

Brand Standards Guide July 26, 2017

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We want to thank TCCDA, all the communities we met and the Benedum Foundation for this collaborative opportunity. This is the first installment of the Branding Standards Guide. More is needed and our next conversation will tell us about that.

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BRANDING STORY

Tucker Branding was the result of a year-long listening and collaborating process, and reflectsthe vision of many residents who participated along with TCCDA and partners from WVU who have grown into champions for preserving and empowering Tucker.

Branding Tucker Culture is a part of the **Tucker county Cultural District Authority** Performance Agenda. It is also part of the collaborative efforts with three departments at WVU and our citizens.

Benedum Grant with TCCDA (Tucker County Cultural District Authority) given to establish a plan for Tucker County as it prepares for the future and for the completion of Corridor H, growing its creative economy, cultural heritage identity and protection of cultural heritage and environmental assets.

Partners with WVU include

WVU Extension Rural Tourism WVU Davis College Landscape Architecture Department WVU School of Art and Design Graphic Design Department

Partners in Tucker County Include:

- 0 Tucker County Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Tucker County Historic Society
- Tucker County Historic Landmark Committee 0
- Tucker County Development Authority 0
- **New Historic Thomas** 0
- Davis Renaissance
- Parsons Revitalization Organization/ Parson On Trac 0
- 0 ArtSpring
- West Virginia Highland Artisan Gallery
- Tucker County Planning Commission 0
- Woodlands Development Group and Woodlands **Community Lenders**
- WV Division of Natural Resources and Tucker County State Parks
- Heart of the Highlands 0
- Local City Governments 0
- All interested citizens who attend workshops and • public meetings

Gather data on Assets, Gaps, Attitudes and help establish plan and goals that Connect, Enhance, Protect, Promote those assets

Provide connection and data fiindings to all partners Tourism Ambassador Training

Site Design and Development (under Enhancement) goals

- 1. Streetscape Davis Riverfront Park
 - 2. Coketon/Douglas trailhead by Buxton Landstreet Building
 - 3. Davis Spruce Street Revitalization community plan
 - 4. Parsons W. Maryland RR Depot and store park wayside 5. Shavers Shore Park

 - 6. Canaan Commons Park planning at Canaan Valley School

Graphic Design as Social Impact

1. Create brochures for Arts/Culture, Recreation/Adventure, History Heritage with content gatehred by TCCDA 2. Engage communities to contribute to messages and goals of a branding system that would benefit both visitors and residents of communities in the county 3. Create, with community involvement, the identity system that fits the goals and messages discovered 4. Write grant to WV Humanities Council to develop wayside design and fabrication for Davis similar to the Thomas interpretive signs

PARTNERS

A short descritpion of our process that included lots of in-person research, discovering key words that needed to be visualized.









We worked hard to make contact with as many residents from all areas as possible, putting ads in the paper and contacting organizations to send folks to the community workshops held "on and off the mountain." WE also added interviews with some who should be giving input but who had not attended the workshops. Our interviews added to the over 30 that Doug Arbogast had conducted, and added more information to his mailed surveys to residents. We visited Tucker oursleves to explore from the visitor perspective, engaging inkayaking, biking, staying at the Purple Fiddle Guest House and taking in two shows, viewing Douglas and Blackwater Falls. One of the students, Matt Patrick was local, so he gave a more personal tour from the millenial perspective. We took hundreds of photos, and looked up others from Tucker sources like the volumes of Land of Canaan and publications from Maclane Printing after interviewing the owner.

Our process was to listen, reflect back what we heard, ask if we got it right, make prototypes, ask again, revise and make more prototypes, ask again, and hash out collaborative searching at the table until we had everyone feeling comfortable with the last presentation.

The next phase, which we are still in, is testing it out and adding new information about how to use it, building this operating manual just as you would test driving prototype car. Help us with this phase.More ideas are always welcome.

More of our process and the findings of Doug Arbogast's research can be found at http:// publicinterestdesign.wvu.edu/sharing-tucker We asked communities to rank these words and add others. We were able to include most of them in the visuals within the marks. Differences in the answers helped us come up with the idea that some icons could be shared in all while others could be special to particular places.

nature/flora/fauna
action
retreat/haven
close knit community
arts/music
outdoor adventure
heritage/history
coal mining history
lumbering

when we need it.

- hunting and fishing farming resourceful crafts/weaving/ironwork tenacity hardiness friendliness mountain good food and drink
- immigrant heritage unique shopping wilderness rivertown entrepreneurial forward-thinking Add your own:

What is the Tucker Experience? Things we heard:

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This must be the place	I dreamed of. where you can see to they told me about where the Fiddle is. for my haven. almost heaven. to connect to my roo that balances life. where trout live. to engage nature. to try my physical li where I can slow do	• М	Wha We d have we k lived befo
Nature wins some battles (floods, heavy snowfalls, no snow,) but I'm in it for the ride and the long haul with others like me and we can help one another		oots. _W liv b imits.	

