

Working Group (WG) Mtg. #18 Summary

May 17, 2010

Lightner Room 4-6:30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

May 24th at 4 pm to 6:30 pm @ Durango Library

Agenda:

1. Review/revise strategies (revised draft attached incorporating 7 WG member comments, online survey, and comments from workshops) beginning with Sustainable Development.

NEXT WG MEETING DATES

June 7 at DRO Rec Center Sunlight Room- Review/refine strategies and consider the CEAP, Ag Subcommittee and Sr Housing/Long Term Care group suggestions; and, review next steps/meeting dates:

June 21

July 12 (due to July 4th)

July 19

August 2

August 16

All meetings at the Durango Recreation Center Sunlight Room, 1st & 3rd Mondays of the Month (4:00 - 6:30 PM)

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Participants:

Staff/Consultants: Erick Aune, Robby Overfield, Jason Meininger, Charlie Deans, Gabe Preston, Tracie Hughes

Meeting Participants: Peter Treguilles, Wade Moore, Jack McGroder, Dick Norton, Barbara Jefferies, Travis Craig, Brian Kimmel, Jennifer Lopez, Jeanine Justice, Sally Bellerue, Dick White, Roy Horvath

Guests: Commissioner White, Commissioner Hotter, Planning Commissioner Wanda Cason, Christy Zeller

Joint Meeting Discussion

Commissioner White began by thanking the WG for all their great work and commitment to the process. Commissioner Hotter recognized the commitment of the Working Group actually being a “working group”. Commissioner White reiterated Jason Meininger’s role of being the Boards liaison to the BoCC.

Q: Should WG members who have expertise to exercise their knowledge, or do we only rely on the community to influence.

A: Short answer – balance the spirit and intent of the community input with the expertise of the WG members. This is a unique process and today is the day when we begin calling on individual’s expertise. It is important to begin ferreting out strategies which can be tackled by LPC Govt. and those which are done by other organizations, or are out of our jurisdiction.

Q: How do the commissioners see/want the WG to integrate other county supported documents (Children Youth and Family Master Plan, County Compass, etc.) into the plan?

A: Do the best to integrate and not counter existing plans. Most of the plans were developed in conjunction with other jurisdictions; only some elements are relevant to the County and belong in the Comp plan. The **implementation workbook** is the mechanism for the County (administration) to focus and prioritize many of these issues/desires.

Q: Should the degree of County influence be the mechanism for determining what actually makes it into the Comp plan?

A: Use the next round of community meetings as the first division of:

- Yes; the County has jurisdiction and does (or can do)
- Maybe; the County may be able to influence
- No; the County has no influence or jurisdiction

Q: How is the SUIT involved in the process?

A: We are working to involve the Tribe by: including the Tribal Planner in WG communications, extended an invitation to host a special meeting with Tribal Members, BoCC liaison (Comm. Riddle).

General discussion points:

- Make sure residents know the focus is on land uses; but the implementation plan is where the “good ideas” can become implemented.
- Be sure the County isn’t painting it’s self into a corner by over committing to services it isn’t intending to deliver.
- Some people think that the Comp plan is adopted as regulatory (ordinance) but it is a resolution that is advisory.
- As a comprehensive plan, this seems to be a good place for addressing broader community needs & desires.
- This group is trying very hard to address disparate perspectives and work through tough issues to avoid failures of the past.
- Interest in establishing a core set of facts for the plan; (cost of road maintenance and construction, telecommunication infrastructure, development adjacent to existing growth costs less, etc.).
- Concern the Ag interest has a carte blanc veto card if they are not onboard.
- If “Right to Farm” legislation should be developed, it should be vetted in a public process to ensure fair/equitable and balanced right for all residents.
 - If the County adopted a “Right to Farm” ordinance similar to the State, it would be enforceable at the local level and not require a call to the DA.
- There are a number of “good ideas” discussed and proposed, but the implementation can result in unintended consequences (ex. “no sales tax on locally produced food”).
- We have spent the last 10 months working on achieving the vision (developed since July 2009).
- Planning team to develop responses to WG’s top 5 FAQ’s.
- Planning team to draft WG op-ed.
- As we get into the FLUP, where & how many of those units will be absorbed by LPC?
- NEXT JOINT MEETING – Prior to the strategies being ready to go public again (late June)

STRATEGY DISCUSSION

Begin with Healthy Communities and Housing. Charlie started by a summary of things deleted and added up to this pointed. He explained methodology and components involved in getting to where we are, which included revisions from 7 WG members.

