

High Plains Initiative Timeline

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- March 1 HPI organized to bring the BW3 model to Platte and Goshen County.
- June 10 Heart + Mind Strategies conducts a values survey of 200 residents for HPI.
- June-August Formation of 40-person steering committee from a cross-section of the counties, plus a few state officials and the BW3 board.
- Aug. 31- Sept. 1 HPI holds seminars to discuss how the Niobrara oil play might affect the region's growth.
- September 28 HPI presents results of values survey at Growth Summit to kick off the public phase of the process. Envision Utah presents growth projections and GIS visualizations gathered from county property records.
- October 11-15 HPI stages eight public meetings across the counties to conduct map workshops and gather input.
- November 3-4 Second series of oil shale seminars.

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- January-March Steering committee refines public input into four growth scenarios: business as usual, dispersed, compact, and combined dispersed/compact.
- March 15 Property rights group asks Platte County Commissioners to stop HPI.
- April 25-28 Public meetings to secure more input on growth scenarios.
- May-June Steering committee synthesizes all input and criticism into a final document to be presented to elected officials and the public at the end of June.