THE COCONINO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN serves as a roadmap guiding our vision for the future by establishing goals and policies to direct growth responsibly, solve problems, and improve the quality of life for county residents. The Comprehensive Plan’s main objectives are to:

• Conserve and promote stable, safe, attractive, rural communities where residents share a sense of pride.

• Safeguard and enhance the choices residents expect for living, working, recreation, and circulation.

• Coordinate strategies for economic development, transportation, and affordable housing so that we can better link the places where people work and live.

• Protect our unique natural and cultural resources, ecosystems, and habitats.

The Comprehensive Plan not only guides land use decisions, but it also serves as a comprehensive reference and blueprint for community programs as well as public- and private-sector initiatives. Putting the goals, policies and implementation plan to work will help the County achieve the vision established by the Comprehensive Plan, and this Companion Guide is intended to serve as a quick-reference to all of the goals, policies and implementation action items that are identified throughout the Comprehensive Plan document.
SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCY

GOAL
Incorporate and support integrating the principles of sustainability and long-term community resilience and prosperity into future land use and development plans, as well as the actions and decisions of elected and appointed officials.

POLICIES
1. Develop and support programs, plans, and partnerships that work to mitigate climate change and its impacts, as well as develop adaptation strategies for long-term resiliency and vitality.
2. Develop collaborations with a wide variety of communities across the county to maintain regional economic, environmental, and cultural diversity.
3. Implement organizational improvements and methods to track and measure county resource consumption, waste, and impacts, and modify actions as needed to meet today’s needs while maintaining resources for future generations.
4. Continue to engage in the brownfields programs and remediate properties so they may be used to their fullest extent.
5. The County supports the creation of an affordable housing land trust that would acquire housing and use it in a system that balances low- to moderate-income owner’s equity with permanent affordability.
6. The County will pursue state and national standards for sustainability and resiliency within County planning documents, County-developed projects, and internal policy and practice.
7. Develop awareness of the broad impacts of decisions on all three facets of sustainability and look for ways to accomplish multiple goals while maintaining private property rights.
8. In decision-making, consider the value of the long-term health and wellbeing of residents, ecosystems, and a thriving economy.
9. Develop strategies for wise restraint, recognizing that sometimes the best choices for the long term are not the easy choices.
10. Use the Zoning Ordinance to increase the ability of residents to partake in agricultural practices for food and fiber on their properties or within a residential neighborhood while encouraging low-water use and water-conservation technologies.
11. Continue the County’s sustainability programs and educational initiatives, and explore incentives to use sustainable building practices that minimize the consumption of energy, water, and other resources.
12. Support communities and land managers in their effort to restore forest health, reduce the likelihood of high-severity wildfire, and safeguard watershed health.
13. Implement organizational improvements that will better enable the County to provide its residents with the most up-to-date information using a variety of methods.
14. Encourage household resiliency so that residents are prepared for the temporary loss of infrastructure, services, or other emergencies.
15. Use County programs and policies to help reduce disparities in access to health services, transportation, and healthy food options.
16. The County will explore flexible pilot permitting that facilitates sustainable and innovative projects that support the goals of this Comprehensive Plan.
17. The County will work cooperatively with the public and agencies to protect scenic viewsheds, prevent fragmentation of open lands, preserve important wildlife habitat, protect watersheds, and provide buffers between developed areas.
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

GOAL
Protect the integrity and resiliency of the natural environment with special attention to environmentally sensitive features.

POLICIES
1. The County encourages the protection and restoration of environmentally sensitive features as opportunities arise and resources become available.
2. The County recognizes the overlap between some environmentally sensitive features and their importance as traditional tribal, sacred, and cultural sites, including but not limited to springs, caves, eagles nests, and plant gathering areas.
3. The County will consider adopting ordinances that explicitly protect environmentally sensitive features from the impacts of development.
4. The County will pursue developing a Coconino County Natural Resource Inventory System that houses publicly available datasets related to environmental assets for use in project planning and review.
5. Development projects and subdivisions, including the placement of lots, alignment of roads, and installation of other structures and infrastructure, will be designed to minimize alterations to natural landforms, hydrology, and native vegetation and to maximize the conservation of environmentally sensitive features.
6. Development projects will be located outside of floodplains to prevent property damage, protect riparian areas, and facilitate water infiltration into the ground. Floodplains will be delineated by the County using the best available data.
7. The County promotes the use of tools such as conservation easements, integrated conservation design, open space dedication, fee-simple acquisition, and transfer of development rights to protect environmentally sensitive features, habitat, and open space.

GOAL
Conservate wildlife, their habitats, and movement corridors.

POLICIES
8. The County encourages use of integrated conservation design, zoning, and other land use strategies to conserve wildlife habitat, wildlife movement corridors, and environmentally sensitive features.
9. Development projects (including roads, fences and trails) should minimize and/or mitigate impacts to federally listed (T&E-ESA) and state sensitive species (SGCN-listed species).
10. The County supports appropriate road design as well as the closure and rehabilitation of unnecessary roads that cause resource damage.
11. The County favors projects that conserve open space, wildlife movement corridors, and wildlife watering areas.
12. The County will work with partners to protect state sensitive and federally T&E wildlife and plant species.
13. The County will continue to support a wildlife planner position that contributes to land use recommendations and consults with staff, decision-makers, and the public about natural resources stewardship.
14. The County will cooperate with AGFD, ADOT, and other willing parties to maintain wildlife permeability within movement corridors and across restrictive sections of major roads, fences, and other barriers.

GOAL
Conserve and restore native plant communities while controlling populations of invasive weeds through prevention and environmentally responsible eradication.

POLICIES
15. The County will create comprehensive invasive guidance for weed management and/or a weed ordinance. Weed management plans will be required for most development and forest restoration projects involving ground disturbance or road maintenance. Management plans will be required to address preventing weed establishment and timely control.
16. Construction plans for development, infrastructure improvements, and forest restoration projects will include a plan for minimum disturbance of native vegetation and soils.
17. Landscaping for new developments shall emphasize minimizing the area disturbed and using native plants and drought-tolerant species that are appropriate to the area. Revegetating disturbed areas will be required in most cases and planting/seedling native species will be strongly encouraged.
18. The County will cooperate with all willing partners to inventory, eradicate, and control invasive, non-native vegetation.
19. The County will cooperate with private, state, federal, tribal and/or NGO partners to identify and establish a position for a plant community liaison to support and implement efforts to conserve and restore healthy native plant communities on a regional basis.
20. When new developments are proposed adjacent to public land, the County will coordinate with the USFS or another entity to minimize the spread of invasive species from private to public land.
21. The County will pursue aggressive weed-control strategies in its public rights-of-way, on other County-owned properties, along utility lines, and near construction and maintenance projects.
22. The County Parks & Recreation Department will pursue opportunities with other agencies and volunteer groups to control the spread of invasive weeds on public parklands and natural areas.
23. The County will support public education programs to help residents learn how to identify and control invasive weeds on private property.