1a. There was discussion of switching some words around from create to support. To imply the County will support in partnership endeavors as opposed to taking a lead role in the creation and facilitation.

1b. Added a term “for development” to help remove the presumption that land will be depreciated below market value because of an affordable housing designation.

1c. Ok, this tool is covered in the other items.

1d. Partner Strategy (Tier b Priority)

1k. Added the term “study the feasibility” to this strategy

Peter Treguillus brought up a reminder to watch out for unintended consequences with some of the housing. Dick Norton brought up Rio Rancho as an example of letting the market work its magic for affordable housing. Dick, Jenn and Peter will get together and work on coming back with a new strategy for 1k.

Goal number 2 had minor changes to its subsequent strategy. Group accepts.

2a. Keep an eye on unintended consequences

Goal number 3: Only addition added was provided incentives for renter and owner occupied housing. Group accepts changes. Issues with 3e regarding LPC developing a high performance building code. Dick mentioned other communities have failed at that. Clarification that the intent is not to draft or study, but rather to just provide incentives

Goal 4: Encourage life skills and lifelong learning opportunities. Group accepts strategy changes

5c. Clarify so it better reads the fact LPC wants to maintain its rural designation. Jeanine to discuss revisions with a woman who deals with the Medicare criteria.



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To: Senior housing and long term care facilities meeting attendees
From: Jason Meininger
Date: May 13, 2010
Re: Meeting summary & Recommendations

Purpose:

Focus on specific strategies within the comprehensive plan (Healthy Communities and Housing Element) to ensure sufficient support for a continuum of housing and long term care facilities and opportunities.

Attendees:

Brian Miller, Rita Fowler, Julie Cordova, Pat Beard, Jenn Lopez, Kim Welty, Lezlie Mayer, Kellie Hotter, Shawn Nau, Balty Quintana Bob Conrad, Marth Mason, Charlie Spino, Brian Kimmel, Jason Meininger

Summary:

The group began by reviewing the community developed 2030 Vision, Guiding Principles, and the Healthy Community and Housing Element. We utilized a systematic approach of sequentially going through each goal and strategy within this element. Based on the group discussion and debate, the recommendations to the Working Group are divided into three categories: new strategies, revisions to existing strategies, and items for consideration.

New strategies:

- I. Goal 6, Strategy B – Reword strategy to state “The County should adopt an “Inclusive Home Design Ordinance” to provide reasonable access for all new home construction.
The term “*Inclusive Home Design Ordinance*” refers to single-family or owner-occupied housing designed in such a way that it can be lived in or visited by people who have trouble with steps or who use wheelchairs or walkers. For more info and a sample “Inclusive Home Design Ordinance” visit: <http://www.visitability.org/PimaCo2006.html>
- II. Goal 6, Strategy E – “Support the ongoing development of a dynamic, comprehensive, and coordinated system of uses /supports for seniors and disabled persons, which enable them to live as healthy and independently as possible”.
- III. Goal 8 – Rewrite goal to state “Support quality care for children, elders and individuals with special needs in a manner that is widely available and affordable”.

Revisions to existing strategies:

- I. Goal 1, Strategy E – Strike the words “for profit”
- II. Goal 2, Strategy B – Replace the words “mother in-law” with “accessory dwelling”
- III. Goal 4, Strategy E – Strike the words “at local libraries”
- IV. Goal 7, Strategy B – Add “and uses” to the end of the sentence
- V. Goal 11, Strategy B – Replace “the Durango Arts Center” with “organizations”

Items for consideration:

- I. Goal 1, Strategies B & D – Both can be difficult to achieve. Question- How can Public Sector reduce land prices
- II. Identify land use zones where: skilled nursing facilities, long term care facilities, and group homes can be located by right.

