap Lake became a destination tourism mecca.

The sanitarium era came to an end in the mid-1940s, as new medical treatments became available. However, Soap Lake's reputation as a health resort remained. The town continued to attract visitors who came to enjoy the lake's mineral waters, mud, and healing arts.

Soap Lake also became home to a number of additional businesses and organizations. The Veterans Administration developed an important hospital, McKay, founded as a center for treating Buerger's disease, a devastating vascular condition seen in returning troops from WWI.

The construction of Grand Coulee Dam and the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project provided jobs for the town's residents as well as helping Soap Lake continue to survive as a tourist destination.

It was also home to a number of creative people, including artists, musicians, and writers, some of note including musicians Bonnie Guitar, Norma Zimmer, and visionary artist Brent Blake.

Today, Soap Lake is a small town of approximately 1,700 people. Visitors continue to be attracted from all over the world. The creative arts have always been an important part of Soap Lake's culture, and the community continues to be home to a number of artists, musicians, and performers. There are also a number of art galleries and performance venues in the town. Masquers Theater is a community theater company that has been producing plays for over 40 years.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Please describe what your community's unique identity is. What sets it apart from other places? Why do you or people you know love your community?

DRAFT below (532 words)

- The lake is the main attraction of the community and is known for its healing properties.
- The Grand Coulee is a geological wonder located north of Soap Lake. Soap Lake is the southernmost terminus of Grand Coulee. The coulee views are breathtaking.
- Soap Lake is a popular destination for crafting retreats. Every year, 2000 women come to the community to learn new crafts and enjoy the healing waters of the lake. Local art classes are also offered at the Soap Lake Community Center and at the Soap Lake Library.
- Almost all of the businesses in Soap Lake are family-owned and operated.
- Soap Lake is known for its sunny days. The region experiences a range of 280 - 320 days of sunshine per year.
- Soap Lake has a vibrant live theater scene. The community is home to Masquers Theater, an amazing locally funded venue with productions for over 40 years.
- There is an organic farm-to-table restaurant, Cloudview Kitchen, in Soap Lake that serves fresh, locally sourced food.
- Soap Lake Inn and Resort: This is a popular spa that offers a variety of treatments using the lake's mineral-rich waters. Visitors come from all over the world to soak in the healing waters.
- The Lava Lamp concept was invented by visionary artist and museum proprietor, Brent Blake, who created the idea of a 60-foot tall Lava Lamp to be erected in downtown Soap Lake. While never executed, the story has gone global and viral, and people continue to be intrigued by the concept.
- The Soap Lake Art Guild was a group of local artists who promoted the arts in the community. They organized art shows, workshops, and other events. Some interested parties are considering reviving this.
- There are several local businesses that offer massage and other wellness services. One provider has unique "Feel Good Friday" online sessions promoting health.
- There are occasional drum circles held in Soap Lake, connecting the community.
- Bonnie Guitar legacy: She was a local musician who was famous for her music and her long-term community support.
- The small size of Soap Lake makes it easy to walk everywhere.
- Lava Links is a unique links-type 9-hole golf course that is free and a fun place to play. Its terrain is basalt, sage, and sand. It was featured in a KING 5 TV program, "Evening."
- The Soap Lake Library is a rich resource for the community. In addition to books and movies, it offers adult and child crafting classes.
- Soap Lake is a very calm and peaceful community.
- The cost of living in Soap Lake is relatively low.
- There are many hiking, biking, and walking trails in the area.
- McKay Hospital was originally commissioned in 1935 as a Veteran's Hospital with an emphasis on researching and testing the benefits of Soap Lake's mud and waters to treat Buerger's Disease. In the 1970s, the hospital was converted into a long-term care facility and nursing home. It is still in operation today and is known as McKay Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.
- The local population is diverse, and you can hear Slavic languages, Spanish, and others around town. Some local businesses offer Ukrainian and Latino products.
- Creative businesses include funky thrift stores, art galleries, crafty restaurants, healing spas, and other art products, tattooing, manufacturing soap products.