GOAL
Improve forest and land health and promote the restoration of forest ecosystems.

POLICIES
24. Work with public and private partners to restore forest ecosystems to improve ecosystem resiliency and reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire.
25. Educate and encourage property owners to participate in fuels reduction and other measures that reduce risk to human safety and property.
26. Support fuels reduction efforts by helping find disposal methods for the resulting green waste.
27. New developments in forested areas will be assessed in terms of vulnerability to wildfire and will be required to adhere to firewise practices.
28. Forest restoration and fuels reduction projects will consider the risk to and from nearby adjacent landowners’ property, resources, and environmentally sensitive features.
GOAL
Protect soil resources and improve soil conservation practices.

POLICIES
29. The review process for subdivision and other development proposals shall consider mitigation measures for drainage, erosion, sedimentation, and related issues with regards to the soil type, substrate, and slope.

30. Encourage the conservation of topsoil in construction and best management practices to prevent erosion and its impacts. Seeding and planting with native species after ground disturbance will be strongly encouraged.

31. In areas of shallow or poor soils where standard septic systems are not feasible, very low density development, integrated conservation design, a centralized treatment facility, and/or technologically advanced environmentally sensitive systems will be preferred.

32. Through its Community Development Department, the County will educate the public in selection of the best wastewater system for their site through designs that use fewer resources, may cost less to operate, and have fewer impacts on human health and the environment.

33. Educate septic system owners and pumpers who maintain the facilities, as well as designers, installers, contractors, regulators, and health officials on the proper siting, design, installation, operation, and maintenance of onsite wastewater treatment facilities.

GOAL
Improve the county’s air quality.

POLICIES
34. Where desired, the formation of road improvement, air quality, and road maintenance districts will be encouraged as a means of minimizing dust problems and allocating costs to those most affected.

35. The County, individual property owners, property owner associations, and road improvement / maintenance districts are encouraged to provide low-dust surfaces or pursue dust-control measures on roadways under their jurisdiction.

36. The County commits to taking appropriate dust-control measures while constructing and maintaining its capital improvement projects.

37. The County supports conservation planning and management for dust control by land users involved in ranching, farming, and forestry.

38. Economic development efforts should focus on nonpolluting industry and commercial enterprises.

39. The County will encourage public and alternative means of transportation for its residents.

WATER RESOURCES

GOAL
To pursue and implement long-term management policies that ensure sustainable water supplies for future generations and the natural environment.

POLICIES
1. In coordination with appropriate agencies, the County will pursue local, regional, and/or state policies that support sustainable water management by allowing for the analysis of cumulative impacts to long-term supplies.

2. The County will actively participate in and pursue programs and activities that address the conservation and management of regional water resources.

3. To the extent allowed by state law, the availability of water should be a primary consideration for all development applications filed in conjunction with a rezoning for higher density.

GOAL
Ensure a sustainable water supply for human communities while protecting natural systems.

POLICIES
4. The County will actively participate in regional, cross-jurisdictional water resources planning efforts (such as the CPWAC&WPC) that address how future human demands will be met without compromising the ecological integrity of the natural systems and wildlife habitat that rely on surface and groundwater. These efforts should also address water conservation and reuse.

5. Long-term water planning efforts supported by the County will incorporate climate science into projections of future supply.

6. The County will promote the dissemination of information to current and future residents regarding the status of water resources for domestic use.

GOAL
Coordinate with state, federal, and local resource management agencies to ensure sustainable management practices that preserve and improve the quality of surface water and groundwater.

POLICIES
7. Conserve and enhance riparian buffers, protect floodplains from development, and require the capture of stormwater on site.

8. The protection of surface water and groundwater quality shall be a factor in the consideration for approval of all developments.

9. The County supports forest restoration projects and will act as a collaborator to protect watershed health throughout the county.

10. Development proposals that will affect drainage on adjacent properties, roads, or watercourses shall include a drainage plan that addresses the impacts and mitigation measures affecting water quality and flooding.

11. To reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality, the County encourages minimizing impervious surfaces and using LID principles within all developments.

12. The County shall set an example of responsible water resource protection by locating its new buildings, roads, and other facilities in such a way as to protect surface water and groundwater quality and through the implementation of LID principles.
GOAL
Provide guidance to residents, water providers, and potential water districts to help them develop sustainable supplies that are consistent with local and regional needs.

POLICIES
13. The County shall provide guidance to communities in the formation of water districts.
14. The County shall work with other jurisdictions to secure sources of hauled water during times of drought.

GOAL
Promote water conservation practices that include new technologies and methods to reuse water.

POLICIES
15. The County encourages and supports water conservation measures by both water providers and consumers and promotes the use of such conservation tools as water-saving plumbing fixtures and environmentally sound water harvesting systems in all new development and retrofits.
16. Water conservation should be a consideration for the approval of all developments, and high-efficiency, low-net volume water use is encouraged.
17. Educate the public about water sources, water scarcity, water conservation issues, and pertinent scientific studies.
18. The County shall strongly encourage individual homeowners and businesses to reduce water consumption, use low-impact development and erosion control strategies, and reuse reclaimed water.
19. The use of reclaimed water and gray water will be encouraged wherever possible as permitted by State law.
20. Continually evaluate regulations to ensure they allow for and facilitate best practices related to water conservation.
21. The County shall set an example in new and existing County facilities by implementing best practices for water conservation techniques.
22. In conjunction with considerations for dust control, drainage, and maintenance, the County supports alternative paving methods that mitigate the impacts of surface-water runoff and conserve water by promoting aquifer recharge.
23. The County supports the use of rate structures and other incentives to encourage water efficiency and conservation.

LAND USE & GROWTH

GOAL
Respond to the specific and varied land-use conditions found in Coconino County with creative policies and strategies that protect important community values.