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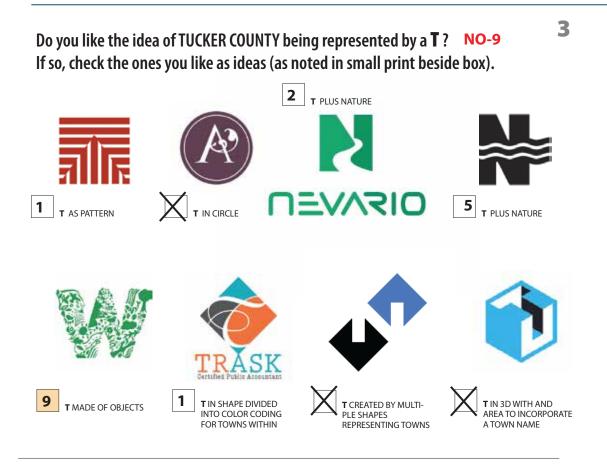
You can play here and even join us, but don't try to change us into where you came from

What community means:

We didn't even used to have addresses because we knew where everybody lived... **and** who lived there **before them**

We color outside the lines here.

One of six pages of questions about visual preferences were asked of residents of five communities during workshops.



Do you like the idea of TUCKER COUNTY being represented by a grouping of different icons that represent unique things in each town? If so, which are best at doing that?





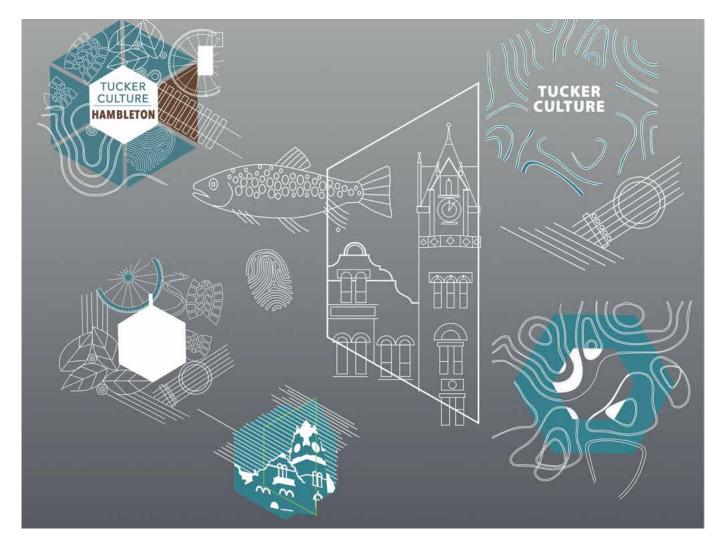
After second round of community meetings, we were directed to use linear textures, no solid icons, do use a hexagon, no slogans—so we got to work with the following drawing styles.

we presented those results to TCCDA and discussed how many icon textures to use and how to distribute them.











LOGO SYSTEM

This section explains the family of symbols that allows for shared values and unique assets to be emphasized by different communities or organizations. It also expains how you go about using them and where to find help doing it. Let's do it!

Messages you might find within the mark(s)

Basic elements of life are all found here A window into Tucker culture **Multifaceted communities** An interwoven fabric Shared resilience, unique individuals Ready to collaborate but independent Common values and respect for mountains/nature Common desire to keep it small Memories like a pieced quilt bind us Entrepreneurial and adventurous spirit A kaleidoscope of color in nature A creative people Solid but fluid and flexible Frame of reference for serenity or adventure



This is the most inclusive mark—to be used when we are addressing the whole culture of Tucker. However, it is to be used only when large enough to see the mono-line icons. Hiking/workboots Architecture Music Fishing/rivers Nature/trees Biking/gear Railroad heritage Farming/rows

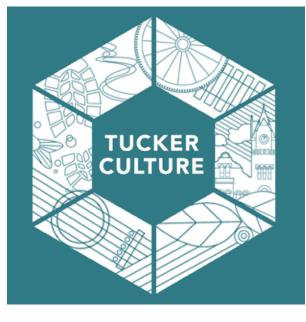


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The Composite Symbol (this one with the most representative icons), comes in a blue-green color as the main single-color usage.

For purposes of the copier or other times when one might need them, there is a black and a white version.

There are files of each color variation in a Dropbox account for the TCCDA to distribute in formats of Illustrator, .pdf. .jpeg, .tif, .eps (to get a transparent background) and .png for web. See the HOW TO section for guidance.



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This is the other primary mark to be used for naller sizes.