Please describe the district's unique arts and culture niche. What kinds of arts, heritage or cultural activities will people find in your District that they can't find anywhere else?

Soap Lake has a unique arts and culture niche. The town is home to Masquers Theater, a community theater that has been producing plays for over 40 years. The theater has provided opportunities for new plays to be produced, for new actors to learn their art, and for providing the community with entertainment and education. In addition, it has taught lighting, stage construction, sound production, and theater management.

Soap Lake is home to Gate 17, an enterprise that hosts primarily quilting workshops but also craft activities and events throughout the year. These events offer participants the opportunity to hone new crafting skills, meet other crafters, and enjoy the wonders of Soap Lake. Over 2000 women come to Soap Lake each year for these experiences, and many return each year.

Fire on Main Gallery, owned by Debbie Noah and located within the proposed SL creative district, is an art gallery featuring fine art and handmade artisan pieces by committed artists who have demonstrated their commitment to the arts by creating art over a number of years. The Gallery space also hosts visiting musicians, original bands, classical guitar and jazz performances. Our events are open to the public.

Fire on Main Glass Studio, owned by Debbie Noah and located within the proposed SL creative district, is a glass studio featuring hot (furnace) glass and warm glass equipment and working environment. We offer classes for all ages and skill levels and encourage students.

Beauty of Bronze - Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee covers 100% of the costs for Soap Lake 5th grade students to participate in the Beauty of Bronze program, an Art on the Avenues' annual arts education program. This program gives fifth graders the opportunity to work with a professional artist to create and exhibit their own small bronze sculptures. It's a rare experience in the world of art education, particularly when school budgets are so tight.

The Healing Waters Sculpture is the largest human-figured sundial in existence. It is cast bronze, and the Native American figures represent calling for the healing powers of the lake. The sculpture was the site of a dedication event presented by the Colville tribe, who have a long history in the area. Funding for the production and installation of the sculpture was raised by the Soap Lake Garden Club.

Other unique arts, heritage, or cultural activities that can be found in Soap Lake:

- Soap Lake Resort and Spa and other businesses including Healing Waters Spa, which offers a variety of spa treatments using the mineral water from the lake.
- Soap Lake Visitors Center, which preserves the history of the town.
- Winterfest, which is held every December and features participation from the local schools,

businesses, artists, singers, actors, and dancers.

- Moonlight Paddle, which is held at night during a full moon in late summer, where locals and visitors create lighted watercraft using a variety of materials and compete for prizes including most decorative.
- Lava Links Sandblaster Open, a hilarious golf event often featuring beginner golfers on the unique sandy, sagebrush covered 9-hole course. Prizes are awarded for creative golf attire, most unusual putts, etc., in addition to traditional awards.

COMMUNITY IDENTITY

What are some adjectives that describe the personality or vibe of your future Creative District? How do you want visitors and residents to feel when they are in your District?

Note: the number of mentions reflects activity from our Sept 21 meeting.

term used	# of times mentioned	term used	# of times mentioned	term used	# of times mentioned
historic	9	calm	3	adaptable	1
healing	8	eclectic b/c sun	2	hippy	1
artsy	7	educational	2	inclusive	1
artistic	6	literary	2	spiritual	1
theatrical	6	musical	2	creative	1
peaceful	6	vibrant	2	metaphysical	1
quirky	6	at home	2	native	1
ancient	5	rocky	2	contemplative	1
beautiful	5	salty	2	light	1
friendly	5	resourceful	1	windy	1
fun	5	delicious	1	healthy	1
sunny	5	liquid	1	sigh of relief	1
unique	5	tasteful	1	extraordinary calm	1
countercultural	5	buoyant	1	stories	1
entrepreneurial	5	educated	1	self-reliance	1
cleansing	5	phenomenal	1	retirement	1