POLICIES
1. Seek changes to Arizona statutes allowing for State Trust reform or some other form of legislation allowing for the exchange of State Trust lands.
2. Discourage gated communities unless connectivity and public access is provided and development is in conformance with other appropriate policies and applicable plans.
3. The commercial use of inholdings within the national forest and national parks is strongly discouraged and, when development of inholdings is proposed, the existing density should not be increased and the proposed development should use integrated conservation design methods.
4. The County supports changes to state law to give Counties greater authority over lot splits.
5. Development projects within inholdings should be consistent with land management plans and the character of surrounding lands.
6. Outreach to the surrounding jurisdiction should take place early and often when development is proposed on inholdings. Annexation by surrounding jurisdiction is supported to ensure compatible land uses.
7. The County encourages and supports property owners in the development of platted subdivisions rather than lot splits and seeks to update the Subdivision Ordinance to help incentivize design that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and area plans.
8. To eliminate land use or zoning conflicts, transition nonconforming uses to a conforming use and work to alleviate the negative impacts of nonconforming uses over time. When amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are adopted, thought should be given as to whether existing uses should be considered nonconforming or granted legal status.
9. The County encourages affordable housing efforts and it will work to create incentives through Zoning Ordinance revisions that would promote a variety of housing types as well as accessory rental units.
10. In order to protect and maintain the mission of the Department of Defense installations, the County values the findings of the Joint Land Use Study, and incompatible land uses affecting the mission of existing military installations shall be discouraged.
11. Revisit the viability of the existing yet undeveloped platted subdivisions to reassess development standards for future buildout and to consider using integrated conservation design to redesign the lots, roads, energy, water, and wastewater systems.

GOAL
Ensure the conservation of open space for the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the county.

POLICIES
12. The County will work with private landowners, public land managers, tribal entities, and the ASLD to protect open lands for the purposes of maintaining scenic viewsheds, preventing fragmentation, preserving important wildlife habitat, conserving working lands, protecting watersheds and water resources, providing buffers from developed areas, and protecting environmentally sensitive lands.
13. Open-space zoning shall be maintained for federally owned or managed public lands, and when such lands become private through purchase or exchange, zoning changes for future development shall be in conformance with the Coconino County Comprehensive Plan, area plans, and other approved plans for adjacent public lands.
14. Coordinate efforts to maintain compatible uses next to lands managed as open space.
15. In order to protect open spaces and landscapes, the County supports the development of a TDR ordinance in coordination with other jurisdictions.
16. The County supports local land trusts.

**GOAL**

Conserve working ranches, unfragmented landscapes, and the county’s rural character.

**POLICIES**

17. The County will work with property owners using a variety of strategies to maintain working ranches as a viable method of land management to maintain open space and preserve landscape integrity.
18. Private, federal, and State Trust lands shall be considered in a regional context in order to preserve landscapes.
19. The County supports the development of Rural Planning Areas to provide coordinated and strategic planning for the long-term viability of ranchlands.
20. The County encourages alternatives to the conventional pattern of 40-acre lot development, using integrated conservation design methods or strategic sales of small portions of the overall property to retain ranching on the remainder.
21. Seek changes to Arizona statutes allowing for State Trust reform or some other form of legislation allowing for exchange of State Trust lands.

**GOAL**

Ensure a range of housing choices in a variety of communities that are well designed in terms of character, natural environment, and availability of services.

**POLICIES**

22. The County encourages the design of subdivisions that protect environmentally sensitive features or special characteristics of the property.
23. Where infrastructure and services are limited, the County favors rural residential densities using clustered development near identified activity centers.
24. Very low-density (such as ranchette residential) uses shall be maintained in areas without water, utilities, and fire protection.

**GOAL**

Ensure that commercial development is well designed and appropriately located within communities and activity centers.

**POLICIES**

25. Commercial development projects shall be located and designed in a manner that is compatible with the character of the area in which the project is proposed.
26. The County supports locally based, neighborhood, commercial businesses.
27. Regional commercial uses such as shopping malls and large retail establishments are encouraged to locate within incorporated municipalities to obtain a full range of urban services.

28. Large-resort commercial uses should only be sited in appropriate locations that can be adequately served by roads, water, sewer, and other public facilities and services, and shall be discouraged from locating in inholding areas.
29. In reviewing the environmental impacts of a proposal, the County will require development projects to demonstrate sensitivity to the natural and cultural environment including preservation of views, trees, and native vegetation; consideration of wildlife; preservation of dark skies; and conservation of water resources.
30. To facilitate efficient and safe traffic movement and avoid aesthetic problems, strip commercial development is strongly discouraged in favor of clustered, mixed-use, commercial development that supports multimodalism and walkability.
31. Where new commercial development projects are proposed adjacent to residential areas, connectivity shall be provided while efforts to mitigate sound, smell, and unsightly views shall be required.
32. Rezoning to commercial shall be consistent with applicable planning documents, and zone changes shall be conditioned based on specific site plans and for specific uses.
33. The County shall expand entitlements for light industrial and other uses that are consistent with the objectives of commercial zoning.
34. The County shall promote and expand opportunities for home occupations and cottage industries in residential areas that do not intrude or diminish the residential character of neighborhoods.
35. The County shall promote live/work opportunities by allowing residential use for caretakers and owners on commercial properties.

**GOAL**

Increase creative and mixed land uses that result in self-sustaining communities and walkable and vibrant activity centers.

**POLICIES**

36. Design flexibility that results in a mix of compatible land uses is strongly encouraged.
37. Explore the establishment of a new zoning district for mixed use development and entitlements for residential under existing commercial zones.
38. Work with communities to designate and describe the future of activity centers in their area.

**GOAL**

Encourage the development of the industrial lands within the county, provided they are compatible with the policies of this Plan as sustainable employment centers, and maximize their strategic multimodal location.

**POLICIES**

39. The County promotes and supports industrial uses based on compatibility with the surrounding uses and impacts to environmental resources.
40. The County shall support industrial development projects in areas that are currently zoned industrial and where an adequate levels of infrastructure exists or could be reasonably developed.
41. Industrial uses along scenic corridors or at community gateways are discouraged unless they enhance and protect the aesthetic quality of the area.
42. Continue to review uses allowed in the zoning code to expand compatible industrial and light manufacturing opportunities in the county.
43. Rezoning to industrial shall be consistent with applicable planning documents and zone changes shall be conditioned based on specific site plans and for specific uses.
44. In order to protect local interests, the County will continue to actively discourage and prevent uranium mining in the Grand Canyon watershed.

**GOAL**

Minimize the impacts of public use / service land uses on the environment and community character.

**POLICIES**

45. The County shall work closely with applicants for public use / service land uses to minimize the potential impacts on residential areas, rural character, and the environment.
46. The County shall coordinate with developers of these types of facilities to educate and inform the public as to the importance of these larger public uses that serve a greater community need.
47. The County shall continue to engage the public on the siting of potentially incompatible uses through the conditional use permit process.
48. The County shall justly distribute LULUs and not overburden some areas or populations with negative impacts from shared infrastructure.
49. The County shall integrate existing and potential aggregate mapping data into its GIS once it becomes available from the state and shall adopt legal and practical means to protect identified aggregates from incompatible land uses through the development review process and any other applicable mechanism.

