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Table #1

- Emergency housing shelters
- We have children who can't afford food and don't have a place to live
- Need a YMCA or community place for young people to learn how to get a job, be responsible and feel safe
- Trails

Table #1

- Ground water protection
- Develop I-65 interchange at Bonnieville
- Protect wildlife
- Organized athletics
- Horseback riding
- Murals in the cities
- Economic development office with a director
- Multi-family housing in each city
- Duplex, single-family housing
- Job training for young people
- Develop upper story housing in downtowns
- Gateway signage into Hart County
- Rain gardens, beautification

- Wi-Fi in each city
- Create fun at the lake to attract retirees
- Lodge on the lake
- Protect endangered species
- Trails at Frenchman's Knobs
- Shop local
- Children's park
- Sidewalks in Bonnieville

Table #2

- Bed & Breakfast development
- Multi-family housing
- More small businesses in the county
- Trail walk
- Farmers Market
- Local tourism
- New development – housing, assisted living housing
- Wendy's at the exit – whatever we can get
- Take care of wildlife around national park
- More activities for youth
- Groundwater protection
- Welcome signage at county line

Most important

- All 3 cities working together
- Clean up entrances to the county
- More skilled labor – work with schools
- Figure out how to save downtowns – stores to support housing
- Housing – can't find a place to rent with 2 bedrooms (have had at least 30 calls recently)

What is one thing we could do that would have positive long-term impact?

- Everybody working together
 - Need more tourism
 - Need solid action steps and timeframe (IMPLEMENT)
 - Talk to high school students
 - Fall Festival – work to recruit volunteers at this event for other things that happen in the community
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- Schools – greatest impact on young people
 - Get people to work together

- Positive attitude – support one another
- Work across artificial boundaries – county, cities, river
- Build a community from the ground up – schools

- Housing
- Recreation for young people
- Economic development
- Vocational school
- Fast-food restaurants
- Sidewalks in Bonnieville