Topo symbol



This version with the T changed to the lighter green reds well on black and is used on our tucker culture web banner

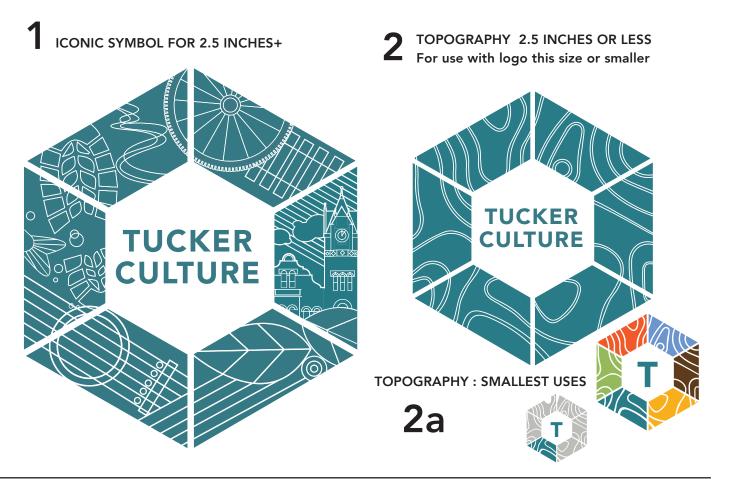


The topo symbol comes in two different line weights, again, for purposes of reduction and the coarseness of the reproduction method. the thicker line symbol would also be the better choice for silkscreening, for instance.

In white, it is the best choice for reading on top of a photo in an area where there are no very light colors behind it. It's also paired with the six-petaled Trout Lily, a spring wildflower.







SYMBOLS THAT CAN BE CHOSEN FOR ICON PREFERENCES BY TOWNS

Each of these have one unique icon not in the main symbol—just couldn't fit more in and still read them all!



The Typeface Family

Avenir font styles are used for the logo from the same typeface family: Avenir. Avenir is a sans serif font that matches the simplicity of the logo and the geometry of the hexagon with a hint of organic The Avenir family consists of **12** typeface styles: Light, Light Oblique, Book, Roman, Book Oblique, Medium, Medium Oblique, Black, Black Oblique, Heavy, and Heavy Oblique. The huge variety of font weights and widths will ensure immense flexibility, and consistency for the future growth of the Tucker Culture.

When to Use:

Avenir Black is the primary font used for the logotype/logo wording. It is also used to draw attention to the 2nd half of the tag-line.

It allows even the yellow of the palette to hold up as a headline. this is also why it is important not to substitute other yellows.

Avenir (Black) **ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPORSTUVWXYZ** abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz

1234567890!@#@\$%^&*()

When to Use:

Avenir Medium is to be used with the Black in the Tucker Culture lock-up if there is only one color in the type being used, as it provides a good contrast but maintains legibility

Avenir (Medium) **ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPORSTUVWXYZ** abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#@\$%^&*()





there is a seasonal possibility, a sunset possibility, a nature theme possible, and an endless color combination for using the palette to create art.

While they may feel spectral, no color is a pure hue, with varying intensity and the deep brown is the farthest from pure.

In fact, if you use the closest named color from the color wheel, you would get a very harsh and incompatible set of colors as you see below. Never substitute!



How you can get files or help.

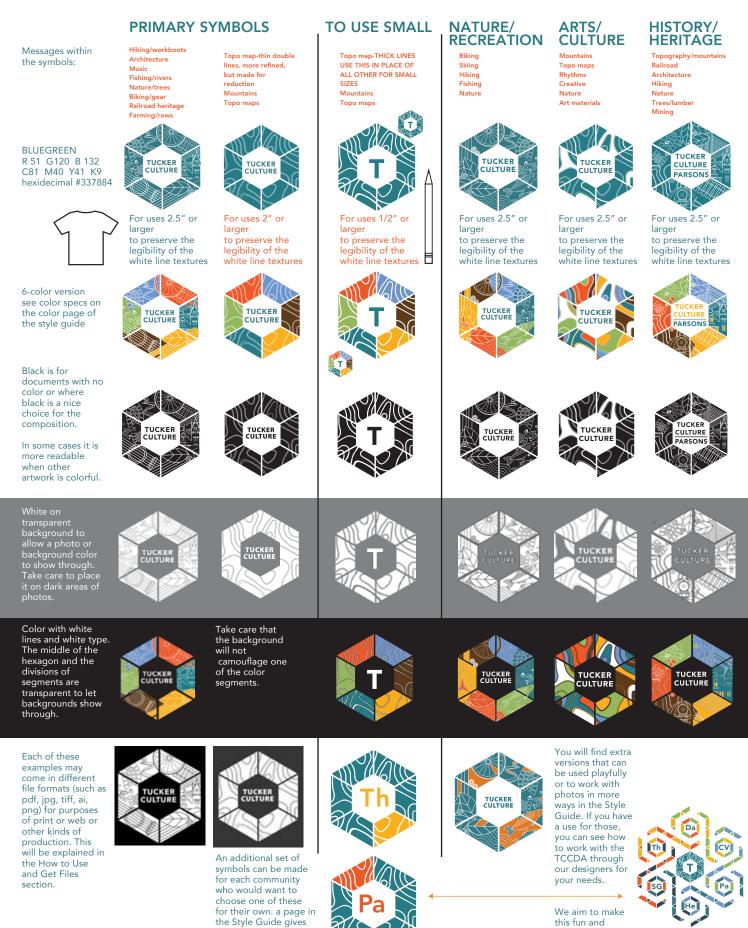
The policy is still being worked out in this trial phase, but for now, get permission from TCCDA board members for what you need by email, and then you can get files by email from the designers below. A Vista intern will coordinate from the TCCDA.