safe	5	affordable	1	magnetically historic	1
colorful	4	zen-like	1	daylight	1
funky	4	sturdy	1	nostalgia	1
therapeutic	4	slippery	1	legendary	1
magical	4	dark sky	1	immersed	1
multicultural	4	sudsy	1	agricultural	1
small business-y	4	sparkling	1	awestruck	1
visionary	4	forgiving	1	must see	1
homey	4	sharing	1	bucket list	1
persevering	4	caring	1	quiet	1
healthy	3	free	1	welcoming	1
imaginative	3	supportive	1	no drama	1
magnetic	3	natural	1	flavorful	1
timeless	3	hot	1	educational	1
volunteers	3	surviving	1	hilarious	1
bright	3	experimental	1	whimsical rare	1
desirable	3	elbowroom	1	groovy	1
comfortable	3	imaginary	1	chops	1
peace	3	Learning	1	loving	1
walkable	3				

Describe how the Creative District will reflect the values of the community:

We conducted a community values survey in October/November 2023, asking survey respondents to rank a list of values that came out of community brainstorming sessions. Our Creative District will honor these values in several ways:

- by collaborating and partnering with existing organizations that represent these values.
- as we become more active in, and define our role in, existing activities and events taking place in our region.
- while defining our 5-year goals and milestones.
- as we continue to develop our messaging to the public.

- as we develop new initiatives or programs in support of our creative economy.

The results of that survey are listed below along with a list of other entities we may consult and/or collaborate with for each value:

1. Environment & sustainability – Soap Lake Conservancy, City of Soap Lake, Dry Falls & Sun Lakes State Parks, Ice Age Floods Institute
2. Public safety – City of Soap Lake Police Department, Soap Lake School District, Soap Lake Prevention Coalition, Chamber of Commerce & other local businesses
3. Developing the creative economy – Soap Lake ECD, SL Chamber of Commerce, Grant County ECD, ArtsWA Creative Districts Program, and other organizations
4. Culture and identity – Soap Lake School District, Soap Lake NCW Library, Grant County Historical Museum, Eastern European community through local business owners and churches, Latino community through schools and churches, as well as local historians
5. Inclusion – McKay Healthcare & Rehab (includes elder and memory care), Soap Lake Community & Senior Center, veterans, Soap Lake School District, Soap Lake NCW Library, Eastern European community through local business owners and churches, Latino community through schools and churches
6. Positive youth development – Soap Lake Prevention Coalition, Soap Lake School District, Soap Lake NCW Library, Chamber of Commerce & local businesses, Youth Empowerment Program (positive development through the arts)
7. Collaboration – see above

4: PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership amongst community members and organizations is key to the district's success. A broad agreement of community leaders is a good sign that a district will be successful long-term. Partnership(s) must include local government(s) (or similar entity), and shall include arts organizations, artists and other creatives, local chamber or downtown association, economic development agencies, businesses engaged in arts activities, local tourism bureau, local colleges and/or school districts, local arts agencies, other public agencies such as local port authority or regional transit, regional planning agencies, local tribal governments or agencies, businesses engaged in complementary industries, etc.

WHO ARE OUR KEY PARTNERS?

Which groups, people, and organizations do we already have on board to ensure our Creative District is successful?

Masquers Theater – supporter (potential partner)
 McKay Healthcare & Rehab Board - supporter (potential partner)
 Soap Lake Public Library (NCW Libraries) – supporter (potential partner)

Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee w/City of Soap Lake – key partner & MOU between the two entities
Soap Lake Elementary - supporter
Soap Lake Resort and Spa - supporter
Busy Bean - supporter
Buck-n-up - supporter
Cloudview Kitchen – supporter (potential partner)
Soap Lake Prevention Coalition – supporter (potential partner)

In process:

- Soap Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Grant County Economic Development - representatives visited the Soap Lake City Council Economic Dev. Committee. CD, workforce plans, etc. were discussed.

WHO IS MISSING FROM THIS LIST

Fire on Main Gallery & Glass studio, Debbie Noah
Grant County Economic Development
County Commissioner Position #1, Danny Stone
Soap Lake Conservancy
Soap Lake Food Bank
Other businesses and organizations

Will the partners you've identified write letters of support for your district application?

Yes, and many have done so already.