Next steps:

- Jenn Lopez will work with Kim Welty on developing a new strategy focused on the supported rehabilitation of existing units to provide accessibility for all abilities (ageing in place).
- Jason Meininger will work with Charlie Spino over the next few months to identify a range of compatible uses for a variety of facilities (SNF, LTCF, etc.) to be designated as potential future uses by right.
- Jason Meininger & Jenn Lopez will work in coordination with Lezlie Mayer to visit the three (3) Senior Centers as a check in on progress and be sure nothing is being missed

RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO STRATEGIES
with dot tally in boxes (G=Green; R= Red) (rev 5/17/10)

Economic Vitality Element

Economic Vitality Goals and Strategies

- 1. Develop incentives for economic activities that promote business sustainability and diversity.**
 - a) Expand Buy-local programs in partnership with local governments agencies and non-government organizations and increase the local preference percentage in county procurement policies
 - b) Reduce the time and steps required in the permitting processes (planning, building, road and bridge).
 - c) Support a business incubator and commercial kitchen in partnership with local governments, agencies and non-government organizations that also serves as a one-stop shop that focuses on business recruitment and retention activities.
 - d) Establish incentives for business to utilize sustainable practices based on a score-card of sustainability indicators.

- 2. Actively collaborate with the municipalities, Sovereign Nations, State and Federal agencies, private sector and non-profit entities to promote economic diversity and sustainability.**
 - a) Initiate a referendum to make La Plata County a home rule county.
 - b) Develop community and region-wide support for higher education advanced degree programs.

- 3. Support the development and management of infrastructure necessary for a sustainable local economy: water, energy, waste, communications, housing and transportation.**
 - a) Provide assistance to property owners to create improvement districts in designated rural centers.
 - b) Determine the feasibility of creating a water and sewer authority or other similar entity.

- 4. Preserve and enhance our cultural landscape, scenic resources, recreational opportunities, and county-owned assets for residents, tourists and businesses.**
 - a) Build and operate recreational facilities that stimulate the local economy, funded through voter approved financing and implement user fees that help cover the operating costs.
 - b) Develop incentives to encourage the dedication of unique open space and public trails in future subdivisions and other development projects.

- 5. Stimulate economic vitality by maintaining an adequate supply of land for businesses and industries and attracting and expanding businesses and industries that strengthen our community and provide livable wages.**
 - a) Designate rural centers in existing rural communities where future non-residential and residential development will be encouraged.
 - b) Establish an expedited county permitting process for development in designated rural centers and business parks.

6. Support agricultural innovations and sustainable technologies; promote and stimulate local markets as well as export markets for locally-produced agricultural products; encourage development of facilities for value-added products.
- a) Adopt a "right to farm" ordinance that promotes agriculture.
 - b) Provide development fee discounts or waivers for activities directly associated with agricultural operations, such as application fees, building fees, plumbing and mechanical fees, planning permit fees, impact fees and road and bridge inspection fees.
 - c) Support processing and distribution for locally grown food and remove regulatory barriers to value-added production of agricultural products.
 - d) Allow land uses on agricultural lands that support an agricultural operation as the primary use.
 - e) Exempt county sales tax on locally grown food.

Sustainable Development Element

Sustainable Development Goals and Strategies

1. Support the enhancement of local food, fiber and forest production systems (growing, processing, marketing, consumption).

5 G	a) Develop a land link program so new farmers can identify agricultural land available for production.
3 G	b) Support commercial kitchens for value-added production with locations throughout the county.
1 R	Support State economic development grants for new markets for both local and export
1 R	markets. (RELOCATED TO ECON VIT)

3 G	a) a) Provide consumer education programs that emphasize benefits of local agriculture.
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4 G	d) Use a voter approved financing tool to support farm and agricultural organizations and land
4 R	acquisitions projects.