WVU Graphic Design will also be able to help with design needs through March 2018.

For questions contact Eve Faulkes 304 692-1116 efaulkes@mail.wvu.edu or Brooke Deardorff bldeardorff@mix.wvu.edu

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This is a reference chart. All symbols are not shown in their ideal size, and, in fact, show the limitations of choosing the wrong one for small sizes



examples of how that

may be done.

TUCKER CULTURE

adaptable!





RASTER FILE FORMATS

(made up of pixels) The number of pixels per inch is the **resolution*** needed for output the final image will be in

.jpg

Easiest to place into Facebook, Word docs text messages. Used in both print and web applications.

Typically used for photographs and complex images

can't be enlarged beyond 120% of the original size without a loss of visual quality Color information is lost every time you open and resave the image.

It is opaque, with no transparent areas, including whatever background square it's on.

.png

Supports transparent backgrounds, and is a better alternative to .gif files, used for screen design.

Like .jpgs, they cannot be enlarged from the original size without loss of quality. Reducing is fine, though. We made our originals 4 inches wide, so you should be fine for most needs.

.psd

Layered working files that don't lose any quality, but are large files. They are editable in Adobe Phtoshop and are use as master files by designers, who make other file types above from them.

*resolution

Dots per inch

hi res =300 dpi, used for printing at real printers (offset) as in magazine ads.

medium res = 150-250 dpi 150 dpi needed for inkjet printers and plotters 250 dpi for most newspapers

lo res = 72-100dpi screen resolution for online purposes

General users will only need .jpg (opaque) or .eps (transparent) formats of any designs from the chart in the previous page, but we made them all.

VECTOR FILE FORMATS

made up of math equations Sizes are infinitely scalable up without loss of clarity (however, lines may become too thin to read if reduced past legibility)

.eps

Most used for logos and illustrations for print material and banners because it can scale up large Supports transparent backgrounds

.pdf

Generally used for emailing documents, viewing, or printing documents without having native software that created them. They are reduced size from the original, but may be saved as print quality resolution as an option. They may combine vestor and raster images into one format that also does not require the original image or font in order to print.

.ai

Adobe illustrator native working layered file for vector designs. You need Adobe Illustrator to open it. You also need a compatible version of Illustrator or to save it in a format that doesn't require that. It has layers with transparent backgrounds.



LOGO APPLICATIONS

This is the section where we have fun imagining how the symbols can be used. It also advises on ways to make it work the best that we have discovered as we started test-driving them. We will keep adding to this as more ideas come up.



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Nature/Adventure

This is the preferred color version that pushes the idea of ways communities are interwoven and share attributes.

It also gives you an idea of how playful you could be with mixing the colors as an artist. AVENIR NEXT CONDENSED may be used when the name is longer than the word CULTURE but a single word. This happens so far with Hendricks and Hambelton, but Canaan Valley fits on two lines, so it may still use the regular form of Avenir.

Biking Skiing Hiking Fishing Nature

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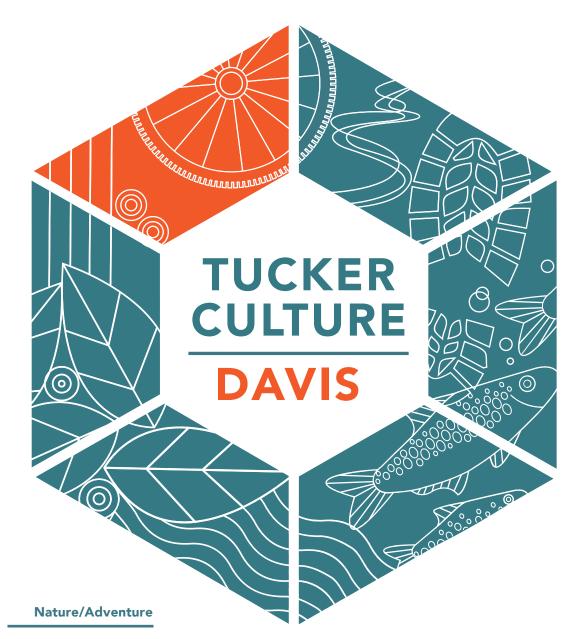
Nature/Adventure

This is the monochrome version of the mark. Blue-green is the preferred color when only one is used.

The center of the symbol can show an image, or a kaleidoscope of color and image, taking advantage of the infinite replication of triangles in a hexagon.

This could allow reports or programs or posters to carry individual topics but remain a set for a series theme.





This set of mono-line textures is to be used when the logo will be 3 inches or larger. It is created as a vector image so it can scale up to billboard size without losing detail.

The single red section could be paired with a community that identifies with this iconography. The other four colors could also be picked out of different icon sections to highlight a community's favorite features. Work with a designer to modify colors in Adobe Illustrator.