Will there be a partnership agreement/memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the main partners to help guide activities in the district? (Yes, No or Don't Know)

Yes. FLGC & the City of Soap Lake have a memorandum of understanding in place

5: DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Proposed Districts must designate a structured business entity to act as the district administrator. *Types of allowed entities include: local government (municipal or tribal), 501(c)(3) or 501 (c)(6) (such as registered neighborhood organization, downtown development authority, associate development organization).*

Is the total annual operating budget of the administrative organization at least \$20,000 (does not refer to Creative District budget)?

Yes, but this is because FLGC has increased its operating budget during the planning phase in order to meet this requirement. As a smaller organization and smaller district, we will request a smaller operating budget.

Does the administrative entity agree to include district activities as part of the annual work plan of staff liaison in compliance with ArtsWA requirements?

Yes

If the entity is not a local government, does it have the cooperation of the municipal entity that governs the geographical location of the proposed district?

Yes

Please identify the administrative entity and its operating structure.

Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee EIN 46-4201429
PO Box 483, Soap Lake, WA 98290

Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee is a 100% volunteer organization with a board of directors that operates according to a set of bylaws and is responsible for approving committee budgets, as well as short- and long-term plans. Committees perform tactical work and make day-to-day decisions according to established budgets and plans. If adjustments are necessary, committees can bring requests to the board of directors via email, or conference call.

The full board meets on a quarterly basis, while committees meet on an as-needed basis. Additional board meetings are called when necessary.

Is there a designated staff position assigned to oversee district activities?

No. The Community Development committee (as defined in our bylaws) will oversee district activities with a volunteer lead who will act as the primary point of contact. Additional volunteers from outside the FLGC board will also be recruited to oversee district activities.

ASSET MAP TEMPLATE

On this page you will make a list (or 'ASSET MAP') of all the resources in your community within the following areas. The purpose is to identify the resources in your area, and to understand how these resources are
11/20/2023

connected. This exercise can also be used in a larger community engagement meeting to get a full picture of the assets your community has.

Spaces & Places, Physical Assets:

Name	Location	Name	Location
Blue Lake Rhino Cave	Dry Falls State Park	Masquers Theater	Soap Lake
Boy Scout trail	Soap Lake	McKay Healthcare & Rehab	Soap Lake
Calling the Healing Waters sculpture & sundial	Soap Lake	Mom's Deli	Soap Lake
Cloudview Kitchen	Soap Lake	Oasis Farms	Soap Lake
Cloudview Farms	Ephrata	Pheasant Orchards	Soap Lake
Community Evangelical & Free Church	Soap Lake	Public basketball court	Soap Lake
Coulee Corridor	Soap Lake	Roller Rink	Soap Lake
Del Red	Soap Lake	Skateboard park	Soap Lake
Dry Falls State Park	Soap Lake	Smokiam Park & East Beach	Soap Lake
Grant Orchard - enclave of farms south of town	Soap Lake	Smokiam Resort	Soap Lake
Historic James Building	Soap Lake	Soap Lake Community & Senior Center	Soap Lake
Historic rock homes	Soap Lake	Soap Lake Public Library	Soap Lake
Historic rock hotel (Soap Lake Resort)	Soap Lake	Soap Lake Resort & Spa	Soap Lake
Lake Lenore	Soap Lake	Soap Lake, East Beach, West Beach	Soap Lake
Lakeview Golf Course	Soap Lake	USPS	Soap Lake
Lava Links Golf Course	Soap Lake	Visitor Information Center	Soap Lake
Lower Grand Coulee & Ephrata Fan	regional	Walkable streets and trails	Soap Lake
Blue Lake Rhino Cave	Dry Falls State Park	West Beach	Soap Lake

Culture & Heritage:

Item/Name	Additional info	additional info	Additional info
Pow Wow (used to be a regular event in SL)			