5 G	e) Develop definitions and performance standards for permitted agricultural uses.
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~~2. Support the enhancement of renewable natural resource systems (forest and range products, fisheries, wildlife).~~ [\(RELOCATED TO NAT ENV\)](#)

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~~a) Request the CO Dept of Wildlife to purchase development rights on lands valuable for wildlife habitat.~~

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~~b) Promote Forestry operations on private land that are economically and environmentally sustainable.~~

3.2. Promote access to healthy, affordable, culturally-influenced, and sustainably produced food, sourced as locally as possible.

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~~a) Work with the Durango, Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts to purchase locally produced products.~~

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~~b)a) Investigate the use of agricultural cooperatives and value added agricultural products and provide related education and information through formation of an agricultural coop.~~

7 G

~~c)b) Promote local food production and agriculture uses during the development review process.~~

4.3. Promote resource-efficient growth and settlement patterns.

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a) Designate future growth areas supported by the provision of new or enhanced infrastructure or utilization of existing infrastructure.

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~~b) Allow agricultural uses and limited retail development in designated rural centers throughout county and along highway corridors, but not large scale commercial development outside urban growth areas.~~

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~~c)b) Determine through capacity analysis the maximum build-out for the county and allocate growth accordingly to minimize sprawl. (SUGGESTED TO LEAVE IN)~~

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~~d) Create site-based design guidelines and regulations that provide standards to develop on sensitive lands that are appropriate to the scale and context of the proposed development.~~

c) Encourage community gardens.

d) Provide incentives for greenhouses to extend the local growing season.

5.4. Meet local energy and materials needs as much as possible through efficiency and with locally or regionally renewable resources.

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a) Encourage the locations of solar and wind farms and private co-generation.

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b) Allow ~~Promote~~ sawmills in appropriate locations that ~~will~~ ~~could~~ provide affordable lumber to support affordable housing.

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c) Maintain access to gravel that reduces transportation distance.

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d) Encourage development of renewable fuel infrastructure.

~~a.~~ e) Provide incentives and regulations to enhance energy efficiency and incorporate renewable energy in new construction and major renovations.

~~d)f)~~

6.5. Support investment in adequate and sustainable water resources for social, environmental and economic purposes.

10 G a) Educate the community about the use of efficient water distribution and irrigation techniques without compromising water rights.

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5 R b) Advocate for legislation to create agricultural water-banking to protect water rights and promote conservation.

18G c) Promote the use of water harvesting and gray water systems and reclaimed water to the degree permitted under State statutes, and increase the use of permeable surfaces.

7.6. Protect historic and prehistoric sites and promote cultural preservation to enhance heritage tourism and increase restoration of these sites.

4 G
1 R a) Provide education about state and federal -incentives to developers and property owners to voluntarily retain historic structures, trails, and ditches.

1 R ~~b) Provide a property tax incentive for preservation of cultural resources. (SUGGESTION TO LEAVE IN)~~

~~c) Educate community about state and federal tax incentives. ADD TO A ABOVE.~~

8.7. Promote and encourage retention of agricultural lands, while allowing for other forms of development.

3 G
2 R a) Create an agricultural advisory group to maintain clarity and emphasis on pertinent concerns in land use processes.

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1 R b) Guide development to non-productive agricultural lands and retain productive agricultural or critical resource lands through mechanisms such as Transfer of Development Rights, Purchase of Development Rights, conservation easements, etc.

2 R

~~e) Provide assistance and education to landowners on the use of conservation easements on small parcels for farming and open space purposes.~~

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~~d)c) Amend the development code for agriculture production by simplifying the building permit process for agricultural buildings, allowing agricultural businesses, exempting family/heir home sites from 35 acre minimum, and increasing height limits for agricultural structures such as barns and sheds.~~

Transportation Element

Transportation Goals and Strategies

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1. Promote development that is accessed with multiple modes of transportation.

a) Adopt and implement zoning that promotes higher density development nodes.