**GOAL**

Concentrate development near existing infrastructure and services while conserving ecosystems and landscapes.

**POLICIES**

50. The County strongly supports compact infill development in existing urban, suburban, and rural activity centers before outlying and more remote lands are considered for development.
51. Identify priority areas for Rural Planning Areas to support the logical development and conservation of such lands.
52. Rezoning to higher density is discouraged on remote inholding where the provision of infrastructure is not a logical extension of existing improvements.
53. The County supports federal acquisition through the exchange or purchase of private inholdings surrounded by national forest or BLM lands that are important habitat areas, that contain environmentally sensitive lands, or that would reduce fragmentation.
54. Promote regional collaboration by partnering with federal and state agencies, communities, and private landowners on the protection of environmentally sensitive lands and open space for its value to wildlife and on the preservation of our dark skies to conserve the overall quality of life enjoyed by residents of Coconino County.
55. The County will consider designating growth boundaries within existing County-adopted area plans as well as when new area plans are created or existing area plans are amended or updated.

**GOAL**

Ensure that new development implements integrated conservation design practices.

**POLICIES**

56. The County supports integrated conservation design, clustered subdivisions, density bonuses, and TDR to conserve portions of the property that are environmentally sensitive or for shared public or open space.
57. Work with developers early on to incorporate integrated conservation design practices into projects.
58. Incentivize integrated conservation design through amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

**GOAL**

Coordinate capital improvements in a timely, orderly, and cost-effective manner.

**POLICIES**

59. The County will set an example in its capital improvement planning process by considering the overall social, economic, energy, and environmental effects of proposed projects.
60. Capital improvements shall be planned, constructed, and operated in a manner that provides for the logical extension of existing infrastructure, is compatible with community character, and is in harmony with scenic and environmental resources.
61. Private development projects shall coordinate infrastructure improvements to be consistent with public CIPs.
62. As part of the capital improvement planning process, the County will identify and determine the means of dedicating sites and acquiring rights-of-way for future improvement projects.

**GOAL**

Ensure that every new development pays its fair share of costs associated with that development.

**POLICIES**

63. Development projects shall be required to pay their fair and roughly proportional share for off-site improvements and public facilities such as the roads and utilities necessary to support the development.
64. Applicants for all new development projects shall assure an adequate level of services including roads, water and wastewater, fire protection, and utilities.
65. Assess and set fee structure to address future growth and development projects.
66. As deemed necessary to support major developments and subdivisions, developers in cooperation with utility providers shall be responsible for the installation, construction, or upgrade of necessary public utilities without diminishing the level of service to existing residents.
COMMUNITY CHARACTER

GOAL
Develop well-designed communities that promote rural character and conserve open space and natural resources while enhancing quality of life and economic vitality.

POLICIES
1. At the request of communities, and with priority for gateway communities, the County shall assist with the development of revised and new area plans with DROs to provide specific policies and guidelines for individual communities and unique geographic areas to ensure a logical arrangement of buildings, provide appropriate screening and landscaping, and maintain compatible building forms and materials.
2. The County encourages private property maintenance and proactive enforcement of performance standards in residential, commercial, and industrial areas.
3. The County encourages developing employee housing in and around gateway communities.
4. Where feasible, the establishment of intensive land uses within existing communities should be compatible and integrated into the area through appropriate mitigation measures such as buffering, density transitions, landscaping, or increased setbacks.
5. The County encourages the protection of significant natural, cultural, and historic resources and unique community characteristics.
6. Public and semipublic uses shall be approved at locations convenient to the population being served, provided that such locations are compatible with and complimentary to surrounding neighborhoods.
7. Public input from individual neighborhoods and communities shall be considered in defining the existing and historical character of those areas.
8. Developers are encouraged to gather and integrate local public input early in the process of creating the conceptual designs for their projects.

GOAL
Support the development of concentrated commercial and community land uses that meet residents’ needs.

POLICIES
9. The concentration of commercial, public, and semipublic uses in an activity center is desirable and encouraged.
10. Improvements to circulation infrastructure in activity centers shall reflect the scale and character of the surrounding neighborhoods and provide for multimodal opportunities.
11. The County supports the development of neighborhood commercial uses, community facilities (including shared), and activities that promote and generate public interaction.
12. The County supports community facilities and activities that promote a greater sense of place by enhancing community identity and local pride.

GOAL
Promote coordination of land use planning with sovereign tribal nations related to development and resource protection.

POLICIES
13. The County encourages expanding its collaboration with tribal governments on land use issues, development projects, infrastructure development, and cooperative maintenance through strategic planning efforts such as area plans.
14. The County supports the preservation of tribal cultural and sacred sites, ancient cultural sites, and traditional cultural areas, and recognizes these resources, including plant collection areas, as assets to our shared cultural heritage and history.
15. The County will explore options that allow for the expression and exercise of traditional cultural practices, including structures, ceremonies, and plant collection on lands under County jurisdiction.

GOAL
Protect the county’s historic, cultural, and architectural heritage.

POLICIES
16. The County encourages the preservation and celebration of cultural heritage as well as the protection of historic and archaeological resources.
17. The County supports the commemoration of local culture and heritage through the nomination of sites to the National Register of Historic Places, public art, local exhibitions, and signage to direct and inform residents and visitors about historic places and events.
18. The County seeks to explore CLG status to enhance the protection of cultural and historic resources.
19. The County will support private efforts that protect cultural and historic resources whenever possible by sharing information, helping to coordinate activities, or making the most of existing programs and funding.
20. The County will explore establishing a historic preservation officer position to increase coordination between the County, federal agencies, and the tribal governments for cultural and historic resource awareness and protection.

GOAL
Conserve local heritage areas, cultural landscapes, and open space.

POLICIES
21. The County favors development projects that protect and incorporate cultural and natural resources features of the site and surrounding area.
22. High priorities for open-space conservation should consider heritage sites and cultural landscapes.

GOAL
Conserve and enhance the integrity of the county’s scenic resources and unique features.

POLICIES
23. The County supports the use of simulation technology and viewshed analysis when siting development projects affecting scenic corridors and unique features.
GOAL
Preserve natural quiet and work to mitigate and reduce the effects of noise pollution.