Nature/Adventure

This is a simple full color version of this mark.

The Topo mark in full color to the right is the one to use when the logo must be small. It has a wider white line that can stand reduction.

We think it would make great cloisonné jewelry.

The center in this version just shows that you could also drop a vector image in for an event and pick up the Tucker Colors to make it match.



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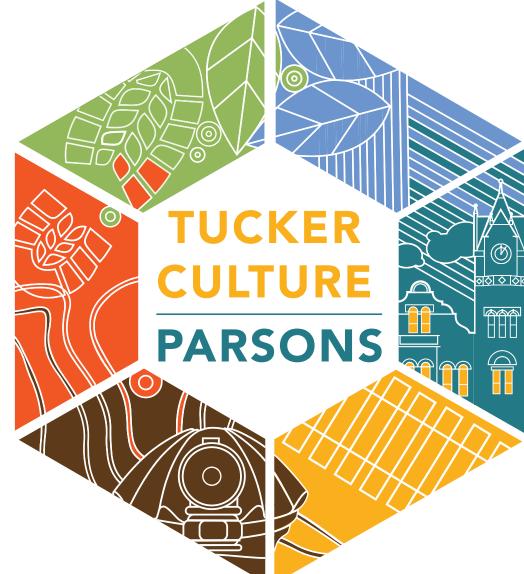
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This version shows the versatility of using only two colors of the palette. The white lines always make it colorful.

It also shows you what a cool picture frame it makes. In this case, the knobby tires of the bike wheel also become reminiscent of a gear in the industrial history of the early days of Tucker Culture which were adventurous in their own right.



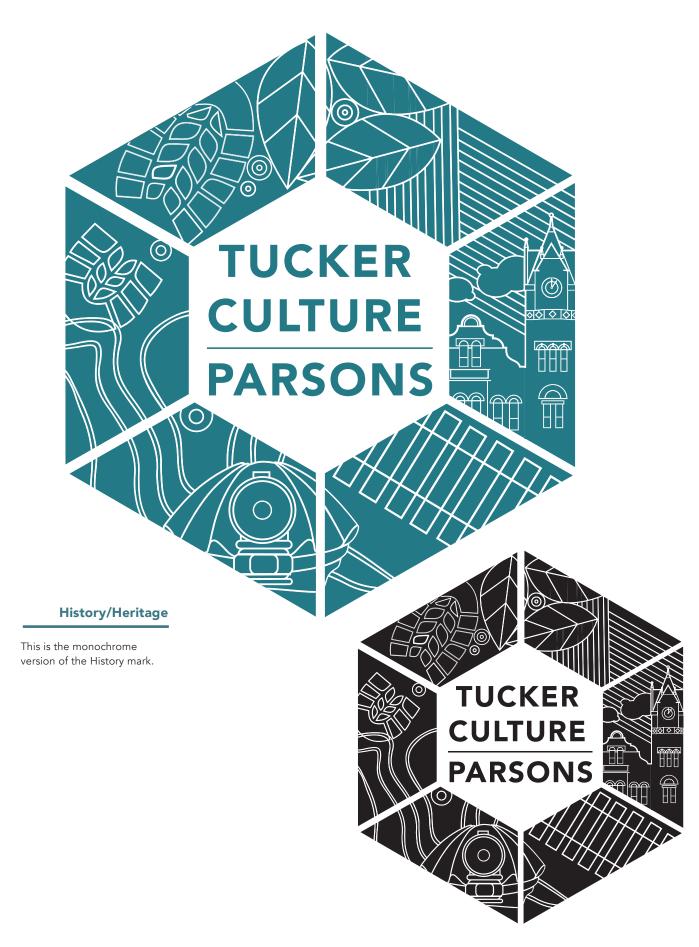


Some towns may choose this mark as their own within the family of the brand.





Topography/mountains Railroad Architecture Hiking Nature Trees/lumber Mining





5 Arts/Mountain

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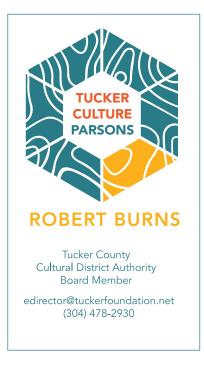
THOMAS TUCKER CULTURE Mountains Topo maps Rhythms Creative Nature Art materials Paper marbling

