



Public Workshops

6:00-8:30 p.m. Feb. 26-March 5 and 11:30-1:30, April 8 (USU)

Facilitators, please arrive by 5:30 p.m.

Facilitator Guide

General Guidelines:

Don't lead: Your job is to be neutral. Help participants understand the material and the suggested steps. Answer basic questions they have about Envision Cache Valley. Help participants trade chips, etc. Don't suggest to them what you would do or in any way lead them to any particular solution.

This is visioning, not planning: This process does not replace existing plans that may be in place in communities.

Seek rough consensus: Complete consensus may not be possible, but make sure key decisions make sense for a simple majority at the table.

Get people involved: It's OK for extroverts to take some control. But if one or two at your table are sitting and watching, ask them what they think or if they support the group's direction.

OK to be non-linear: The order of steps is suggested to help the groups organize themselves; groups may work in a non-linear way or take steps in a different order.

OK to create new materials. People can jot notes or turn a chip over and create a new type of development.

Workshop Agenda:

6:00-6:15	Welcome and Introductions
6:15-7:00	Project introduction and growth concepts survey
7:00-8:15	Mapping: Open space and agricultural land; growth patterns; transportation
8:15-8:30	Group presentations and sharing

Welcome:

As participants arrive and find their seats, greet those at your table.

Growth Concepts Survey:

Make sure participants understand the activity and how to use the key pad polling devices.

Mapping Activity:

The Basic Question: Faced with the challenge of maintaining quality of life as the valley's population grows, how do you envision growth occurring?

1: Get acquainted and make assignments

- Introduce yourselves to each other.
- Clarify legend on table map as needed.
- Review the basic steps in the activity.
- Ask for any clarifying questions: if you don't know the answer look for one of the meeting facilitators or raise your hand.
- Make assignments—someone to do each of the following (*not* the facilitator):
 - **Scribe:** takes notes summarizing basic ideas/decisions
 - **Spokesperson:** shares ideas with the entire group at the end (2 minutes)
 - **Tallyperson:** keeps track of chips and chip trading

2: Brainstorm and map a general conservation vision for open space and agricultural land

Step 1: Identify open spaces that are a part of your conservation vision

Step 2: Label them so anyone can understand your map

Step 3: Link them as needed

Step 4: Reflect...(These thoughts help shape your group's presentation at the end.)

- What conservation trends can you identify on your map?
- What are your top priorities?
- Which lands are you less concerned about conserving?

Remember...

- It's okay to use more than one color on the same piece of land.
- Nothing is final. The group may later decide to cover lands they identify now with chips. Or, the group may replace chips with open space later on.

3: Brainstorm and map development locations and patterns and transportation systems

Step 1: Identify criteria for desired growth locations and transportation modes.

Step 2: Locate spaces that fit your criteria.

Step 3: Identify preferred growth patterns (place chips and transportation tape).

Step 4: Reflect...(These thoughts help shape your group's presentation at the end.)

- What priorities or principles guided your development and transportation decisions?
- What development or transportation trends can you identify on your map?
- Which compromises did you make during the process?
- What are the overall strengths/weaknesses of your map?

Remember...

- The base chip selection is based on the types of development that have been happening in Cache Valley in the past. These chips may be used or traded to achieve different growth patterns.
- Each chip identifies a specific development pattern and the number of housing units it includes. They are scaled to the map. The land they cover on the map is the land they cover on the ground.
- Allocate long-term growth by placing all of the chips to accommodate the population number used in this activity. Note that Envision Cache Valley does not espouse any particular eventual population size for the region.
- If your group chooses to ignore this guideline, ask them to specify where they think the growth will go instead and how they suggest to reduce the total amount of growth.
- Groups are free to make any decisions they wish to given the information on the base map.

4: Sharing and Closing

- Tape chips down.
- Make sure your group is prepared to give a two-minute presentation on your map. (Notes from reflection times are helpful.)