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The Town of Boulder Junction is embarking on a project that honors our past while building for our future. The Station at Boulder Junction is envisioned as a year-round community gathering space that celebrates our railroad heritage, enhances our downtown vitality, and strengthens Boulder Junction's identity as a place where residents and visitors alike can connect, celebrate, and belong.

As a valued member of our community, we invite you to be part of a group of trusted advisors and vision partners. Your insight, experience, and connection to Boulder Junction's legacy are vital as we move from concept to preliminary design. This is not a fundraising solicitation; rather, it is an opportunity to share your thoughts, offer advice, and help shape a project that will serve generations to come.

Enclosed you'll find:

- **Conceptual Design Exhibits** – early visualizations of the site and proposed structures
- **Project Overview** – outlining what The Station is, why it matters, and how we plan to bring it to life

Our goal is to create a space that reflects Boulder Junction's character—rooted in community, nature, and heritage. We hope that, through your participation, The Station becomes not only a gathering place, but a lasting symbol of what makes Boulder Junction special.

Where Our Story Arrives and Our Community Gathers

You are invited to attend one of two engagement meetings to be held at the Boulder Junction Community Center on Thursday, July 30th at 6:30pm or Saturday, August 1 at 9:00am.

On behalf of the Town of Boulder Junction and the Economic Development Committee, thank you for considering this opportunity to help guide this important initiative. Your input will be instrumental as we prepare the preliminary design and begin shaping the next chapter of our town's story.

With gratitude and respect,

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Project Overview – What, Why, and How

What We Are Doing

The Station at Boulder Junction is envisioned as a year-round community venue that blends our small-town charm with our deep-rooted history. The project will transform the former Bitinas property into a multi-use event space designed to serve residents and visitors alike.

The Station will include:

- A main train station inspired building with restrooms, a concession kitchen, and gathering space
- Four open-air pavilions for community events, markets, and performances
- A main stage area for concerts, festivals, and social gatherings
- Improved parking, snow storage, and site infrastructure that complement downtown needs

The design will draw inspiration from Boulder Junction's railroad and logging heritage while using natural materials, warm lighting, and accessible pathways to create a welcoming, four-season experience.

A Brief History of the Property and Process

In 2023, the Town of Boulder Junction's Economic Development Committee (EDC) recommended that the Town purchase the former Bitinas Gas Station property to improve the appearance and image of the west end of Main Street. Following the purchase, the deteriorated building was razed and removed. Since that time, the property has served a temporary but important role by housing portable restroom facilities and providing much-needed parking for that end of town.

Recognizing the property's long-term potential, the EDC formed the Bitinas Property Workgroup in 2024 to explore future uses for the site. The group, together with the Town Board, facilitated focus groups, stakeholder meetings, and community discussions to gather input from residents, business owners, and civic leaders.

The feedback from these sessions identified a shared desire for a multi-use, year-round outdoor community space that would:

- Reflect Boulder Junction's heritage and identity
- Support seasonal events and local business activity
- Provide public amenities such as restrooms and gathering areas
- Serve as a social and cultural focal point downtown

This collaborative, community-driven process laid the foundation for *The Station at Boulder Junction*, ensuring the project reflects both the town's heritage and its vision for the future.

Why Are We Doing It

Boulder Junction's strength has always been its people, generations who have worked, played, and built community together. *The Station* honors that legacy while responding to our evolving needs as a year-round destination.

- **Celebrating Our Heritage** – The project pays tribute to our town's origins along the railroad line that once defined Boulder Junction's growth and spirit.
- **Supporting Local Business** – By creating a vibrant venue downtown, The Station strengthens the local economy through expanded events, increased tourism, and collaboration with area businesses.
- **Connecting Generations** – It provides a space where residents, families, and visitors can come together for recreation, entertainment, and fellowship throughout the year.
- **Fostering Community Identity** – The Station will serve as a visual and social anchor for the town, reflecting the pride, creativity, and resilience that define Boulder Junction.

In short, *The Station* is about connection between past and future, between residents and guests, and between vision and action.

How We Propose to Do It

The Station at Boulder Junction is being led by the Town of Boulder Junction Economic Development Committee (EDC) and the Town Board and in partnership with our engaged community members.

Our approach emphasizes collaboration, transparency, and stewardship:

- **Concept Development** – Completed through the Bitinas Property Workgroup and refined through community and stakeholder feedback.
- **Preliminary Design** – To be guided by input from key community members and advisors, ensuring the concept reflects shared values and practical needs.
- **Funding Strategy** – A blend of public and private support, including grants, philanthropic gifts, and community-based fundraising.
- **Phased Construction** – Designed to allow early activation of portions of the site while building toward a complete, sustainable campus that meets long-term goals.

Our goal is to complete design work following the engagement process, ensuring the project reflects both community heritage and future opportunity.

Our Vision

We believe The Station at Boulder Junction will become more than a facility; it will be a gathering place that embodies who we are. It will celebrate our story, strengthen our relationships, and inspire future generations to continue making Boulder Junction a place where community comes first.



Overall conceptual view of the Station at Boulder Junction