POLICIES
41. The impacts of noise generated by major commercial or industrial uses should be considered when reviewing development projects, especially when adjacent to residential and recreation areas.
42. Major developments and subdivisions shall consider the impacts of adjacent noise generators such as highways, railways, and airports, and mitigate for those impacts where feasible.
43. In order to provide areas of natural quiet for all residents and visitors, the County supports efforts of local communities and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to establish flight restrictions and no-flight zones over national monuments and wilderness areas.
44. The County shall explore the benefits of developing an ordinance related to noise and its impacts.

GOAL
Protect, conserve, promote, and enhance scenic corridors.

POLICIES
30. The County encourages corridor management planning for designated roadways and nominations of new scenic corridors in coordination with state and federal agencies.
31. Development projects along existing scenic byways must demonstrate compatibility within the standards of the scenic byway designation.
32. County seeks to develop standards for development along roadway corridors with state or federal designation.

GOAL
The County shall continue to be a world leader in the preservation of dark skies.

POLICIES
33. The County recognizes the economic and social benefits of dark skies by implementing innovative lighting practices and technologies on County projects and facilities and in the regulation of others through the application of its ordinances and promotion of best practices.
34. The County promotes the retrofitting of nonconforming lighting and the removal of inappropriate lighting and will explore incentives to do so.
35. Property owners are encouraged to install only the level of outdoor lighting necessary for safety, security, and utility purposes.
36. Full shielding of all outdoor lighting, installation of low-pressure sodium or “narrow-spectrum” (AlInGaP) amber LED fixtures, and the use of other best available technologies shall be encouraged and enforced through the Lighting Ordinance.
37. The County will explore the expansion of the dark sky protection zones to include natural areas, heritage areas, and other wilderness sites.
38. Areas near existing professional observatories or other dark-sky preservation areas shall be developed with special consideration for the impacts that development may have on dark skies.
39. The County will encourage a collaborative working relationship with neighboring Counties, state and federal agencies, sovereign tribal nations, and incorporated communities to protect dark skies in Coconino County and the surrounding region.
40. The County will work with partners, agencies, and other jurisdictions to minimize streetlights and their impacts on dark skies.
GOAL
Work with businesses to assess infrastructural needs and support improved infrastructure and systems throughout the county.

POLICIES
16. Promote improved air transportation schedules and connectivity to enhance an environment that will retain and attract business.
17. Support education and employment opportunities by working with communities to assess telecommunication needs.
18. Support infrastructure improvements to enhance rail, highway, and air transportation.
19. Coordinate with regional economic development organizations to create a business development ombudsman to help individual businesses with their siting and infrastructure needs.
20. The County will work with businesses to identify ways to reduce water and wastewater needs associated with development.

GOAL
Incorporate innovative planning techniques to encourage the development of compatible enterprises with neighboring land uses.

POLICIES
21. The County encourages the establishment of industries that contribute to the region’s economic health and support community character.
22. Focus development for economic clustering through flexible zoning regulation in industrial and commercial zones.
23. The County supports new industries that practice conservation measures to minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources.
24. Existing area plans should identify activity centers that promote economic health. Appropriately scaled, these activity centers should help communities create a quality of life that is attractive for business retention and preserves a local sense of place.
25. Create an inventory of commercial and industrial zoned land, and corresponding compatible land uses, for which those businesses and industries could locate. This inventory should be made available to the public.
26. The County should be a clearinghouse for information about available parcels and infrastructure.

GOALS
Ensure that policies and regulations provide flexibility and support for emerging trends.

POLICIES
6. The County should support and pursue economic development that maintains or improves the environmental and public health.
7. The County encourages emerging technologies and industries that utilize local resources in an environmentally responsible manner.
8. The County should recognize new business models and impacts to land uses when plans and regulations are developed.
9. The County supports the use of cost-effective, public-private partnerships to provide better public services and infrastructure.

GOAL
Encourage and support business growth and sustainable business practices.

POLICIES
10. Support business development that creates long-term, stable, economic growth.
11. The County recognizes the challenges faced by local small businesses in competing in a global market place.
12. Support increased and improved post-secondary educational opportunities throughout the county.
13. Identify impediments and opportunities for an educated workforce.
14. Support existing and new business development that provides for higher-wage employment opportunities.
15. Seek businesses that are compatible with the environment and benefit their communities.
PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS, & RECREATION

GOAL
Plan for and provide a variety of recreational, cultural, historic, and educational opportunities throughout the county, in developed and future parks as well as natural areas.

POLICIES
1. The County shall strive to model exemplary service levels and conservation practices in park and facility development, management, maintenance, and operations.
2. The County shall strive to secure reliable funding to ensure adequate resources for parks, trails, and natural areas.
3. The County will explore a variety of alternative development and management methods, including collaborative efforts, to reduce the costs of acquiring and managing facilities and land.
4. In order to ensure that needs of residents are being met, public input will be sought and considered in the development of new park plans, the acquisition of open space, and trails planning.
5. The design of developments should include public recreation amenities.

GOAL
Provide for the conservation and stewardship of important natural areas and support the protection of other public lands that provide open space and recreation value.

POLICIES
6. The County supports the conservation of important natural resources through collaboration in acquiring, managing, and interpreting natural areas.
7. The County encourages the protection of environmentally sensitive features, cultural resources, and cultural sites located in natural areas or on public lands.
8. The County supports access to open spaces for all residents and visitors where suitable.
9. The County supports a scenic corridor approach to connecting and growing the existing system of natural areas and public lands.
10. The County shall manage the recreational use of County-owned lands in a manner that reduces negative impacts to communities and the environment and increases opportunities for educational and economic benefits.
11. The County strives to connect open space and places of recreation with a system of greenways and trails to create an interconnected recreation network.
12. The County promotes the renewal and expansion of the FOSGP to include partners from across the county for a multi-agency, multijurisdictional effort.

GOAL
Enhance the existing regional system of trails by promoting more access and managed access between communities, public lands, and activity centers to create a network of linked open space, trails, and recreational areas.