Native American history in Soap Lake			
Soap Lake healing waters and the mud			
Eastern European community			
Greek community	Marina Romany family		
Latino community			
WWI Spa town			
SL Women's history	Roxie Thorson	"Roxie owned and operated Soap Lake Products Company, the longest operating salt extraction company in the town."	Huckleberry Press
SL Women's history	Maggie Waltho	"Soap Lake's feisty Irish mayor, Maggie Waltho, took office in 1946"	ThemDamWriters
McKay Healthcare & Rehab (McKay Memorial Research Hospital)		"On November 11, 1938 the Governor of the state of Washington dedicated the new McKay Memorial Research Hospital with 500 people in attendance at the ceremony. Resident war veterans, their wives or widows who were legal residents of the state of Washington were admitted to the hospital at no cost. All patients admitted had to furnish proof that they were afflicted with Buergers Disease."	Huckleberry Press
Mom's European Deli			
Latino Community			
Lava Lamp	Proposed project	Build a giant lava lamp in Soap Lake: An idea started by Brent Blake (deceased), artist and resident of Soap Lake. Many have gotten behind this idea and ~\$140,000 was raised and is with the City of Soap Lake	
Area churches			
Smokiam Resort Teepees			
Railroads			
Columbia Basin reclamation			
Beurgers disease spa (see McKay above)			

Great Canoe Race			
Cowboys			

People, Artists & Creatives:

Name	Business name	Discipline	creative work	location
Aaron Chavez (SLSD superintendent)		Maker	chainsaw sculpture	Soap Lake
Alison Gooding		visual art	painter, ceramics	Soap Lake
Andrey Pavlenko		Visual art	videographer, photographer, tattoo, documentarian	Soap Lake/Seattle
Andy Kovach	Kovach Architects	architectural services	architect	Soap Lake
Azad & Andrea Tarikian	La Cucina di Sophia	culinary	restaurateur, chef	Soap Lake
Benita Matheson		Visual art	concrete artists	Soap Lake
Bev Hasper		performing art	actress, director	Soap Lake
Bob Edwards		literary	writer, poet	Soap Lake
Bonnie Guitar, deceased		performing art	musician	
Brent Blake, deceased		Visual art	painter, sculptor	
Caleb Hermans		performing art	musician	Soap Lake
Cindi Rang	Fabricpatch, Gate 17 & Daisy Retreat Centers	Visual art & Maker	fiber artist, pattern designer, teacher	Soap Lake
Dan & Megan Gould		Maker	bee keeping	Soap Lake
Dan Bolyard		literary	historian	regional
Dan Gould		Maker	mechanic, ceramics, beekeeper	Soap Lake
Debbie Noah		Visual art	glass art	Soap Lake
Denise Keegan		literary & maker	historian, fabric art	Soap Lake
Don Nutt		Maker	gunsmith	Coulee City
Dusty Bolyard & Blayne	Cloudview Kitchen	culinary	restaurateur, chef	Soap Lake

Ed & Martin Schempp	Schempp Knives	Maker	knife maker	ephrata
Emma Buchanan		Visual art	painter	Soap Lake
Glen Grenwald		literary	writer, poet	Ephrata
Jerry Johnson		performing art	musician	Soap Lake
Joey Hernandez		performing art	opera singer	
John Kemble		literary	writer, historian, photographer	Coulee City
Kat Stahl	Masquers Theater	Maker	costumes	Soap Lake
Emma Buchanan		visual art	painter	Soap Lake
Kate Buchanan	Youth Empowerment Program	visual art	artist, teacher	Soap Lake
Keith & Sadie Dolge		Visual art	photographers	Arizona & Soap Lake
Lori Smythe		Visual art	ceramicist	Soap Lake
Lyn Schlosser		Maker	fiber arts, teacher	
Margo Guenther		healing arts	healing arts, massage	Soap Lake
Margo Guenther		literary	Grateful Dead historian	Soap Lake
Marina Romany, deceased		history	Family records, archives in various locations	Soap Lake
Masquers Theater actors	Masquers Theater	performing art		regional
Nell Kovach		Visual art	graphic art	Soap Lake
Nels Borg & Kayleen Bryson		Visual art	art collectors	Soap Lake
Other actors		performing art		regional
Peter Sharp		Maker	furniture builder	Soap Lake
Red Shuttleworth		literary	poet	
Ric Carlson		Maker	fabricator	Soap Lake
Ruthann Tobiason		Visual art	ceramic artist	Soap Lake/snohomish

