

POLICY &



POP-UP SERIES

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, 23 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT HOBBS TAVERN + BREWING IN WEST OSS�PEE TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE LAKES REGION. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“ I HAVE TO DRIVE 45 MINUTES JUST TO GET TO THE DENTIST. ”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

- ACCESS TO NATURE/
OUTDOOR RECREATION
- RELATIVE AFFORDABILITY
- SMALL TOWN LIFE

LEAVE

- UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING
- LACK OF HIGHER PAYING JOBS
- DISMAL DATING SCENE

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- INVEST IN WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IN SMALLER TOWNS
- EXPAND BROADBAND, INCENTIVIZE APPRENTICESHIPS IN TRADES
- MORE EVENTS TARGETED AND MARKETED TO YOUNG PEOPLE

“ HIKING, SKIING, CANOEING, FISHING - WE HAVE SO MANY OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES. ”