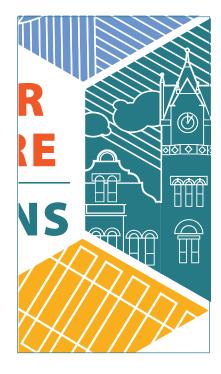


CARD FRONT

CARD BACK

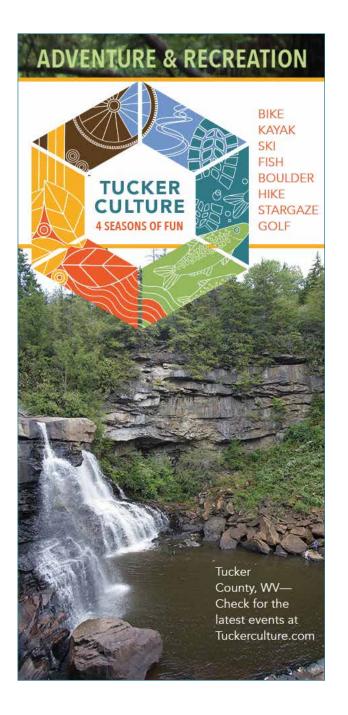
FARMING RAILROAD/LUMBER LANDMARK COURTHOUSE

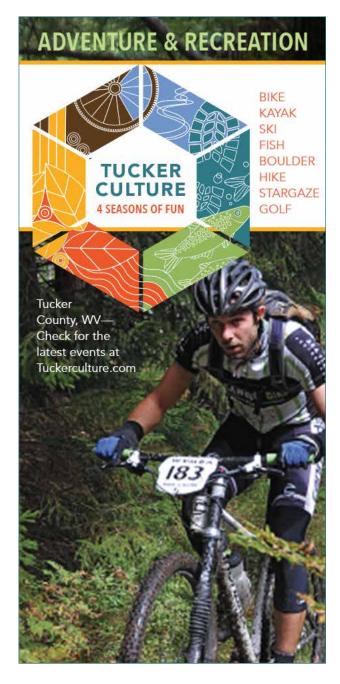




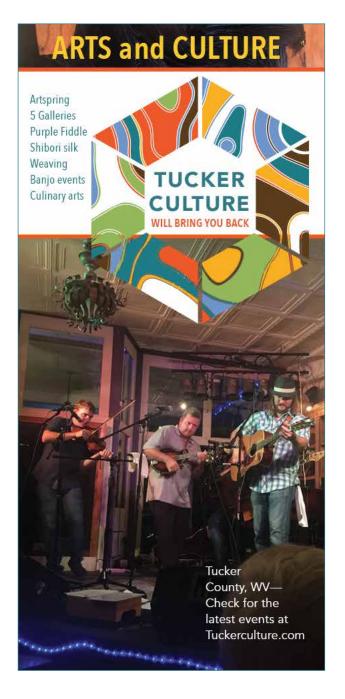


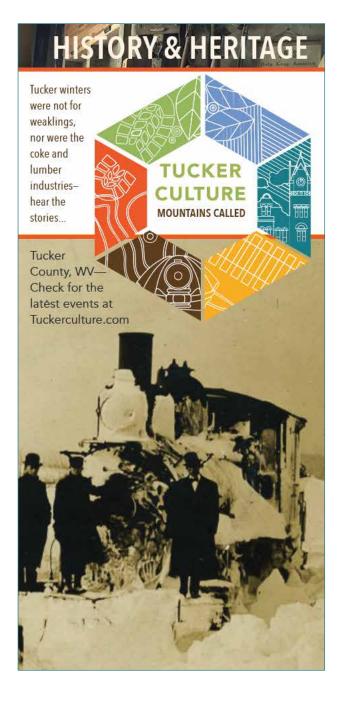






Tri-fold brochure cover options for Adventure/Recreation





Tri-fold brochure cover option for Arts and Culture

Tri-fold brochure cover option for History and Heritage. Image from the WVU Regional history Center.



Cover, back and flap of Adventure trifold, showing map

Fun for the whole family

HORSEBACK RIDING Mountain Trail Rides mountainteal roles.com Timberline Stables timberlinereact com

FISHING Concon Trout Ronch concontroutranch.com Chect River Trout Ronch concontroutranch.com

GOLF Holly Meadows Golf Course (304) 478-3408 Concor Valley Resort Golf Course canacresot.com

MINIATURE GOLF Chip Shot's FootGolf chesholatootgof.com Blockbear Resort blacibearw.com Canaar Volley Resort Canaar volley Resort









Five River's Compground fiverivercampground.com Camp Horseshoe (304) 478-2481| Comp Kide (304) 478-2710 Blockwater Falls State Park blockwater falls State Park blockwater falls State Rest Rile Compground (304) 259-5589 Canana Valley Resort State Park cananiesort.com Chip Shar's FootGolf cripshatulootgolf.com Red Creek Compground (304) 257-5554 RECREATION

ACTIVITY PARKS Boulder Park terocks.org Splash Park Mil Race Park - Persons

CITY PARKS River City Park - Persons Mill Race Park - Persons Hendricks Park - Persons Hendricks Park - Persons Centennial Park - Promas Davis Ballpark - Devis K.O.C. Comunity Park - Devis Davis Riverfront Park - Devis Blackwater Falls State Park blackwater tills.com Concer Valley Resort State Park canaernesort.com Dolly Sods Wilderness Area (004) 257:4488 Otter Craek Wilderness Area (004) 478-2000 Fermow Experimental Forest (304) 478-2000, ed. 110 Concer Valley Wildlife Relvge (304) 686-3858