Sam Israel, deceased	SAMIS Foundation	?	benefactor	
Sam Wiegers		Visual art	graphic art & marketing, media	
Saya Moriyasu		Visual art	ceramics/visual art	
Sharika Roland		Visual art	painter	ephrata
Sherry Xiao	Soap Lake Resort	Maker	hotel preservation, restoration	Soap Lake
Sigrid Penrod		Visual art	Ceramics	Soap Lake
Sigrid Penrod		healing arts	healing arts, aromatherapy, etc.	Soap Lake
Tracy Cole		Visual art	mixed media	Soap Lake

Creative Businesses & Industries:

Name	Principle	Business type	Creative Discipline
Anointed Hands, essential oils, massage	Michelle Agliano	handmade products	maker
B&B Man Cave	Byer & Bolte	used merchandise & antiques	State of WA considers this to be a creative industry
Bottom of the Barrel		furniture	maker
Buck-in-Up	Luba Vozniy	used merchandise	
Cloudview Kitchen	Dusty Bolyard & Blayne	restaurant	culinary
Coulee Corridor Design & Concrete Art	Benita Matheson	jewelry, clay, concrete art	visual, maker
Daisy House (see also Gate 17)	Cindi Rang	Textile art, teaching	visual, maker
Del Red Pub		restaurant, pub, live music & karaoke	performing
Duly Fixed		Videos, web services	visual, maker
Eco Health International	John Cho	skin care products	maker
Ed Schempp Knives	Ed & Martin Schempp	knife maker	maker
Feel Good Way	Margot Guenther	healing practice	
Fire on Main Gallery	Debbie Noah	blown, pressed glass	visual

Gate 17 Retreat Center	Cindi Rang	Textile art, teaching	visual, maker
Go Tags		customized dog tags	maker
James Building	Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee	non-profit	
Kivachitsky Gallery	Mihail Kivachitsky	painter, sculptor	visual
Kovach Architects	Andy & Nell Kovach	architectural services	
La Cucina di Sophia	Azad & Andrea	chef, restaurateur	culinary
Lake Latte			
Library	Caleb Hermans	librarian	literary
Marshall Signs & Graphics	William	graphic design, printing	maker
Masquer's Theater			performing
Mom's European Deli		deli, grocery	culinary
Purple Coyote		graphic design, printing	maker
Recollections	Karen Woodhouse	used merchandise	State of WA considers this to be a creative industry
Red Dragonfly Press	Leslie Taylor	publishing	literary
Sacred Road Tattoo		Tattoo artist	visual
Soap Lake Healing Water Spa & Gallery	Bridget Oie	Soap Lake products	maker
Soap Lake Library	Caleb Hermans	library	literary
Soap Lake Products	Andrew Vozniy	skin care products	maker
Visitors Information Center & Historical Museum	Chamber of Commerce	information and history	literary
Wylde Cactus Candle Company	Jesica	candle maker	maker
Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)	Kate Buchanan	art teacher, art therapy	visual

Associations & Organizations:

Name	location
Churches (full list below)*	Soap Lake & Ephrata
Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee	Soap Lake

City of Soap Lake	Soap Lake
Soap Lake Chamber of Commerce	Soap Lake
Soap Lake Conservancy	Soap Lake
Soap Lake Garden Club	Soap Lake
Beauty of Bronze	Wenatchee (serving SL with help of FLGC & local volunteers)
Friends of the Library	Soap Lake
Soap Lake Business Coalition	Soap Lake
Masquers Theater	Soap Lake
Community & Senior Center	Soap Lake
Soap Lake Prevention Coalition	Soap Lake
Youth Empowerment Program	Soap Lake
McKay Healthcare & Rehab	Soap Lake

Creative & Arts Activities:

