

Location: Lincoln

Issue: Lincoln's Plan to Re-Use Wastewater Treatment Facility

Methodology: Public Charrette

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In 2006, the City of Lincoln wanted to engage its public in the decision of what to do with a 193-acre tract on which was situated the Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). The City sought civic input on how to turn the site into a marketable property, the proceeds from its sale would then be used to build a new wastewater facility.

A Charrette engagement method was used to involve Lincoln's citizens along with stakeholders in the planning process. Citizens participated in a four-day Charrette, which included not only a conversation about what to do with the particular site, but also how the surrounding homes and infrastructure could be incorporated into a larger plan. Like all Charrettes, this facilitated conversation included both residents along with city officials, planners, architects, business leaders, open space and housing advocates in a multi-day evolving plan process.