

## SLCD Committee Status Report June 2023

### Setting the Groundwork:

Step	Status	Additional information
Mission, Vision, Values	Completed	
Geography and Built Environment Characteristics – this also includes a map of the proposed SLCD area	In process – about 75%	The proposed district map will be published soon.
Artistic and Cultural Activities, and Creative Industries (both in the proposed CD and our region)	In process – about 85% complete	Our proposed regional boundary is under review. Once we've defined our region, we can refine our lists.
Community demographics	In process – about 75% complete	Data on tourism, property value trends, and sales tax revenue will be added.
Community identity	Not started, but we have access to several resources and have received important input from community members	We're currently looking for additional volunteers who are willing to compile a concise narrative about Soap Lake's rich history and cultural identity.
Partnerships and letters of support	In process	We have received 8 letters of support from local businesses and organizations. More are being sought.
District administration	In process	A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Soap Lake and Friends of the Lower Grand Coulee is currently under review by the City.

### Next Phase: District Development and Promotion

After the CD committee has completed the Setting the Groundwork process, we will move forward with the District Development and Promotion. The focus of this phase is a deeper dive into the Creative District planning process, and we look forward to working with representatives from *all our community*. Here's a summary of what this deeper dive will entail:

- understanding and developing community assets
- reaching underserved communities and incorporating them into the planning process
- knowing our community's strengths and weaknesses
- branding and promoting our Creative District, and
- preparing our community to focus on creative economy activities.

For more information or questions, please contact the committee by email at [creative.district@couleefriends.org](mailto:creative.district@couleefriends.org).