Dance
Music
Tattoo art
Performing arts
Culinary
Construction/carpentry
Photography
poetry/writing
Painting
Fiber arts
Ceramics/pottery
Glass
Quilt retreats
Art classes

Visual arts
crochet/knitting classes @ Library
Winterfest event
Premiere performance of Dry Falls Suite
Lava Lamp Idea
Live theater
Art experience @ SL Community Center
Wine tasting event (w/Dry Falls performance)

*Full list of churches in Soap Lake and Ephrata

Church	Languages	Street Address	City
Community Evangelical Free Church	English	110 Main Ave E	Soap Lake
First Baptist Church of Soap Lake	English	322 Division St S	Soap Lake
House of Prayer Slavic Baptist Church, aka Evangelical	Russian, Ukrainian, English	315 SE 5th Ave SE	Soap Lake
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church	English, Spanish	323 D St SW	Ephrata
Redeeming Grace (Baptist)	English	250 Rd 19 NW	Soap Lake
Desert Church	English	716 Basin St NW	Ephrata
Nazarene Church	English	33 D ST NE	Ephrata
Our Saviors Lutheran Church	English	41 Nat Washington Way	Ephrata
Community Church of Ephrata	English	54 K ST SE	Ephrata
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	English	1301 Division Ave E	Ephrata
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church	English	1012 C ST SW	Ephrata
Our Redeemer Presbyterian Churches	English	172 Ivy St SE	Ephrata
GracePoint Church - Ephrata	English	327 C St SW	Ephrata
Bethlehem Chapel Assembly of God	English	612 3rd Ave SE	Ephrata
Memorial Christian Church	English	453 Division Ave E	Ephrata
St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church	English	750 1st Ave NW	Ephrata
Ephrata Church of Christ	English	31 Crest Dr	Ephrata

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6: GEOGRAPHY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Is the proposed Creative District a contiguous, well-defined, appropriately sized area?

Yes

If the locale is urban, is the proposed district walkable?

Yes

If the locale is rural, are there geophysical barriers that prevent the district from being well-defined and functional?

