

District 6: Westbank

Priority: Promote Stewardship of Wildlife and Natural Resources

The Westbank district is identified as a County Rural District in the Future Land Use Plan. The priority in the district, located west of the Snake River, is wildlife habitat, natural resource, and scenic vista conservation. Three county nodes (Teton Village, the Aspens, and Wilson) are interior to the district, and they are the appropriate locations for the provision of community needs west of the Snake River. Highway 390 redesign and improvement is also important to achieving the community vision, even while seemingly in contrast to the conservation goals.

This district contains numerous waterbodies and riparian lands that provide crucial habitat for many species. Snake River, Fish Creek, and riparian areas protection is important for overall ecosystem stewardship and open space connectivity. Along Highway 390, minimizing the impacts of redevelopment, facilitating wildlife movement, and maintaining scenic vistas are also important. In the rest of the region, pursuing regulatory and non-regulatory conservation efforts to maintain rural/agricultural character will help further the community's value of stewardship.

Highway 390 is identified as an appropriate transportation network improvement in this Plan. The community will pursue redesign and improvement of Highway 390 using a "Context Sensitive Solution" to realize the community's transportation and responsible growth ideals. With the Aspens and Teton Village development nodes located on Highway 390, the highway design needs to facilitate alternate modes of transportation between them. The design should also include wildlife crossings to allow wildlife movement to and from the Snake River. Finally, it should be sensitive to the impacts on the portion of the Moose-Wilson road in Grand Teton National Park.

This district will have limited residential development potential. Residential development west of the Snake River will primarily occur in the three interior nodes identified above. Along Highway 390, many platted lots already exist. Further subdivision of these lots is

inappropriate and their development or redevelopment will be designed to have the least amount of impact on wildlife habitat and movement. Throughout the region a modest rural character of development is most appropriate.

Non-residential development potential will be limited in this district. Existing non-residential uses should not expand, and additional commercial and institutional uses are generally inappropriate in this district. Where new community facilities are located in the Westbank, they should be located adjacent to one of the three identified county nodes.

THEME PRIORITIZATION IN THIS DISTRICT

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- Protect Snake River corridor and other water bodies and riparian lands.
- Protect rural/agricultural character of Fall Creek and Fish Creek Roads.
- Preserve scenic vistas along Hwy 22 and Hwy 390.

TRANSPORTATION

- Redesign Hwy 390 using "Context Sensitive Solutions."
- Increase year-round transit frequency and proportion of Hwy 390 trips by alternate modes.

RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

- Limit residential development potential.
- Meet community needs in county nodes interior to district.

BALANCED ECONOMY

- Approved non-residential uses to remain at current intensities.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

- Not an appropriate location for workforce housing density bonuses.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Locate new facilities in or adjacent to an identified node.

TOWN AS HEART

- Limited development outside of the town.

Conceptual Future Land Use Map