POLICIES
13. The County supports a comprehensive approach to addressing the need for public lands access, continuity of trail networks, provisions for nonmotorized circulatiion, and resource protection through community trails plans.
14. The County supports coordination with local communities to identify and develop portal points into the trails and open-space system that will promote access to high-value recreation and scenic lands.
15. The County supports the protection of environmentally sensitive features, cultural resources, and cultural and historic sites. To this end, trail design should consider accommodating an appropriate level of use while minimizing negative impacts to all types of resources.
16. Development projects must consider and plan for public land access and the design and maintenance of proposed trails, trailheads, and bicycle lanes that meet County guidelines.
17. In coordination with developers, community groups, land management agencies, and the ASLD, the County encourages regional planning of nonmotorized circulation infrastructure and facilities such as trails and bike lanes that link destination areas, community activity centers, and, where appropriate, designated access points to public lands.
18. The County shall seek opportunities to enhance roadways by the addition of trails separated from travel lanes.
19. The County seeks to elevate the status and use of existing trails such as the Arizona National Scenic Trail or The Great Western Trail and promotes new routes linking areas of open space and high recreational value.
20. The County supports efforts, including public education, by state and federal agencies to plan for and manage OHV use on public lands.
21. The County will continue to require open space and trail development to access parks, schools, neighborhoods, community forums, and markets, and to encourage exercise and promote general wellness as part of the community planning process.
22. The County shall require new subdivisions to provide access to designated motorized and nonmotorized trails on adjacent public lands when feasible.
23. The County supports the removal and rehabilitation of user-created, nondesignated trails (both motorized and nonmotorized) that result in unauthorized access and/or damage to adjacent private and public lands.

GOAL
Build upon the cooperative opportunities between county, federal, and state agencies; sovereign tribal nations; cities; and private land managers to increase the outdoor tourism economy while conserving high-value natural and cultural resources in the county.

POLICIES
24. The County will promote and support partnerships between trail managers, trail users, neighborhoods, government, and tribal nations to improve trail safety and access, user information, volunteer stewardship, and connectivity of trails.
25. The County will coordinate with the ASLD, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and tribal nations for the acquisition of easements to provide and enhance connectivity between areas of high resource and scenic value.
26. The County will seek regional partnerships, or other management opportunities, to focus on connectivity between existing open spaces across jurisdictions.
27. Explore creative methods to fund a significant open-space system that best meets the needs of residents and visitors and builds an interconnected network of scenic corridors that provides recreational and commuting opportunities as well as habitat connectivity.
28. The County supports private land managers, management agencies, and citizen groups in their efforts to coordinate the planning and maintenance of recreational opportunities on public lands that minimizes adverse impacts to natural systems and residential areas.
GOAL
Promote the installation of utilities in a manner that is compatible with community character, scenic resources, and ecological conditions.

POLICIES
1. Approval of development projects shall be considered only if public utilities or alternative technologies necessary to serve the use are available or can be provided by the developer.
2. Utilities infrastructure shall be located in a manner that is sensitive to community character and environmental and scenic resources.
3. The County encourages placing utility distribution lines underground whenever possible and, when above ground, efforts should be made to minimize environmental, visual, and aesthetic impacts.
4. The County encourages utility providers to locate new transmission lines, pipelines, and other transcounty utilities in existing infrastructure corridors whenever possible.
5. The County encourages cooperation between developers and the owners of utility corridors to use such corridors for trails, open space, and greenway features.
6. The County’s Public Information Office will work with utility providers on methods to notify residents and landowners when utility work is being proposed.

GOAL
Promote telecommunications service development while preserving the visual character of communities and landscapes.

POLICIES
7. The County shall facilitate efforts to expand access and capacity of broadband and wireless telecommunications systems.
8. Telecommunication facilities shall be sited in a manner that is in harmony with neighborhood character, scenic resources, wildlife and their habitat, and the surrounding environment.
9. The County promotes the conservation of viewsheds through the efficient and effective development of telecommunication infrastructure.

GOAL
Reduce solid waste, minimize the impact of its disposal, and support and encourage recycling.

POLICIES
10. In coordination with waste hauling services, residents, and businesses, the County supports efforts to reduce the quantity of solid waste and to maximize the recovery of recyclable materials.
11. The County will work to educate residents about the benefits of waste reduction and recycling.
12. Proposed methods of solid waste disposal and recycling must be considered in the planning for major developments and subdivisions.
GOAL
Implement best practices associated with wastewater technologies or management.

POLICIES
13. Development projects should consult with CCCD-EQ to determine the most appropriate type of wastewater treatment system for the development.
14. The County encourages the use of environmentally sensitive, on-site, wastewater treatment systems or centralized community wastewater systems.
15. Development projects that include centralized community wastewater systems are encouraged to incorporate treated effluent disposal areas into greenbelts as part of an integrated conservation design or to reuse treated wastewater for environmentally beneficial uses.

GOAL
Prioritize the health and wellness of residents and visitors.

POLICIES
16. The County will monitor indicators of population health and report significant trends or events.
17. The County will improve maternal and child health outcomes, including early childhood development.
18. The County will proactively address the leading health issues of residents such as chronic disease, vector borne illness, reproductive health, food borne illness, and injury prevention.
19. The County will prepare for and react to public health emergencies in conjunction with public safety organizations.
20. The County will encourage the planning and establishment of safe and accessible public spaces for residents to be active, socialize, and establish community ties. Walkability and bikeability are valued.
21. The County will evaluate the public health impact of projects involving development, transit, public services, tourism, public parks, and any other subjects relevant to the health of county residents. Projects having an adverse health impact will integrate steps to mitigate negative impacts.

GOAL
Advocate, coordinate, and collaborate to create and increase access to effective and affordable educational opportunities.

POLICIES
22. Considerations should be made so that all areas of the county have adequate access to education, especially large growth areas with high populations of school-aged children.
23. In areas where the County has jurisdiction, increase infrastructure and champion all facets of education from early childhood through continuing education.
24. In areas where the County does not have jurisdiction, coordinate with educational providers to provide all levels of educational opportunities.
25. The County supports the sharing of infrastructure and infrastructure costs between different educational institutions.
26. The County supports the development and implementation of distance-learning capacity into educational programs.
27. The County will assist K–12 education providers in the establishment of safe and efficient school bus routes.

GOAL
Implement emergency services and response to meet residents' needs.

POLICIES
1. The County places a high priority on the rapid and effective identification of properties by public safety personnel and emergency response agencies.
2. The availability of adequate emergency services and emergency access routes shall be considered in the review of major developments and subdivisions. Development projects shall provide for two means of vehicular access (ingress/egress) to ensure adequate entrance and exit routes for emergency response and management activities.
3. An emergency response mitigation plan shall be incorporated in development projects located in remote areas without nearby emergency medical services.
4. The County encourages emergency medical services and response agencies to locate facilities in communities so as to be accessible to and compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.
5. The County encourages enhanced wireless infrastructure that support public safety purposes.
6. Work with the Navajo Nation and other law enforcement jurisdictions to ensure rapid response to all emergency situations within Coconino County.

GOAL
Ensure safe, crime-free neighborhoods and communities.