No

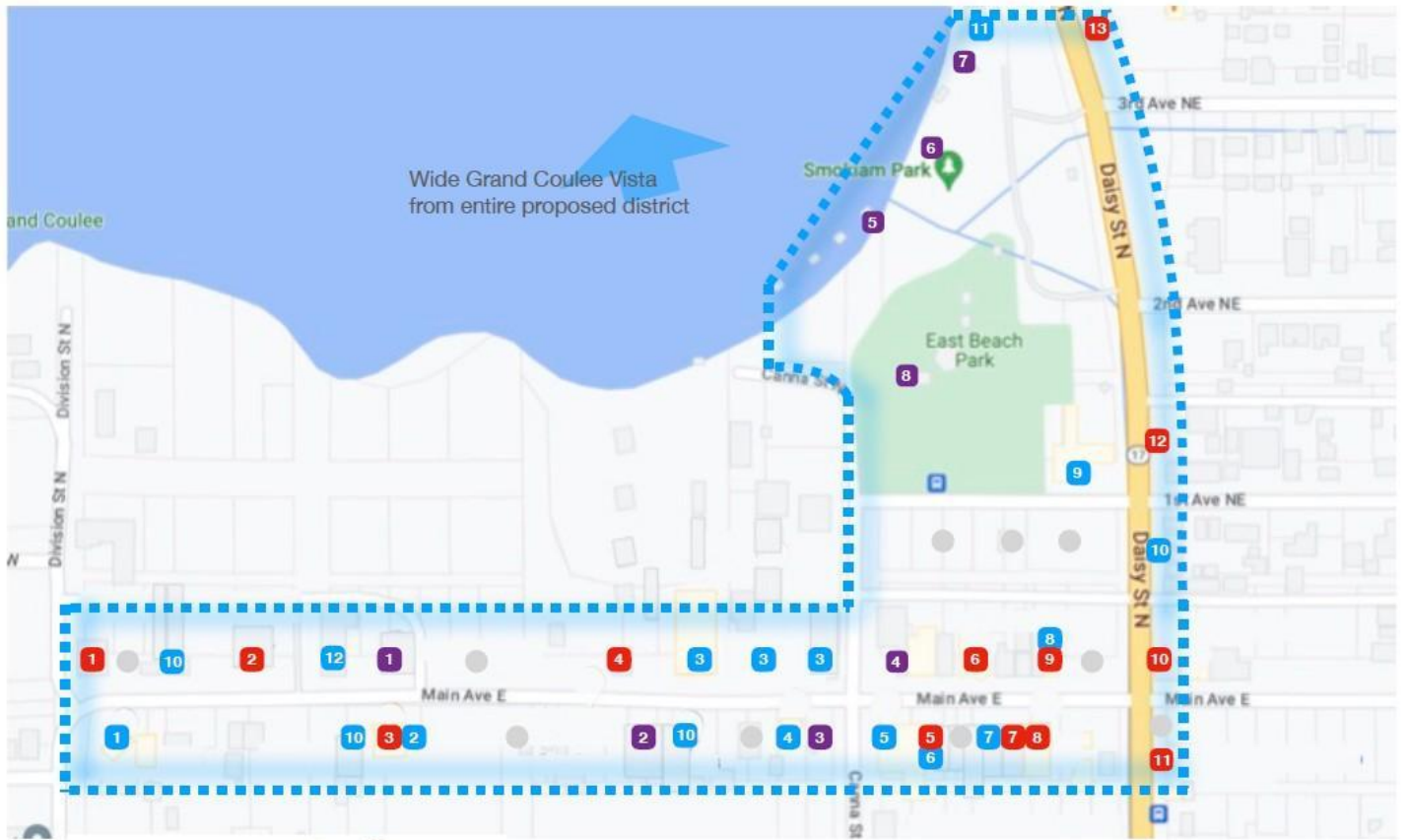
Are there any barriers that prevent the movement from one place to another in the district? (e.g., impassable river, freeway, railroad crossing, etc.)?

SR 17, also known as Daisy Street North, is an area where safety enhancements will be beneficial. Members of the community have asked for changes such as blinking crosswalk lights, signage or other visuals that help reduce traffic speed, more patrols.

Please describe the physical boundaries of the proposed area and include a map.

The Soap Lake CD encompasses two adjacent areas.

- The area follows Main Ave E from Division St N until just east of Daisy St N, and encompasses businesses and organizations on both sides of Main Ave E. It also includes the area from Daisy St N starting at Main Ave E, extending north to approximately 1/2 block north of 3rd Ave NE, and encompasses the Visitor Information Center and Chamber of Commerce building, amphitheater, the "Calling the Healing Waters" sculpture, and Smokiam Park, as well as businesses on the west sides of Daisy St. N.



Proposed Creative District Area

Creative Businesses

- 1- Kivochitsky Gallery
- 2- Public Library
- 3- Cloudview Kitchen
- 4- La Cucina di Sophia
- 5- Healing Water Gallery
- 6- Masquers Theater
- 7- Eco Health International
- 8- Mom's European Deli
- 9- Soap Lake Products
- 10- Fire On Main Gallery & Studio
- 11- Sacred Road Tattoo
- 12- Gate Seventeen
- 13- Couture Coffee

Supporting Businesses

- 1- Hair Master Salon
- 2- KOH Salon
- 3- Soap Lake Natural Spa & Resort
- 4- Recollections
- 5- Del Red Pub
- 6- Healing Water Spa
- 7- Soap Lake Food Bank
- 8- Buck `n` Up
- 9- B&B Mancave
- 10- Apartments
- 11- Visitor information Center
- 12- Community Churches

Built Assets

- 1- School District Office
- 2- Historic James Building
- 3- Gazibo Park
- 4- Resort Patio & Conference rooms
- 5- East Beach @ Smokiam Park
- 6- Calling the Healing Waters Sculpture
- 7- Coulee Corridor Kiosk
- 8- Public Restrooms

- Opportunity - vacant lots and buildings