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~~b) Dedicate additional county staff support with appropriate expertise to work with developers.~~

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~~e)b) Prepare a comprehensive “multimodal development planning checklist” for use by developers to encourage inclusion of multimodal elements and by staff during the review process.~~

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~~d)c) Implement a range of process-based and financial incentives for developers to meet multimodal goals, such as additional staff support, faster review turn around, lower review fees, and possible tax incentives.~~

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~~e)d) Prepare a community-based transportation plan concurrently with the future land use plan.~~

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2 R

~~f)e) Where regular transit service is available, R_ require developments adjacent to county and state roads/highways to be designed “transit ready”.~~

g)f)

2. Prioritize a road and transportation network that connects existing developments.

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a) Update street standards to provide flexibility so that County can accept currently sub-standard private roads that will interconnect neighborhoods.

~~b) Prepare a feasibility study for establishing practicable locations for multimodal connectivity/easements and establish priorities.~~

3. Promote a regional public transportation system that includes communities beyond the state and county boundaries.

~~a) Evaluate and document governance and funding options for a regional multimodal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).~~

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~~b)a) Undertake a survey of County voters to a~~ Assess support of a La Plata/Durango RTA, and possible funding source(s) for transportation services and improvements.

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2 R
b) Formalize and enhance coordination and communication between La Plata Co, Southwest Council of Governments, Farmington MPO and Northwest New Mexico RPO. (DELETE IF THIS IS ALREADY DONE)

c)

~~e)~~ Consider intercity transit as a means for transporting goods.

4. Recognize historic rights of livestock passage on and across county roads.

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~~a) Identify key passage routes and implement electric message boards on county and state roadways.~~

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~~b) Provide electronic notification via email when flocks/herds will be moving on roadways.~~

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5. Minimize conflict between traffic and animals, both wildlife and livestock.

a) Adopt a Best Management Practices plan for wildlife control and crossings.

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~~**b)** Coordinate wildlife crossing opportunities with bike and pedestrian pathways where there are the lowest negative impacts to wildlife.~~

6. Encourage an interconnected network of streets and paths that promote multi-modal transportation options.

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a) Design and plan an interconnected multimodal network of streets, paths and trails.

3 G

~~**b)** Define interconnectivity requirements in development standards.~~ ALSO LEFT IN AND REVISED.

7. Encourage the use of the most efficient, safe and environmentally healthy transportation designs and technologies.

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a) Adopt and implement a “complete streets” policy and plan that understands the cumulative effects of traffic generated by new development.

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b) Formalize collaboration and partnerships with CDOT and municipalities.

~~**c)** Design, fund, and install bus pullouts for any new or expanded services.~~

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~~**d)** Require installation of all-weather bike racks and access to existing racks.~~

8. Support the use of telecommunications infrastructure as a substitute to daily commuting and travel.

6 G
2 R a) Conduct an analysis to determine areas with poor internet service levels, and foster private provision of internet services in those areas.

4 G b) Partner with Internet Service Providers in areas where fully-private service is not attainable.

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2 R c) Provide internet service where no alternatives are available.

9. Encourage land use patterns that reduce per-capita average daily trips and vehicle miles traveled.

7 G a) Implement a park-and-ride infrastructure plan.

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5 R ~~b) Collaborate with oil and gas industry to minimize service traffic. (REQUEST TO LEAVE IN)~~

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10 R ~~c) Encourage flexible work hours, and onsite amenities (showers, lockers) to facilitate bicycling.~~

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2 R b) Adopt county wide zoning and a future land use plan that identifies nodes that support transit and multimodal, including defining locations for activity nodes.

~~d)c~~ Develop transportation metrics and use them to review policy effectiveness.

10. Promote the expansion of aviation services (number of flights, frequency, destinations) and support viable rail connectivity.

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12 R ~~a) Undertake a preliminary feasibility study for railroad connectivity. (REQUEST TO LEAVE IN)~~

11 G ~~b)a~~ Retain and expand air service at La Plata County/Durango Regional Airport with all willing partners.

4 G ~~c)b~~ Support improvements at the Animas Airpark facilities. ~~and associated Business Park.~~

Natural Environment Element

Natural Environment Goals and Strategies

1. Protect and enhance healthy ecosystems.

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a) Develop a resource management plan for keystone species and programs to monitor health of various ecosystems throughout the county.

