

Town of Meeteetse WYO 120 & 290 Study

Preliminary Findings

Land Use & Planning

The corridor study is entirely restricted to the incorporated limits of the Town of Meeteetse. The town has completed two previous studies that help inform our study today: The Meeteetse Strategic Plan, 2011, and the Meeteetse Master Plan, 2014.

The Strategic Plan outlined six priorities that then became the base of the Master Plan. →

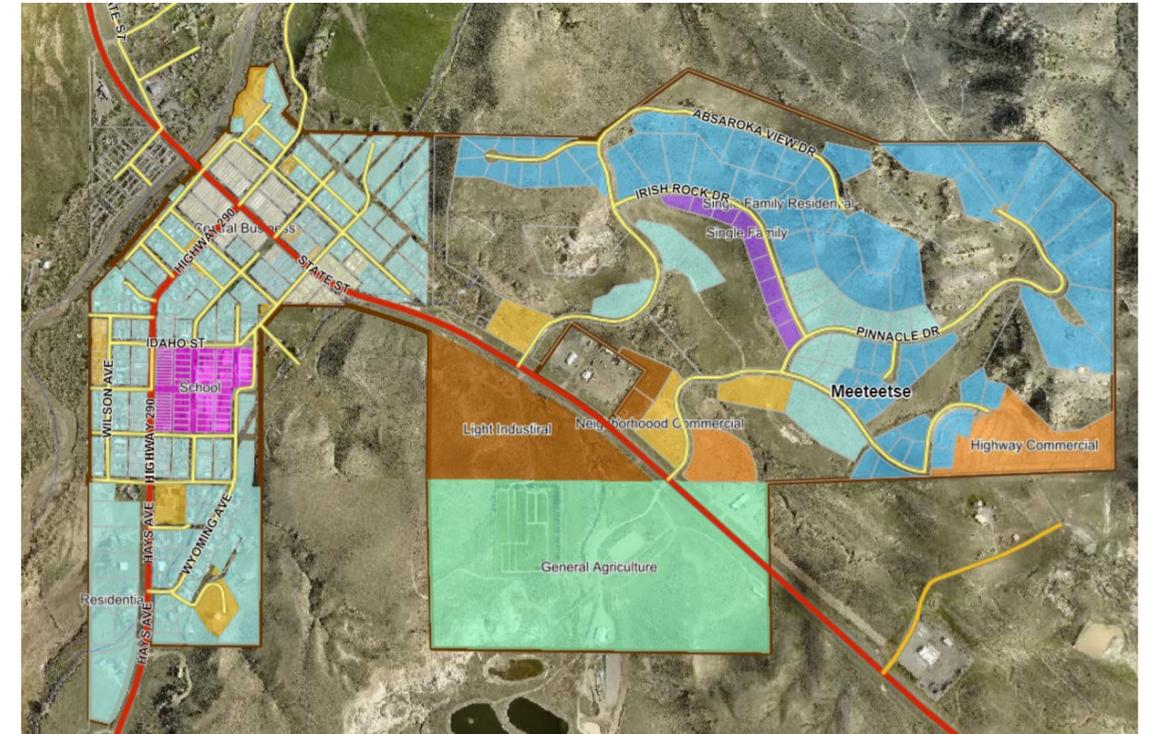
The corridor is entirely located within Map Area 2 of the Master Plan or “Established Commercial”.

Key Goals of this area center around the preservation of the historical character of the town and the promotion of existing and potential commercial businesses.

This is a common thread found throughout the strategic plan and Master plan.