NATURAL AREAS

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'I've lived all over the country literally coast-to-coast border to border, this is one of the few places I've found where the term community still applies."—*Ron Tate*



Festivals & Events

Governor's Cup Ski Roce - Merch The object is roce in the South (DA) 886-8301 Introdurine Recort Challenge in the Hills - Aday Challenge in the Hills - Aday devise acce acrose multiple temane totats com Paraone Canoon Min. Bike Festival - June Bing fochus with group rides & incole cancernet/rectivals.biogspor.com David Windlest - July Junito Hit demos & worlshops (DA) 886-1121 Canoon Velter No & S in accer totats N & S in accer totats N & S in accer totats S is S in accer totats Astronomy Weekend - Statt Astronomy Weekend - Statt Revenge of the Ratificanoke - Copt

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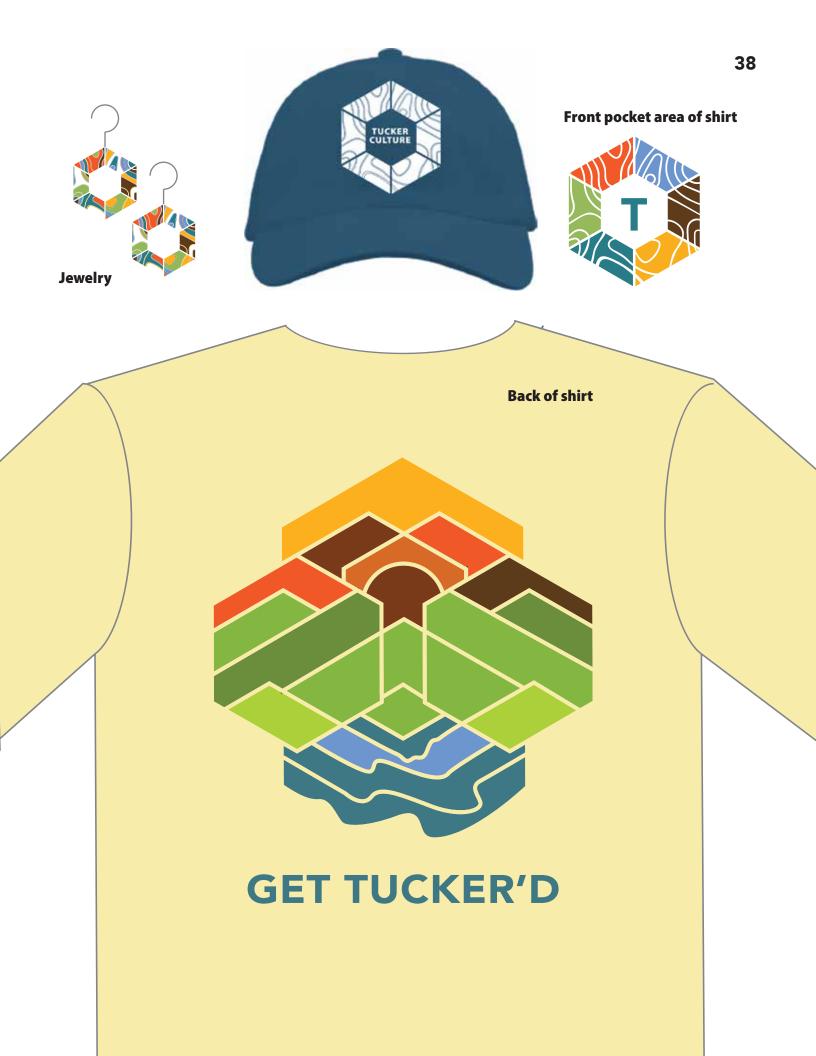
Inside panels of Adventure brochure



