

Topic: INCLUSION, Water as foundation and metaphor (Conversation about the proposed new Boone water intake)

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Main Points:

1. New data and information are available about Boone water demand/use and we would like to explore whether that data warrants re-evaluation of Boone's water use before the plant is built
2. We need to create a more inclusive fair and resilient public process for water sharing decisions (That may exceed the state's process. There is a gap in state law.)
3. we need to be more pro-active in water conservation measures
4. We have an opportunity to create a new model for sustainability and conservation.
5. Can the water needs be solved in a new more modest way?

Action Steps:

1. Examine what data has changed and how (economic downturn, lower water use, new ASU water connect offering capacity to reduce peak use, water storage.)
2. have a dialogue about the new information and its relevance (i.e., the ASU interconnect)
3. Start dialogue with one on one conversations with town members to gauge willingness to review data
4. Find comparable communities in the US with lower water use (i.e., the western states, other headwaters communities) to find water saving strategies we can use here. Can we make more stringent regulations?
5. Extend specific invitations to stakeholders for public dialogue.