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b) Support educational and interpretive programs to connect residents from urban and suburban communities to the natural environment.

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~~c) Research and/or develop ecosystem management protocols for our area.~~

2. Encourage preservation and restoration of wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.

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a) Map and designate wildlife corridors, wet lands and riparian habitats in collaboration with federal, state and tribal agencies.

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~~b) Develop preservation and restoration guidelines for preserving and restoring wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.~~

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~~e)~~ b) Provide incentives to land owners who implement restoration and preservation guidelines on the portions of their property that are identified as wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.

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~~d) Implement grade separated wildlife corridor crossings on major roadways in collaboration with CO Department of Wildlife and CO Department of Transportation.~~

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~~e) Install deer and elk fencing and/or crossing facilities and structures along county roads and major highways.~~

3. Reduce wildfire hazards.

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a) Educate the public about insurance incentives available for reducing wildfire hazards around structures, and ways to reduce fire hazard through defensible space and thinning operations.

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b) Develop guidelines for property owners on fire-wise house design, location and fuelwood management of the site.

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c) Develop wildfire management overlay zones for high risk areas that control new development regarding building location, design and fuel management on the site.

4. Address risks to our natural environment and long-term water resources by appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures.

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a) Require oil and gas industry to inform county of any chemicals used in the extraction or production processes, and test for chemicals in ground and surface waters.

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b) Incorporate in the development standards best management practices for protecting natural drainage systems and aquifer recharge.

4 G

c) Create development regulations or policies that encourage community-scale renewable energy systems and waste water systems that allow for small "village" developments.

~~c)d) Identify contingency measures for prolonged drought.~~

5. Minimize noise and light pollution, light trespass, and glare from future development and encourage retrofit of existing nuisances.

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a) Create county-wide noise and light regulations with possible modifications for agricultural operations ~~appropriate to support production.~~

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~~b) Define noise standards and adopt measurement and mitigation strategies.~~

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~~e)b)~~ Adopt best management practices for revisions to light and noise control regulations, such as a dark sky ordinance.

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~~d) Establish appropriate security lighting requirements in urban/suburban residential areas.~~

6. Develop energy infrastructure to generate sufficient energy locally to meet future needs.

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a) Adopt renewable energy dividends (LPEA).

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b) Implement renewable energy tax districts.

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c) Incentivize the use of renewable energy for buildings and energy efficient building designs through the building code.

d) Promote hydropower generation from Animas-La Plata water releases.

7. Encourage the restoration or reuse of lands impacted by resource development.

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a) Require reclamation plans to be in conformance with long term land use plans for the area to be reclaimed.

2 G b) Provide incentives and/or remove obstacles for establishing renewable energy infrastructure on impacted lands.

3 G **Restrict development in the floodplain and significant geologic hazard areas**

a) Complete and update county mapping of geologic hazards and the 100 year floodplain.

1 G b) Develop a ranking system that identifies geologic hazards that pose a tangible risk to public health and safety and focus county regulation on those significant hazards.

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3 R c) Require development to be located outside of the floodplain and significant geologic hazards except on properties where there are no feasible development sites outside of the floodplain or outside of significant geologic hazards; where floodplain or significant geologic hazards cannot be avoided, mitigation standards will be implemented to minimize risk to public health and safety.

9. Protect and improve air and water quality and manage noxious weeds through collaboration with federal, state, Sovereign Nations, and local agencies.

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2 R a) The County should implement noxious weed controls in county right-of-ways.

7 G b) Require notifications be sent to landowners when public right of way or well pad is sprayed with herbicide.

~~c) Engage with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs (such as Conservation Reserve Program) to allow for native vegetation and to reduce noxious weeds in the county.~~

1 R d) Expand the 50 ft. stream bank setback on enclosed structures to require a 50 ft or greater setback for on-site wastewater systems as defined by the San Juan Basin Health Department.