POLICIES
7. The County promotes multi-agency response to rural areas (outside a 30-mile radius of Flagstaff) coordinated through intergovernmental cooperative agreements.
8. The County places a high priority on providing high-quality, culturally sensitive, professional law-enforcement services.
9. Incorporating the concepts and principles of CPTED or similar concepts is encouraged for development projects.
10. In the design of development projects, developers are encouraged to consult with the County Sheriff’s Office to identify and address potential public safety issues and to provide for adequate access for response and evacuation.
11. Residents and homeowner associations are encouraged to accept a certain amount of responsibility for their personal safety and security and to participate as active partners in neighborhood crime prevention programs in cooperation with the County Sheriff’s Office.
12. The County encourages and supports the establishment of organized youth activities, including employment training and community service programs as a crime-prevention strategy.
GOAL
Maintain a high level of emergency preparedness to effectively respond to disaster and recovery efforts.

POLICIES
36. Commercial and industrial development projects shall identify all potentially hazardous or toxic materials expected to be utilized, stored, or produced by the development. Detailed plans shall be submitted regarding the use, storage, transportation, and disposal of such materials prior to considering approval of the project.
37. Development projects shall acknowledge existing conditions and/or hazards that may pose a threat to residents, such as proximity to physical hazards, and should mitigate such threats through appropriate site planning, buffering, and other physical design approaches.
38. The County shall engage in coordination with other agencies and jurisdictions to promote emergency preparedness and response to natural and human-caused disasters and post-disaster recovery efforts. To ensure preparedness, the County shall review the Emergency Operation Plan annually and update it as necessary.
39. The County will work to incorporate long-term, post-disaster recovery planning that includes community planning and redevelopment as part of the overall emergency efforts and initiatives.

GOAL
Provide for a high level of fire protection and safety.

POLICIES
26. Development projects shall include adequate fire protection measures, as determined by the BOS with input from the local fire district and/or appropriate fire management agencies.
27. The County encourages and supports property owners in forming fire districts, annexing into existing districts, or otherwise organizing formal fire protection organizations pursuant to state law.
28. The approval of fire districts should consider the long-term viability of the district to provide high levels of service.

GOAL
Reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire in the W/UI.

POLICIES
29. Major developments and subdivisions in the W/UI, including more remote residential developments abutting national forest lands, must provide a forest stewardship / fuels mitigation plan and property maintenance covenants incorporating the principles of defensible and survivable space.
30. For development in the W/UI, the use of firewise landscaping and construction design and materials is encouraged to maintain defensible space. Technical assistance for fuels mitigation and fire prevention measures should be sought from the local fire district or the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD).
31. When considering development projects in or near the W/UI, the County encourages property owners and developers to consult with forest managers and land management agencies in developing fire mitigation plans that consider stand density, health, topography, and hydrology to ensure compatibility.
32. Promote the Firewise and Fire-Adapted Communities Programs and support the development of a countywide W/UI Code.

GOAL
Avoid or mitigate the dangers posed by identifiable or predictable natural hazards.

POLICIES
33. Development proposed in geologically hazardous areas or on steep slopes should be done in a manner that poses little or no hazard to public health, safety, and property.
34. Development projects including critical facilities, high-density residential, and major commercial and industrial uses shall not be approved in areas that are subject to high levels of seismic risk. Only very low-risk land uses will be considered for approval in such areas.
35. Utility providers are encouraged to strengthen, relocate, or take other appropriate measures to safeguard pipelines, transmission lines, and other utility infrastructure in areas subject to elevated natural hazard risk.
Circulation

Goal
Maintain a circulation network that is safe, efficient, and complementary to local communities and the environment.

Policies
1. The County will coordinate land use and circulation planning activities to encourage comprehensive and efficient development patterns that support adjacent land uses, complement the character of communities and adjacent neighborhoods, and minimize impacts to the natural environment.
2. The circulation system should facilitate the movement of goods, services, and people throughout Coconino County in support of existing and future economic activity and economic reinvestment.
3. The County shall fully implement Proposition 403 for improved roadway maintenance.
4. Encourage a collaborative working relationship with agencies and departments that have a hand in the planning, financing, construction, or maintenance of roadways within Coconino County to ensure that its standards, community values, and needs are considered.

Goal
Improve rural and regional transit service opportunities.

Policies
5. The County supports opportunities to enhance and expand local, regional, and inter-jurisdictional transit services.
6. Consideration should be given to providing public transit access or sites for future transit infrastructure development in the review of major developments and subdivisions.
7. The County supports the implementation of the 2013 Flagstaff Regional Five-Year and Long Range Transit Plan.
8. Densities that support transit should be favored near incorporated areas and activity centers.

Goal
Explore opportunities for increasing air service for residents, tourism and freight while minimizing the impacts on surrounding communities and the natural environment.

Policies
9. The County supports improved air service at existing commercial airports as a means of moving passengers and goods within the county, state, and across the country.
10. To preserve the quality of visitor experiences, the County supports efforts to enforce existing flight restrictions and no-fly zones over national parks.
11. As renovations or expansions are proposed for airport facilities (including private airstrips and heliports), the following issues should be considered: compatibility with local land use patterns, minimization of adverse impacts from air-craft noise, potential for other environmental impacts, and impacts on scenic areas such as national monuments.

Goal
Improve nonmotorized circulation networks and provide greater opportunity for alternative modes of travel.

Policies
12. The County encourages development projects to provide infrastructure for nonmotorized travel. When appropriate for new developments, the County shall promote, and when feasible require, the installation of trails and bicycle lanes in coordination with ADOT.
13. The County promotes the connection of existing neighborhoods and communities (at both a local and regional scale) with trails, pathways, and other multimodal facilities. The County will coordinate with ADOT, the USFS, land managers, and property owners to achieve this.
14. Multimodal and no-motorized travel facilities should be designed to complement and enhance local community character, support accessible and low-cost recreation, and provide opportunities for interaction among residents.
15. Where pedestrian and bicycle routes exist on adjacent properties, major developments and subdivisions must maintain connections and continue the cohesive development of the nonmotorized circulation network.
16. The County shall set an example of incorporating pedestrian and bicycle travel infrastructure into the redevelopment or new construction of county collector and arterial roadways and support efforts to incorporate nonmotorized facilities into local roads and state highway redevelopment projects.
17. The County shall actively work to obtain funds to implement the recommendations of the Kachina Village and Doney Park Multimodal Transportation Studies, as well as obtaining more funds to conduct and implement similar studies in other areas of the county.
18. The County encourages the development of trails and infrastructure for nonmotorized forms of travel by local incorporated areas. The County encourages FUTS connections to greater Flagstaff area satellite communities and new developments within the unincorporated areas of Coconino County to support connectivity.

