

## Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals

Staff is proposing the following draft goals be included in the updated County Comprehensive Plan. There is a goal for each chapter of the Plan, with possible additional goals to be included in the Transportation System Plan (TSP). A number of these proposed Comprehensive Plan goals have been taken from the Sauvie Island/Multnomah Channel (SIMC) Rural Area Plan and have been modified to apply to all rural areas of the County.

It is important to keep in mind that goals are broad, aspirational statements about the community's long-term desires, values and preferred directions for its physical development. Policies and strategies, on the other hand, are commitments to general and specific courses of action designed to guide decisions to achieve the goal. For that reason, goals carry less weight than policies and strategies and, thus, demand less careful scrutiny in how they are worded.

### RECOMMENDED GOAL STATEMENTS

**Citizen Involvement:** To promote equitable participation by all members of the community in the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan by ensuring access to information and transparency of decision-making, and providing multiple and meaningful opportunities to become involved.

**Land Use:** To implement a land use planning process and policy framework as a basis for all decision and actions related to use of land that is consistent with state law and community goals and priorities; addresses or mitigates potential conflicts between different land uses; and is implemented in a fair, equitable and reasonable manner.

**Farm Land:** To conserve agricultural land in exclusive farm use and mixed use agricultural zones and maximize its retention for productive farm use. (*Modified from SIMC*)

**Forest Land:** To conserve forest lands in forest zones for timber production, while practicing sound management of natural resources and hazards, providing for recreational activities, and minimizing conflicts between forest production and non-forest production uses and activities.

**Natural Resources:** To protect and restore natural resources and conserve scenic areas and open spaces and maintain their contribution to the rural character of the County. (*Adapted from combined goal for Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources in SIMC Plan*)

**Cultural and Historic Resources:** To protect cultural resources and conserve and restore historic resources. (*Adapted from combined goal for Natural, Cultural and Historic Resources in SIMC Plan*)

**Natural Hazards:** To reduce impacts to people, property, structures, and natural resources from natural hazards such as erosion, flooding, landslides, earthquakes and wildfires.

**Rural Economy:** To support the rural economy of the County, including farm and forest production, as well as commercial, industrial, office and retail activities; to do so consistent with available infrastructure and resources, in compatibility with other land uses, and in compliance with state and local goals and laws.

**Housing:** To support housing opportunities for rural County residents, including lawfully authorized marinas and moorages and floating residential units, while meeting health and safety concerns, minimizing environmental impacts and complying with state land use requirements. *(Adapted from Marinas and Floating Homes goal in SIMC Plan)*

**Public Facilities:** To coordinate and collaborate with service providers and affected agencies to ensure an appropriate level of public services to rural areas of the County, consistent with their rural character.

**Transportation:** To provide a safe and efficient transportation network for all modes of travel that serves the rural areas of the County and reduces congestion on rural County roadways. *(Modified overall goal from SIMC; Kittelson has drafted possible additional goals for the TSP)*