

Where are we now? Values

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Traditional family organization has changed. Grandparents and other family members raising children that aren't theirs

Strong family values

Members have strong family identity

Generational differences

Strong work ethic

Pride in community

Where are we now? Workforce

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Workforce is directly related to the ups and downs of the local rock market and future opportunities are not as abundant

Where are we now? Social

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Many desire to remain as they are and not have outside influence

Crab Orchard lost head start program and medical clinic

Social services declining

Social groups declining (i.e. VFW, Senior Citizens)

Lack of infrastructure

Demographics have not changed

Religion has now and always had strong influence in Crab Orchard

Religion is a main factor in the fiber of the community

Community is adversely affected by drugs

No one takes responsibility (i.e. people know about drug use & production but won't report to authorities for fear of retaliation)

Need better relation with citizens and law enforcement

Media overemphasizes the negativity of Crab Orchard

Where are we now? Cultural

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Lack of community interest between generations

Lack of trust

Where are we going? Values

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Want to improve their identity and self image

Moving backwards

Where are we going? Workforce

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Few opportunities because of rock quarry jobs declining

Where are we going? Social

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There is optimism in the education process

Positive influence from local elected officials

Where are we going? Cultural

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Not making progress

Where do we want to be? Values

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Infrastructure improved and everyone working together

Where do we want to be? Social

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Want more recognition of Crab Orchard's issues from County elected officials

Where do we want to be? Workforce

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Crab Orchard needs to be a destination for restaurants and bed and breakfast inns

Want Crab Orchard Elementary to be a leader of the county school system

Need innovation and young people to further their education

Desire more vocational training

Where do we want to be? Cultural

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Opportunities to honor Crab Orchard's beauty

Further education opportunities