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VALLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN



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FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN PROJECT

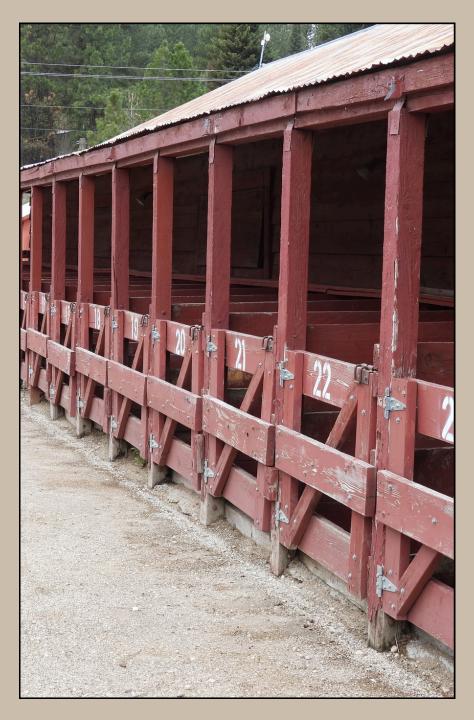
The Fairgrounds Master Plan is one of the County's top priorities from its 2023 Master Facilities Plan.

Project Goals:

- Evaluate how the site functions today
- Identify opportunities to improve and expand into a year-round facility
- Guide long-term investment in County and community events

Additional Information

- The Fairgrounds is a key public and economic space.
- Road & Bridge relocation is anticipated to happen in Spring 2026.
- The Cascade Annex property can help to expand the Fairgrounds footprint.







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VALLEY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS MASTER PLAN TIMELINE MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR **PHASE** 2025 2026 INITIATION **ANALYSIS** We Are Here TESTING RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECT TIMELINE



PROJECT PHASES

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Initiation

- Project kickoff
- Site tours
- Review documentation
- Compile a list of desired amenities

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Testing

- Economic impact analysis
- Development of a functional space program
- Creation of up to three fairgrounds layout scenarios
- Integration of high-level site and building design concepts
- Preliminary cost estimates for each scenario

(2)

Analysis

- Facility and site analysis
- Stakeholder interviews
- Public survey creation, deployment, and summary reporting

4 Recommendation

- Selection of a preferred site scenario
- Refinement of plans and documentation
- Funding and financing options

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Implementation

- Implementation guidance and sequencing
- Prioritization and phasing strategy
- Development of financial strategies and funding tools

DELIVERABLES

Site & Facility Analysis

Economic & Demographic Impact Review

Conceptual
Site Scenarios
& Preliminary
Costs

Public Engagement & Community Survey

Stakeholder Interviews

Funding & Implementation Guidance



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PROJECT PROGRESS









Webpage creation

Community survey (launched June 20)

Fairground video

Stakeholder Interviews (17)

Coordination with Southern Valley County Rec District



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT





Newsletter,
City of Cascade



Valley County Idaho
September 30 at 8:45 PM · 😵

We are still looking for survey responses to our Fairgrounds Master Plan Survey. Your feedback is important to informing the County on strategies moving forward. This survey should take about 5–10 minutes to complete. Follow the link to share your thoughts!

Take the survey here: https://bit.ly/ValleyCountyFairgroundsMP



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nds by visiting the nd Master Plan.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

- Facility Experience Ratings on building condition, parking, accessibility, and safety.
- Identified Needs Input on lighting, ADA access, space, bathrooms, and signage.
- **Use and Visitation** How often people visit and which events they attend.
- **Community Priorities** Importance of offering spaces for fairs, rodeos, markets, youth, and community events.
- Location and Access Convenience of the current Fairgrounds site.
- **Demographics** Residency, connection to the Fairgrounds, length of time in Valley County, and age group.
- Future Engagement Interest in updates and participation in the Master Plan process.

- Published June 20th
- 232 responses to-date
- Survey Outreach
 - Two (2) press releases
 - Social media posts
 - Flyers (Fair, 4th of July, Courthouse)
 - Ad in local paper
- Respondent demographics:
 - Female (66%)
 - Age range 35-54 (43.4%),
 - Resided in the County 10+ years (63.8%),
 - Location
 - Cascade (50.7%)
 - McCall (20.5%)
 - Donnelly (19%)
 - Other (~10%)



Valley County Fairgrounds Master Plan

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts on the Master Plan for the Valley County Fairgrounds. Your feedback is important to informing the County on strategies moving forward. This survey should take about 5–10 minutes to complete

Begin Survey



Fairgrounds Master Plan Survey



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STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW THEMES

Current

- Central community hub, especially for 4-H, FFA, and the annual County Fair.
- Reflects Valley County's agricultural heritage and volunteer spirit.
- Most activity is concentrated around Cascade, with lower participation from northern communities.
- Current facilities face
 challenges with aging
 infrastructure, parking limits,
 and shared space with the
 Road Department.

Future

- Strong support for a multipurpose, year-round facility.
- Desire to modernize without losing rural character or displacing traditional fair and rodeo uses.
- Broad interest in improved aesthetics, signage, and site layout.
- Emphasis on financially sustainable while staying accessible.

Priorities

- Infrastructure upgrades
 (parking, restrooms, water, utilities, drainage).
- Indoor arena or event building for year-round use.
- Better coordination with user groups and broader public engagement.
- Opportunities for revenue generation through rentals, RV hookups, and expanded programming.
- Maintain focus on the Fairgrounds' role as a gathering place for all Valley County residents.









STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEW SUMMARY



SURVEY SUMMARY

WHAT COMES NEXT





CONCEPTUAL SITE SCENARIOS & PRELIMINARY COSTS



ECONOMIC & DEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT REVIEW





RECOMMENDATIONS



FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION



DISCUSSION



Fairgrounds Master Plan
Survey



https://www.co.valley.id.us/FairgroundMasterPlan

