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### Big ideas punctuate sustainability meeting

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Barbara and Jim McCracken, followed by son Jim take a spin around the lawnmower racetrack at their rural Elma home.

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"In the year 2020, how will we know we've built a sustainable economy in Grays Harbor?"

That's the question leaders of Building a Sustainable Grays Harbor posed to more than 100 Harbor politicians, business and community leaders Thursday at the Rotary Log Pavilion in Aberdeen. They gave plenty of ideas and goals during the 2-hour session, and signed a few checks, too.

The meeting kicked off the first phase of the group's Vision 2020 program, which identifies economic and environmental priorities for all of Grays Harbor County. Those in attendance split into separate tables and

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discussed benchmarks for improvement, and "big ideas" that could turn the tide for the Harbor's economy.

With those priorities and the help of consultant Jason Richardson, the group will now hold community forums and interviews all over the county to prepare a vision for a sustainable economy that embraces renewable resources through ecologically sound business and development.

"The only way this vision will be sustainable is if the entire community can get behind it," said David Quigg, marketing director of Grays Harbor Paper L.P. and one of group's founders.

Visions

Common goals brainstormed at the meeting included more waterfront development, rerouting the truck and rail routes through Aberdeen and Hoquiam, tearing down old buildings, turning Grays Harbor College into a four-year university and encouraging cooperation between cities and businesses.

Fresh off \$50,000 in seed money from the county and a \$50,000 donation from an unnamed Hoquiam woman, the group took donations from those in attendance.

Jim McCracken hops on one of the family's monster size racing mowers.

"We have a real opportunity to move this county forward, and it's time to put your money where your mouth is," County Commissioner Al Carter said.

They're looking for \$300,000 to \$500,000 to develop an action plan to accomplish the vision. "People are excited and the turnout at this meeting shows that we've got community support," Richardson said. "We'll be developing a list of common themes we hear from people all over the county, and then work on ways to get those things done."

The group's planning board will meet next week to finalize the public unveiling of the program.

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