The Elk Knob Art and Planning Project:

Building Sustainable Appalachian Communities Through the Arts

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About Our Community

Meat Camp, Tamarack (Pottertown), and Sutherland are located in Watauga and Ashe County, North Carolina.
A Brief History

Formation of the Elk Knob State Park

Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization
The Long Hope

A Five-Year Public Art Plan for the Elk Knob Community
Definitions

Community Capital - Accumulated goods that are devoted to production of other goods.

Sustainability - The maintenance and preservation of something, such as economy, environment, education, etc.
Community Capital
(Flora & Flora, 2008)
Themes

Human interaction with natural landscape

Vitalizing common spaces

Spanning generations
Human Interaction with Natural Landscape
Vitalizing Common Space
Spanning Generations
Process
Visiting Elk Knob State Park (9/4/14)
Community Headwaters Day
Elk Knob State Park (9/13/14)
“World’s LARGEST Pot Luck”
Developing Themes & Related Art Projects

- Spanning Generations
- Human Interaction with Natural Landscape
- Common Space
- Vitalizing

- Wood Sculpting
- Park Amphitheater
- Park Trail Art
- Stream Restoration
- Murals
1st Presentation to EKCHO Board (9/23/14)
Individual Site Visits
Community Mural
Wood Sculpting

(Left): Diagram of tree located on Larry Braswell’s property

(Right): Model black bear wood sculpture
(Left): Larry Braswell with his wife, Imogene

(Top Right): Tree of interest, located on the Braswell’s property

(Bottom Right): Community partner, Tom Sternal
Picnic Area and River Walk
Beech Tree Trail

Left: Example of how the process will be executed.

Right: A tree stump to show a realistic view of how it will be implemented.
Final Presentation to EKCHO Board
(12/2/14)
Creating Arts

Fostering Community
Thank You To All Of Our Partners!

- Appalachian Regional Commission
- The Elk Knob Community Heritage Organization
- Elk Knob State Park
- Watauga County Arts Council
- Ashe County Arts Council
- Appalachian State University Student Art League

- Evonne Settle
- Larry & Imogene Braswell
- Tom Sternal
- Chris Smart
- Tracy Minton
- Kelly Safley
- Patricia Beaver
- Pat Kohles