~~e) Revise the land use code so that erosion and sedimentation control standards are effective in minimizing runoff and disturbance of surrounding lands. specifically mitigate the following:~~

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~~disturbance of natural soil cover and vegetation; exposed soil and unstable soil conditions; protection of receiving water bodies; wetlands; construction and work in and adjacent to water bodies and wetlands; slope stability; cuts and fills; and disturbance to the surrounding soils, root systems and trunks of trees adjacent to site activity.~~

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~~f)e)~~ f)e) Work in partnership with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to continue monitoring water quality as part of the oil and gas permitting process.

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~~g)f)~~ g)f) Enforce the La Plata County Weed Code and implement the La Plata County Weed Management Plan.

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~~h)g)~~ h)g) Work in partnership with federal land management agencies and Sovereign Nations to prevent further proliferation of invasive plant species in La Plata County.

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~~i)h)~~ i)h) ~~Support efforts of the San Juan Public Lands Center and Mesa Verde National Park to enforce Class 1 Area air quality standards in and near La Plata County.~~ Work in concert with other agencies to enforce air quality standards in and near La Plata County.

10. Reduce, reuse, and recycle material resources.

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a) Develop a County wide comprehensive recycling program that results with an increase in the types of materials (including appliances) that can be recycled and identifies convenient locations for drop-off and collection.

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b) Create a composting program that would allow for the city/county to compost waste and promote composting by individuals.

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c) Provide tax incentives to businesses and individuals who recycle and re-use material resources.
~~e)d)~~ e)d) Collaborate locally and regionally on a "zero waste" initiative.

11. Support the enhancement of renewable natural resource systems (forest and range products, fisheries, wildlife).

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~~a) Request the CO Dept of Wildlife to purchase development rights on lands valuable for wildlife habitat.—SUGGESTION TO LEAVE IN)~~

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b) Promote Forestry operations on private land that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

Healthy Communities and Housing Element

Healthy Communities and Housing Goals and Strategies

1. Encourage and take an active role to increase the supply of affordable/attainable/workforce and senior housing.

- a) Support a countywide housing plan aimed at increasing the efficient use of resources for housing development and related supportive services.
- b) Analyze ways that land could be made more affordable for development through public sector policies and programs.
- c) Provide financial support for subsidized housing developments that serve populations in need. (tier b)
- d) Offer technical assistance and incentives to encourage for-profit affordable/attainable housing development near jobs and services.
- e) Explore the potential of using manufactured housing to provide affordable housing opportunities.
- f) Require properties that receive subsidy through the County to remain affordable over the long term.
- g) Create financial mechanisms or study the feasibility of a housing impact fee on new development that is graduated based on distance to infrastructure and level of housing affordability. (subcommittee to address)

2. Integrate a mix of housing types near employment and services.

- a) Provide incentives for residential and commercial land uses, such as mother-in-law units and commercial/residential mixed use projects in appropriate locations.
- b) Create policies and incentives for development of higher density housing in proximity to employment centers where multi-modal transportation routes exist or are planned.

3. Encourage the design, construction and renovation of homes to be safe, healthy and energy efficient.

- a) Facilitate/develop guidelines to lower the life-cycle costs of housing.
- b) Provide incentives for rehabilitation of rental and owner-occupied housing.
- c) Provide incentives to attract local housing production for modular, manufactured and/or housing components.
- d) Implement in partnership with LPEA special districts for financing renewable energy.

e) Provide incentives for resource-efficient design and buildings.

4. Encourage life skills and lifelong learning opportunities.

a) Identify joint or multiple use facilities for educational, cultural, community and recreational services.

b) Connect educational institutions and the private sector to achieve an integrated system of basic and career education, training and retraining for the community work force.

c) Improve and increase life skill resources and financial literacy through support of local programs.

5. Support access to affordable healthcare and to a variety of providers.

a) Adopt programs that encourage enrollment in healthcare educational programs.

b) Provide resources and support for a 2-1-1 Program (a social service information phone number) and Bridge to Success website.

c) Maintain/support the rural designation for Medicare so that more Medicare patients can have a primary care physician and actively recruit healthcare providers of all modalities through programs such as loan forgiveness and tax incentives. (subcommittee to review)

6. Support a continuum of choices that helps seniors and disabled persons to thrive.

a) Support the list of resources to connect people in need with each other.

b) Provide incentives to builders to include universal design in buildings and residences.

c) Re-evaluate accessory home regulations in regard to smaller lots.

d) Support transit options for all, including seniors and disabled, connecting residents to critical destinations throughout the County.

