

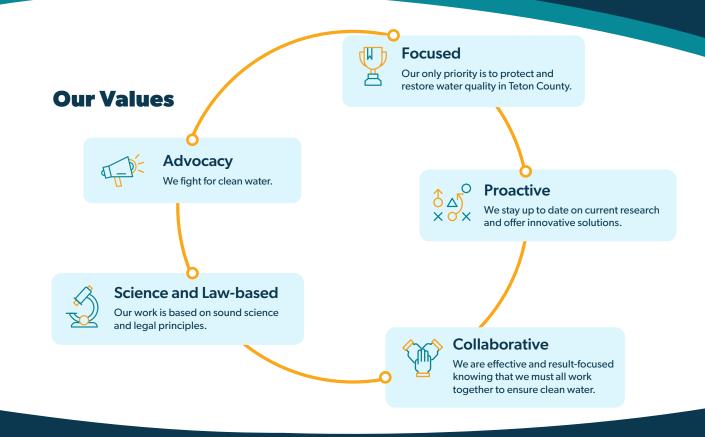
Strategic Plan 2025-2027

Our Vision:

Clean water now and for future generations.

Our Mission:

To serve as a powerful advocate and catalyst for protecting and restoring the surface and groundwater of Teton County, WY.



Goals:

Safeguard the Snake River Aquifer: Our primary source of drinking water

Protect and restore the quality of our rivers, lakes, and streams

How we do our work:

- Drive policy that advances local and state water quality action.
- Educate residents and visitors about local water resources and actions.
- Foster partnerships and collaboration with NGOs, and state and federal agencies.
- Inform, engage, and mobilize the public.

- Hold decision-makers accountable for achieving progress on improving water quality in the Snake River Headwaters.
- Monitor and report bacteria, pollutants, and other important water quality parameters.
- Use legal action to enforce compliance where appropriate.

By supporting POWJH, you can help us achieve our vision for clean water now and for future generations.

Near-Term Actions and Objectives:



Advocacy

- Support the implementation of the Water Quality Management Plan:
 - Protect drinking water sources.
 - Develop a Water Quality Protection Overlay to guide land use development activities.
 - Update land development and natural resource regulations that achieve the highest level of water quality protection.
 - Strengthen septic system regulations to include maintenance & inspection requirements and advanced wastewater treatment.
 - Push for wellhead protection, source water assessments, and source water protection plans to protect Public Water Systems.
 - Cause the adoption of early warnings and regulations that protect the public from water contaminated by nitrates, lead, and other pollutants.



Infrastructure

- Build a plan to replace the Town of Jackson wastewater treatment plant to reduce pollution flowing into the Snake River.
- Assist in securing funding for critical water and wastewater infrastructure projects.
- Implement incentive programs for sewer line connections, septic system inspection & maintenance, and stormwater controls.
- Prioritize sewer line construction and connections in the most environmentally sensitive areas and streamline the process for new sewer connections.
- Break ground on the Hoback Clean Water System.



Community Solutions

- Accelerate the restoration of Fish and Flat Creeks to their pre-impaired state through focused implementation of watershed management plans.
- Educate Teton County residents on threats to our water quality, potential health consequences, and offer long-term solutions.
- Work with partner organizations to aggregate and update scientific water quality data for the Snake River Headwaters in an easily accessed dashboard.
- Educate elected officials and the public on important state and national water quality protection legislation.
- Promote Best Management Practices that reduce polluted runoff from land surfaces.



Governance

- Assist with creating an umbrella agency to ensure coordinated and effective management of water & sewer services in Teton County.
- Monitor government actions as they relate to water in Teton County and the Town of Jackson.



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