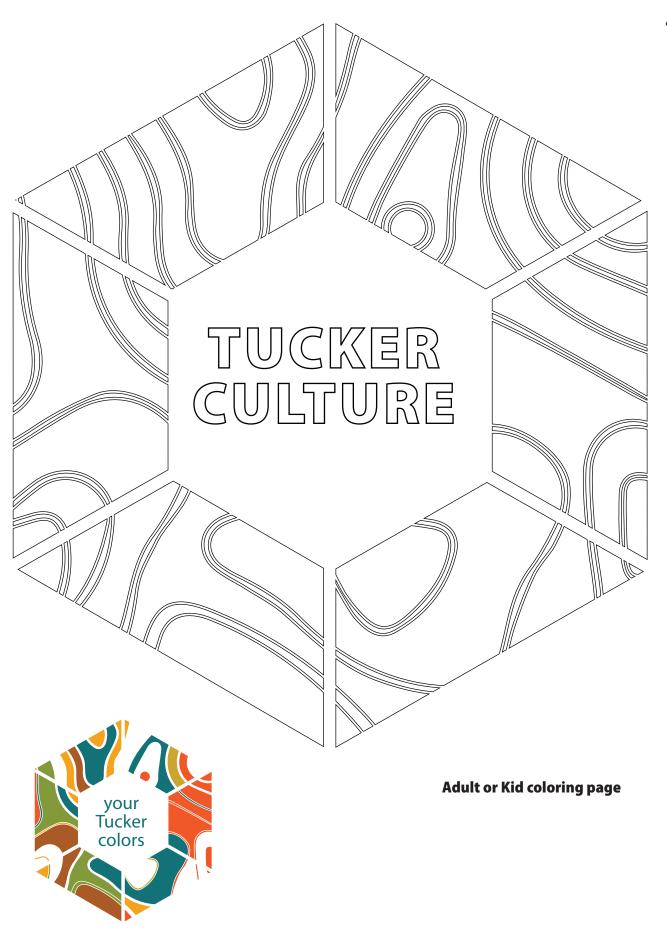
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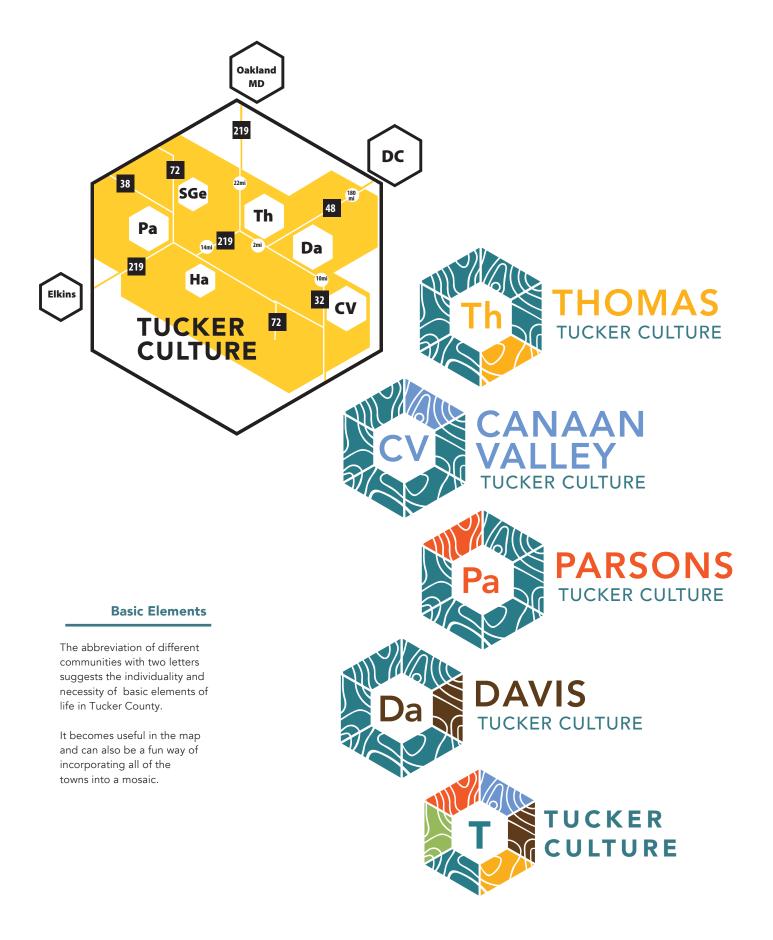
containing all elements basic to life

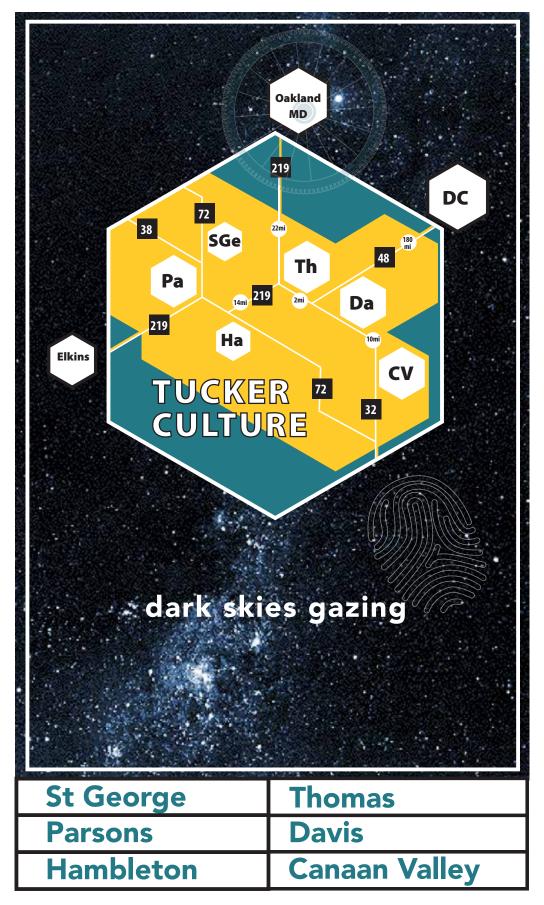
Shirt or poster design











A poster inviting you to look up while in Tucker Culture.