7. Promote healthy communities through neighborhood design, transportation networks, and public education.

a) All new subdivisions and commercial developments will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities and connections with public transportation.

b) Adopt a future land use plan that includes higher density development nodes and promotes multi-modal options.

c) Regulate mineral extraction regarding noise, ground water pollution and light pollution levels on adjacent private and public property.

8. Support quality childcare and elder care that is widely available and affordable.

a) Provide training and support, including tax credits, for individuals to provide child and elder care in their homes.

b) Evaluate, revise or create regulations, such as zoning, parking and land use regulations, relating to child and elder care facilities to encourage county-wide service.

9. Encourage dedicated access to public open space, recreation and trails.

a) Provide developers options for dedicating access to public open space, recreation and trails.

b) Develop a plan for dedicated access to public lands in areas that are expected to experience significant new development.

c) Develop, adopt and implement a county recreation plan, assess the feasibility of a County Parks Department and identify funding strategies.

- d) Develop and maintain access, parking, restrooms and wayfinding to public trails and recreation areas, with consideration for the needs of the elderly and disabled.

10. Support and encourage partnerships with local agencies and jurisdictions in the provision of recreational and community services.

- a) Team with schools, religious institutions and grange halls to share facilities for recreational, educational, and community activities.
- b) Create "kid trails" within the county and encourage local schools to offer incentives to children for their use.
- c) Participate in efforts to provide residents of the County such basic human needs as food, clothing and shelter

11. Encourage intergenerational involvement within the community.

- a) Partner with organizations to hold an annual arts collaboration of youth and seniors.
- b) Encourage community non-profits, cultural organizations, facilities and services in marketing their programs and in volunteer recruitment.
- c) Formalize an agreement with the school districts to use schools as neighborhood centers for community social and recreational activities and services.

Organizational Excellence Element

Organizational Excellence Goals and Strategies

1. Provide citizens with user-friendly, consistent and efficient services.

- a) Utilize best management practices that include checklists, interactive user friendly website, and extended hours.

2. Collaborate with local governments, state and federal agencies, the Sovereign Nations, businesses and other organizations, to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.

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a) Establish a recurring forum for networking among social service agencies, parks & recreation department, private recreation facilities & other non-profits to eliminate duplication of efforts and to fill agency gaps in service.

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b) Support training, cooperation and asset mapping to eliminate duplication of services and to fill gaps in service.

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~~c) Dedicate staff to research and pursue grants.~~

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d) c) Formalize relations between the County government and Federal and State Public Land Agencies (NFS, NPS, BLM,) by designating a County planner as a Public Lands Liaison, who will provide monthly reports and/or updates to County Commissioner on regional public land activities and notify residents of possible impacts to private property.

3. Engage and inform citizens in local decision making and develop transparent public processes that encourage respect among all individuals and groups.

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a) Develop an interactive website that allows citizens to participate and provide input.

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b) Conduct County Commissioner regularly-scheduled meetings at different locations around the county on a rotation basis.

4. Work towards excellence in all county practices.

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a) Annually review the outcomes of development decisions and submit report of findings to BOCC.

b) At least biannually (every two years) review the outcome of development decisions and submit report of findings to BOCC.

5. Ensure two-way interaction between citizens and their county government that includes easy access to information, transparency, and opportunities for citizen input.

- a)** Create county website for two-way communication between individuals & service providers.
- b)** Implement a policy of "kids day" at the county to expose La Plata County students to daily operations

- c)** Provide an online forum for the public and public officials & County staff to communicate with each other.

6. Align municipal and county goals, visions, and actions.

- a)** Conduct joint meetings between the municipalities and county on a scheduled basis and inform the public of the results of the meetings.
- b)** ~~Hire a Public Information Officer to provide periodic reports on collaborative efforts.~~