

## A Convening: What it is and how it works

**A Convening** is a gathering of individuals with different perspectives on a topic to accomplish a clear purpose. The intent is to draw out unique individual responses from all participants.

**The purpose of this Convening** is to identify topics of greatest interest to Land Use Action Team members and to focus our efforts in order to be more effective.

**The driving force** for initiating this process is the need for grassroots leadership in moving our community toward more sustainable land use.

### Convening Process

1. **The Order** – The facilitator determines the order of respondents to answer the questions.
2. **Participation** – Each participant is expected to respond during the first round for each question, expressing their unique answer to the question.
3. **Interruptions** – Participants may not interrupt the designated respondent. Listening closely to each person's response is a key part of the process.
4. **Taking Sides** – During their turn, a participant may not say that they agree, challenge, or disagree with any other participant.
5. **Own Words** – Participants must provide responses to the question in their own words without directly copying the positions or words of other participants.
6. **Time Allotment** – Participants may take up to 2 minutes to respond to Questions 1 and 2 below. Concise responses are preferred.
7. **Second Round** – After all participants have responded once, the facilitator asks if anyone has additional responses. If one person says "yes", the facilitator leads a second round. Participants may pass during this second round.
8. **Succeeding Questions** – When all are satisfied that the first question has been answered, then the facilitator asks the second question using the same process.
9. **Notes** – Participants are encouraged to take notes.
10. **Outcome** – Participants will receive a summary of take-away points and next steps.

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### Questions to Be Covered at 6/8/21 LUAT Convening

Opening question: **What is your prior connection to the Land Use Action Team?** For example, are you a new member or have you been on the team for years? What is one project, if any, that you've worked on as a member of the team? (up to 30 secs. to respond)

Question #1: The *Community Sustainability Action Framework* that guides our work has the following vision for Land Use: "Corvallis is a compact, resilient city with walkable neighborhoods, a vibrant downtown, and diverse natural areas interwoven in urban landscapes, whose community members actively participate in land use planning decisions." **What aspect of that vision interests you most?** (up to 2 mins. to respond)

Question #2: During the past year, we have discussed several topics in our meetings. **What topic or topics are you willing to work on as a member of a Land Use Action Team work group? Or if you have an additional topic in mind, what is it?** (up to 2 mins. to respond)