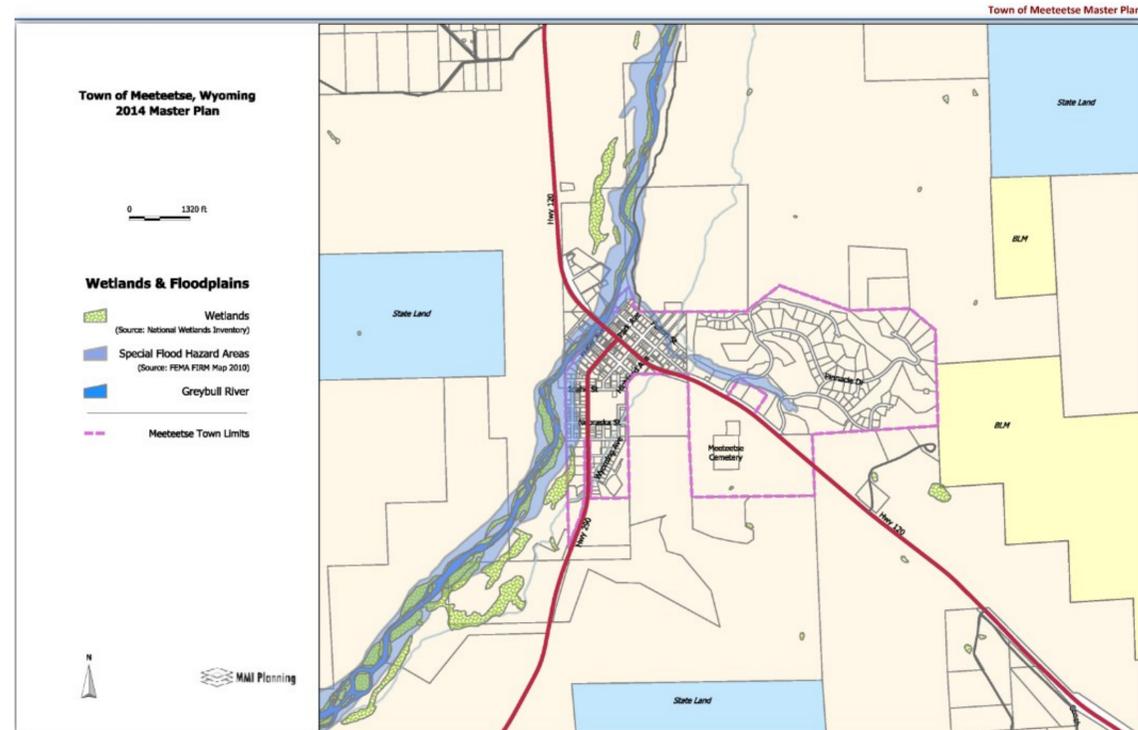
One item of note is the continued downward trend in population data for the Town of Meeteetse. The Master Plan included the data depicted on the right and was furthered by the 2020 census data showing a population of 309.

- General Agriculture
- Light Industrial
- Highway Commercial
- Single Family Residential
- Single Family
- Central Business
- Neighborhood Commercial
- School



- ▶ **Promote diverse economic growth** – Meeteetse’s future would be brighter with additional jobs, services, and economic activity. Diversifying the local economy means augmenting existing energy-related employment with new opportunities in such areas as tourism, retail trade, manufacturing, health care, financial services, and real estate.
- ▶ **Project a positive image** – A positive image for Meeteetse includes main street revitalization, preservation of historical resources, town-wide property maintenance, and well-designed new development. It also involves marketing the town as an attractive place to live, work, and visit. And it involves ensuring that Meeteetse’s K-12 school system prospers as a central element of the community.
- ▶ **Encourage collaboration and positive attitude** – One of Meeteetse’s great strengths is its sense of community and “let’s work together” spirit that has helped the town accomplish so much despite its small size. Retaining that in the future is a must.
- ▶ **Capitalize on natural resources and recreation** – Meeteetse has exceptional recreational opportunities for a town of its size as well proximity to extensive public lands. These are resources that are important for both tourism and attracting permanent residents.
- ▶ **Fortify infrastructure** – Meeteetse has accomplished many infrastructure improvements and is planning more. For the sake of the town’s long term vitality, it is crucial to continue making progress on infrastructure improvements and not let infrastructure deficiencies become an obstacle to economic growth.
- ▶ **Increase housing** – Increasing housing in Meeteetse means expanding housing choices for existing residents and for people who would move to town. Increasing the supply and quality of housing are important objectives that are also linked to improving the local economy.

Environmental Constraints



Location	Census 2010 Population	Census 2000 Population	% Change
Wyoming	563,626	493,782	14.1
Park County	28,205	25,786	9.4
Cody	9,520	8,835	7.8
Meeteetse	327	351	-6.8
Powell	6,314	5,373	17.5
Big Horn County	11,668	11,461	1.8
Basin town	1,285	1,238	3.8
Burlington town	288	250	15.2
Greybull town	1,847	1,815	1.8
Manderson town	114	104	9.6
Hot Springs County	4,812	4,882	-1.4
Thermopolis	3,009	3,172	-5.1
Washakie County	8,533	8,289	4.5
Ten Sleep	260	304	-14.5
Worland	5,487	5,250	4.5

Source: Wyoming Division of Economic Analysis

It is not anticipated that this projects recommendations, due to the limits of the study area, will conflict with any environmental constraints existing within the immediate vicinity. This will however be monitored as we progress through the feasibility and preferred alternative development.

