

COMMUNITY RESPONSES

STRENGTHS

Small size reduces some problems, like crime.

Small size can mean a more efficient government.

There is room for expansion.

Water is available.

The local gov't is supportive of growth –permitting; zoning; licensing.

Good transportation available – airport; rail; Hwy.

Fire Department & EMS.

There is appropriate property available for residential expansion.

An abundance of outdoor recreation.

Recreational access to fishing & boating.

Avista recently upgraded Wilbur's power lines & transformers.

CenturyLink is "building redundancy and back-up capability."

Good schools.

The Medical Clinic.

Neighborly.

Great location.

Quiet, friendly, help each other.

Good roads & snow removal.

The pool.

Proximity to public land.

Two hospitals are nearby.

Golf Course.

Lion's Club.

Food pantry.

Senior Center.

Churches.

The potential to reopen the Assisted Living facility.

There is space downtown for new businesses.

The upgrades to the airport.

High speed Internet is in town.

Community Pride. Strong sense of community.

Self-contained (grocery store; gas; clinic; golf; etc.)

The school has wireless Internet; iPads; Apple TV; teachers are trained to use technology.

Strong community leadership.

Library has two computers with Internet access for the public to use.

WILBUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – TOP 5 STRENGTHS

1. Tight knit community.
2. Lots of support from the town.
3. Businesses.
4. Low crime.
5. Agriculture.

CHALLENGES

Lack of attractions to get tourists to stop.
State & Federal Government regulations.
The “cheaper somewhere else” mentality of shoppers.
No natural gas available.
Businesses face competition from box stores and the Internet.
Businesses need assistance with web site development.
Starting and sustaining a new business.
A need for sustainable jobs.
Resources for local government to build facilities to lease to businesses.
Businesses close too early and on Sundays.
Flood plain issues.
Revenues don't cover services.
Loss of the pharmacy.
Federal grant requirements cost us money.
Not much for teens to do.
Funding for the pool.
Funding for the ORV Park.
Need more social programs for seniors, youth, and families in general.
Challenge to keep the fishing derby.
Need for year round restrooms.
Maintaining water rights for future growth.
Cell service is horrible and getting worse.
No assisted living or nursing home facilities.
Too much money spent on airport.
Expensive electrical utilities.
Hard to get any TV service without going to the expense of satellite service.
Cost of maintaining roads.
Clinic unable to offer many services (example: X-rays)
Internet service from NoaNet is too expensive.
Safety of roads.
New ferry can't take wind.

WILBUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – TOP 5 CHALLENGES

1. Not much for teens to do.
2. New people in town don't feel accepted.
3. Lack of privacy.
4. Buildings are run down.
5. Lack of job opportunities for teens.

PROJECTS

TWO YEAR PROJECTS:

A recreation center for youth & community (gym, weights, pool tables, etc.)

Make it easier for new businesses to come to town.

The Dirt Bike Park.

A pharmacy.

A co-op commercial kitchen.

Attract new businesses.

FIVE YEAR PROJECTS:

Something for kids.

Movie theatre.

Market the golf course & RV Park.

Market access to the lake.

Pave Hanson Harbor Rd

Increase lake access.

Street music / PA system.

Replace fishing derby dam.

Connect local engineering students with Grand Coulee Dam internships.

Cell phone improvement.

Nursing Home or Assisted Living.

Housing development with mid-priced homes.

More rental properties.

Greater broadband access for community.

In-home senior services – technology; dietary; social; therapy.

TEN YEAR PROJECTS:

Construct a flood control structure to remove the community from the 100-year floodplain.

PROJECTS SUGGESTED BY STUDENTS

Theatre

Entertainment

Bowling Alley

Skate Park

Places to eat – Chain Restaurant, Bakery, Pizza Place

Update town

Water park/new or updated pool

New school

Arcade

More businesses

Update Emerson Park/Metcalf Field

Better facilities

More homes

Youth center

Better basketball court

Gym

Red Box rentals

More jobs