



HIGH DESERT
Partnership

Working Together for Harney County

HDP COLLABORATION IS THE HARNEY COUNTY WAY

01 People Who Collaborate

Relationships and the investment in building them are the lifeblood of HDP collaboratives.

02 Many Voices

Many voices from within and outside of Harney County shape a common ground path forward.

03 Agenda, What Agenda

HDP does not have an agenda for any of its collaborative groups other than to set the table for each collaborative to do its work.

04 Community Based

HDP is a local Harney County nonprofit based in the community we serve.

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ABOUT US

High Desert Partnership is a nonprofit bringing people together to find common ground in addressing rural challenges and opportunities.



The Harney Basin Wetlands Collaborative on a field tour discussing projects the collaborative has implemented together.

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High Desert Partnership's Brand of Collaboration

WHAT WE DO

- High Desert Partnership exists to address complex challenges and opportunities that impact our lives.
- Whether the challenge or opportunity has to do with bolstering our rural economy, preserving our natural lands and waters, or fostering a more livable community, the solutions may be different but the process is the same. We are all about collaborative problem-solving.
- Our primary role is to support a network of Collaborative Working Groups—community-driven initiatives made up of diverse stakeholders working together.
- Ultimately our goal is to create the space and encourage the dialogue needed for people to find an agreeable path forward.
- We convene meetings, facilitate discussions, identify and help secure resources, tap into outside expertise, and ensure that deliverables are met so things keep moving forward.
- Change doesn't happen overnight, so we become the glue that ensures partnerships stay together and the gas that keeps them running.
- Working cooperatively takes a strong support system to make it possible for people to work together. A support system that does not take a position on issues but rather brings people together and manages the process. This is the basis of what we do. We convene and support a community of diverse perspectives so we may forge an agreeable path forward, together.

WHO WE SERVE

- Progress starts with people—those of us who proudly call Harney County home, along with everyone beyond the sagebrush who shares our love and concern for this amazing place.
- Our work addresses challenges that affect us all, so we're all in this together when it comes to finding viable solutions and an agreeable path forward.

WHAT MAKES HDP COLLABORATION DISTINCT

- Unlike most organizations, we lead from the back of the line. Community partners identify the priorities and work that needs to get done, while HDP provides the necessary support and resources to make it happen.
- While collaborative working groups focus on specific challenges, HDP is always looking at the big picture—how solutions to Harney County's economic, environmental, and social challenges are connected and work together to impact our rural way of life.
- We see our job as keeping a steady pulse on the present while having our sights on the horizon. We're about playing the long-game so we're all better prepared for the future.

HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION TOOLBOX

- Forge relationships
- Build trust
- Pay attention, listen & understand
- Be inclusive
- Use skilled facilitation
- Voice perspectives
- Show respect
- Practice patience
- Balance power
- Value and listen to science
- Make commitments & follow-through
- Track progress
- Keep people informed
- Practice storytelling

