



## Cultural Resources Workgroup Meeting Notes

**DATE**           **March 14, 2012**

**PURPOSE**       Project Team Meeting

**FROM**           **Erica Anderson**

**ATTENDEES**    Rob Bell, Elizabeth Brazas, Jeff Futch, Annie McDonald, Gwynne Rukenbrod, Diane Ruggiero, Rebecca Suddeth, Kaye Myers, Angie Chandler, Alison Melnikova, Kay Miller, Kate Pearce & Beth Poovey, Kristin Peppel

### **Introductions**

Workgroup participants introduced themselves and we reviewed the agenda.

### **Consultant Summary**

Kate Pearce presented a summary of goals pertaining to arts and cultural resources of the plans reviewed in the region.

Goals common to all 5 counties include:

- Historic Preservation
- Cultural Preservation
- Preserve Natural Resources

Goals common to 4 of the 5 counties include:

- Establish & promote events and festivals
- Promote local artisans
- Link cultural & historic sites
- Increase cultural tourism
- Preserve natural environment
- Promote & preserve national forests and parks
- Heritage museums
- Rural mountain history
- Preserve & restore historic sites
- Promote small town culture and economy
- Promote farmer's market
- Promote local food economy



- Promote agri-tourism
- Promote active local farming

Goals common to 3 of the 5 counties include:

- Promote musical heritage
- Create greenways to promote cultural tourism
- Open space preservation
- Engage and educate the local community
- Preserve historic corridors

### **GroWNC Process and Public Meetings**

Kate gave an overview of the process for GroWNC and timeline of events, including the Reality Check (public meetings) which will take place in May. The purpose of the Reality Check is to introduce the project to the public and invite feedback on the goals and objectives from each workgroup. The intent is for the meetings to be interactive and staffed by workgroup members and project staff. The meetings will be held in each county and an “open house” style. Kate also discussed how the goals and objectives generated by the workgroup are being incorporated into the overall project. The presentation used during the meeting and draft goals and objectives can be found here: <http://www.grownc.org/ncresources.html>

### **Discussion of Goals and Objectives**

The workgroup refined the goals and objectives developed during the previous meetings. The final draft of the goals and objectives are attached and can be found here: <http://www.grownc.org/ncresources.html>. An electronic survey will be distributed to the workgroup to finalize and prioritize the goals.

### **Steering Committee Nomination**

Each present member of the workgroup submitted three nominations for the Cultural Resources Steering Committee representative. Nominations are being compiled and will be presented to the LOSRC Board.