Goal
Ensure the quality design and development of circulation systems that include both motorized and nonmotorized modes of transportation.

Policies
19. Before considering capacity improvements, the County encourages the preservation, improvement, and (where appropriate) redevelopment or restoration of existing circulation infrastructure.
20. Along highly traveled and congested travel corridors, the County promotes the development of multimodal and public transit opportunities as preferred alternatives to new roadway capacity improvements.
21. Circulation infrastructure in major developments and subdivisions should be designed based on the principles of integrated conservation design, with multimodal opportunities within and outside of the development.
22. In consideration of federal, state, and local environmental requirements, circulation infrastructure should be developed in a manner that promotes energy efficiency, protects air quality, and preserves historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental resources.
23. To protect unique or significant natural areas and conserve wildlife habitat and movement areas, the County encourages creative or best management practices in the design of circulation infrastructure improvement projects.
24. The County supports low impact design and decreases in impervious areas where dust, safety, and maintenance impacts can be minimized.
25. The County supports the creation of road access easements that are both legal and functional.
26. The County’s Public Information Office will work with ADOT on methods to notify adjacent and affected residents and landowners during the design stage of all roadway projects so that citizens are better informed and have an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.
27. The County will work collaboratively with ADOT to establish roadway, access management, and multimodal standards that are appropriate for Coconino County.
28. The County will work with the BIA, BLM, NPS, ADOT, FMPO, NAIPA, and individual road districts to evaluate the impacts of proposed roadway projects undertaken within the county to ensure that appropriate mitigation measures are taken to limit dust, noise, and light pollution and prevent habitat destruction.

**GOAL**

Use best practices in the design and management of transportation infrastructure to minimize the impacts to soil, hydrology, and wildlife.

**POLICIES**

29. Minimize the construction of new roads and encourage the construction of wildlife-friendly fences where necessary.
30. Avoid environmentally sensitive features such as stream channels and steep slopes in the design of new roads.
31. Plan and allow for sufficient drainage across roads and infiltration mechanisms to capture runoff.
32. Require weed mitigation in the design, construction, and maintenance of transportation corridors.
33. Work in conjunction with AGFD on improvements to accommodate wildlife movement across transportation corridors in order to minimize wildlife collisions and facilitate population connectivity.
34. The County strongly supports the use of low-level lighting, subdued illumination, and limited application in the use of outdoor lighting along roadways and encourages the conservation of the dark skies inherent in the natural outdoor setting.
35. To protect roadside trees, viewsheds, and safety as well as to manage long-term fiscal impacts, the County discourages the use of salt on roadways, unless salt technologies improve to reduce or mitigate these impacts.

**GOAL**

Improve circulation infrastructure while protecting the environment and community character.

**POLICIES**

36. To support local improvement initiatives, the County encourages the formation of improvement districts for previously developed areas.
37. The County will program roadway improvements to minimize air, water, and noise pollution and the disruption of natural surface water drainage in compliance with the provisions and requirements of applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.
**GOAL**

Reduce energy consumption by increasing energy conservation and efficiency.

**POLICIES**

1. Coconino County shall be a leader in reducing energy consumption and shall strive for buildings to be energy self-sufficient.
2. The County shall continue to pursue funding opportunities for weatherization programs, for educational programs for energy conservation and efficiency through the Sustainable Building Program, and for coordination with educational institutions and community partners. The County shall also support educational opportunities for workforce programs, job training, and employment opportunities such as the Energy Efficiency Conservation Corp.
3. Proposed subdivisions, commercial, industrial, multifamily residential, and public and semipublic uses may consult with the Sustainable Building Program as part of the planning and zoning process. The review will include consultation on site location, project layout for maximum solar gain, building design, energy efficiency, and conservation of resources.
4. The County shall support, foster, and adopt building efficiency programs and energy standards (including national programs such as ENERGY STAR and LEED) that reduce per-capita consumption.
5. The County shall be a model of sustainable design and energy efficiency in the construction of new County buildings and renovations.
6. The County encourages energy conservation in both new construction and remodel and retrofits through codes and support of incentive programs.
7. The County will assist residents of all income levels to identify achievable strategies that reduce energy consumption.
8. The County shall promote the conservation of water, which requires substantial energy to treat and distribute.

**GOAL**

Utilize wind and solar resources by encouraging distributed energy systems.

**POLICIES**

9. The County will review codes and ordinances on a regular basis to assure adaptability to changing technology and best practices in distributed energy systems.
10. The County encourages distributed energy systems located at the point of use and on disturbed lands near existing substations and transmission to reduce the amount of infrastructure and land disturbance required for energy generation.
11. The County will continue to explore, facilitate, and streamline the installation of distributed energy systems for homeowners and small businesses by providing education and resources through the Sustainable Building Program.
12. The County will encourage job training programs and other educational opportunities to create a workforce of experts in distributed energy systems.
13. The County will encourage the collaboration of agencies, residents, and businesses to pilot new distributed energy projects.
26. The County will continue to research and support education on the various alternative energy resources and options.
27. The County will support the agreement to cease the operation of conventional coal-fired power generation at the NGS no later than December 22, 2044.

GOAL
Increase the use of technologies and strategies to reduce pollution, environmental degradation, and negative health impacts associated with energy production.

POLICIES
28. The County supports technologies and procedures that protect air quality and visibility, viewsheds, public health, and the conservation of water.
29. The County will promote the development of small-scale carbon offsetting techniques through land use planning, open space, and the Sustainable Building Program.

IMPLEMENTATION

ACTION ITEMS

PROJECT SPECIFIC: These tangible products have a beginning and an end and generally are one-time activities that go beyond work that is conducted as part of daily business.

ONGOING PROGRAMS: These program-related activities require an ongoing human component to develop and administer them—for example, a sustainable buildings program or a certified local government program.

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<td>Update the Subdivision Ordinance to further implement the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. To include, but not be limited to, the ability to use conservation-based planning techniques when developing land, the lot-split process, and incentives to develop land through the subdivision process vs. lot split.</td>
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<td>Work with private land managers, AGFD, ASLD, BLM, USFS, tribal entities and others to prevent the fragmentation of wildlife movement areas. Analyze the cumulative impacts of development, steps to mitigate, and steps to maintain and enhance native ecosystem; use the recent wildlife corridor study and continue to enhance recent open space acquisition.</td>
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<td>Create a staff position to ensure the implementation of the plan and to develop educational programs and materials for Planning &amp; Zoning Commissioners, the BOS, public, development community, and other stakeholders to inform about the Comprehensive Plan and planning trends, innovations, and current best practices.</td>
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