CONSERVATION COALITION INVESTIGATION

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PROJECT OUTCOME
The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance is a nonprofit that protects the wildlife, natural landscapes, and character of Jackson Hole by empowering citizens and facilitating constructive conversations about decisions that affect the community. In an attempt to magnify its mission, the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance partnered with Environmental Solutions students to examine the need and feasibility of a system of conservation collaboration in Jackson Hole. The students explored the meaning and purpose of collaboration and analyzed the operations of existing conservation agencies in Jackson Hole to identify areas of overlap. They presented their findings to the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance in a formal report that emphasized benefits and challenges of collaboration and outlined necessities for successful partnership among Jackson Hole agencies. The report represents the groundwork for constructing beneficial partnerships among conservation organizations in Jackson Hole. It also offered recommendations, such as organizing regular meetings to support giving more power to the organizations, developing a portal website and incentives for participating organizations, and developing a strategic 5-year plan for effective collaborations.

Students divided local conservation organizations into five groups based on the organizations' methods of addressing conservation threats. They labeled these groups as "collaborative spaces" defined by the potential for the groups to collaborate.

Identified opportunities to engage the community from student report.