



Community "Working" Vision



Introduction

The Community Vision and Guiding Principles were prepared by the planning team as a "working draft", to be evaluated by the community over the coming months. They will ultimately serve as the basis for preparation and evaluation of alternative scenarios and concepts for the Town and County. The foundation for this working draft was the vision and guiding principles contained in the 1994 Plan, and the community input the planning team received from various events earlier this fall (Old Bills Run, community workshop, website comments, Town Council, County Commissioners, and Planning Commission meetings). We will continue to refine this vision as the planning process moves forward.



I Agree!
Please write a short explanation if you support this vision.

Working Vision:
A vision is a statement of the kind of place that our citizens and leaders want the community to become in the future.

I Disagree!
Please write a short explanation if you do not support this vision.

Our vision is that Jackson and Teton County will have a land use pattern that preserves and balances our region's natural environment, livability, and sense of community. By directing development to well-defined contiguous areas, growth can be organized in more efficient land use patterns; open lands and natural resources can be better protected; and public facilities and services can be delivered more effectively. With a finite supply of land, our community shall provide for the region's growth in a long-term, sustainable manner that balances growth, conservation, and community well-being.

Themes and Guiding Principles

Six overarching themes have been identified to guide the development of the updated comprehensive plan. They include:

1. Stewardship of Natural, Scenic, and Environmentally Sensitive Areas
2. Meet Our Community's Diverse Housing Needs
3. Comprehensive, Integrated Transportation System
4. Manage Growth Responsibly
5. Jackson as "Heart of the Region"
6. A Diverse and Balanced Community

A series of guiding principles follows each theme, providing direction on the range of topics that fall under each. The guiding principles highlight the region's strengths, as well as those areas where a shift in policy direction will be needed to achieve the community's vision. The guiding principles will be modified based on community feedback and will serve as a foundation for the creation of more detailed goals and policies during subsequent phases of the plan update process.