



DRAFT Vision

Improve upon the existing quality of life in Clear Creek County by supporting the development of a diverse economy, protecting natural and cultural resources, encouraging recreation, and celebrating the County's distinct areas.

Key Themes of the Vision and Framework



Quality of Life



Built Environment
and Land Use



Distinct Areas



Recreation



Natural Environment



Economy



Mining and Cultural
Resources



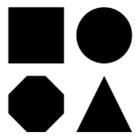
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The Master Plan shall...



Seek a greater diversity of economic activity within the County

The County will use a multi-pronged approach to both engage and support local businesses as well as to attract diverse and viable companies and organizations that provide high quality employment. The County will use its key assets in this effort: high quality of life, rural mountain lifestyle, proximity to the Denver metropolitan area, mining legacy and infrastructure, recreation, and tourism.



Enable and encourage communities within Clear Creek County to actively participate in planning for their future.

The County will support the development of subarea plans that help refine and reflect County-wide objectives, while retaining the individual character and values of the distinct areas within it. Independent and creative approaches will be encouraged in these pursuits.

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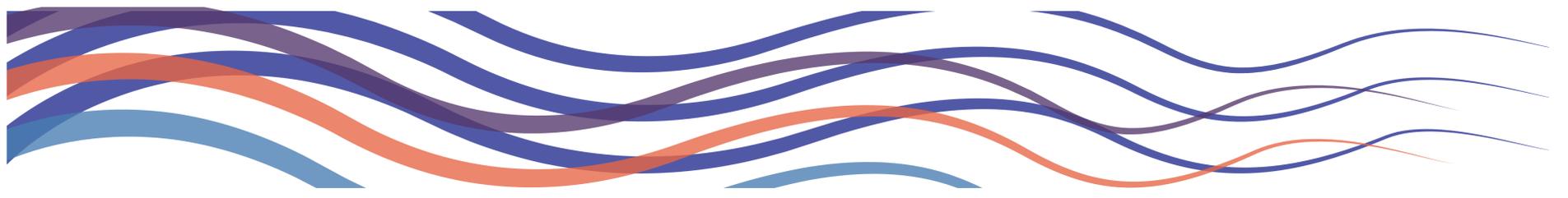
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Ensure suitability and compatibility with environmental characteristics and community character of Clear Creek County when considering land use change and development



The County will consider resources, including but not limited to, open space, water resources, wildlife, ecosystems, viewsheds, natural hazards, and infrastructure, when assessing the impact of development and land use decisions.



Identify and protect lands of high ecological value, scenic quality, or historic importance.

Through both smart land use planning and open space acquisition, the County will determine which lands meet these criteria, and align their planning processes accordingly.

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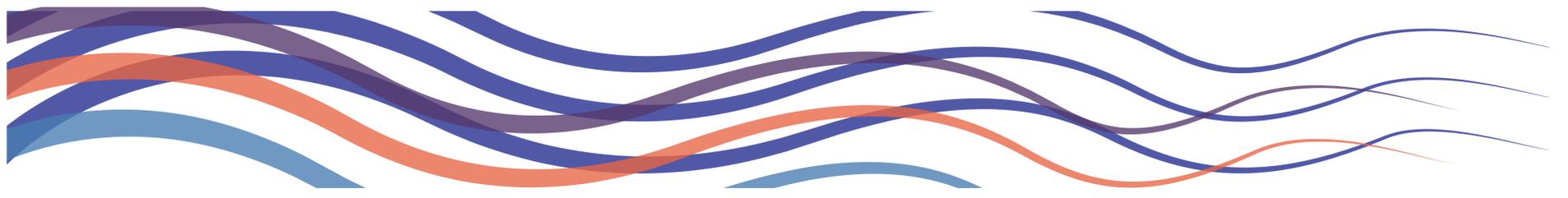
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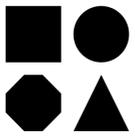


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Promote the concentration of development into established municipalities and activity centers in order to preserve rural lands and to efficiently use County resources.



Through coordinated land use planning, the County will encourage growth in designated areas where services exist or can be provided with modest effort and cost.



Recognize and support endeavors in the arts, culture, recreation and tourism.

The County will use an all-inclusive approach to branding, identification, and communication so that residents identify with and visitors recognize the assets and identity of Clear Creek County.



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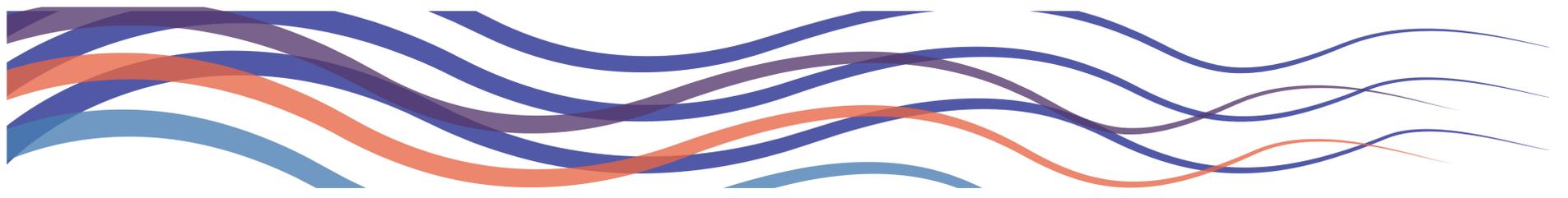
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Consider recreation as an important contributor to residents' quality of life and a part of a balanced regional economy



The County will acknowledge recreation in economic development efforts, recognizing their tie to each other. The County will understand its unique assets and build recreational opportunities around them. The County will pursue partnerships focusing on recreation with entities such as schools, municipalities, CCMRD, USFS, and the OSC.

Continue to preserve and protect mineral resources for the benefit of future generations



The County recognizes the short term challenge of the Henderson Mine closure but will continue to think in terms of long-term opportunities and building upon its mining heritage. The County will actively promote reuse options for the Henderson mine that do not preclude future mining efforts.

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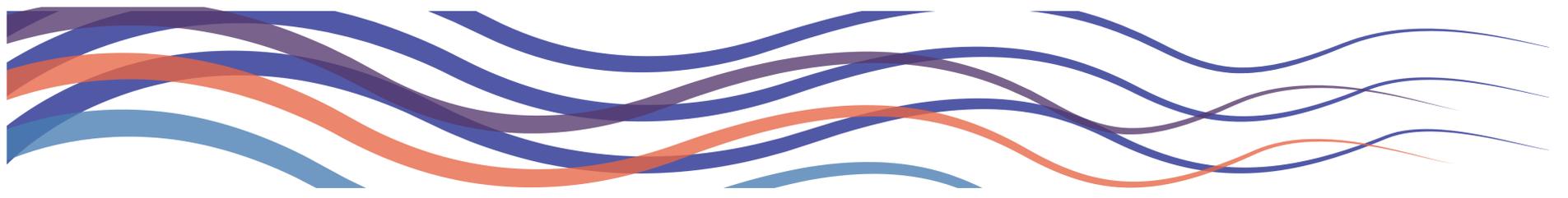
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Explore how local and regional initiatives within the County can improve access to health care services.



The County will work to develop “home-grown” options that support access to health care services while also looking to partner with regional, state, and federal agencies. The County will pursue strategies that will improve health care access in the long-term, not quick fixes that do not hold up over time.

Endorse transportation infrastructure that is multi-modal in nature and enhances existing communities as well as their access to the rest of the region



The County will look for opportunities to integrate pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities where appropriate, enabling residents to access jobs and services without reliance on personal automobiles. The County will address the challenges of the I-70 corridor, while embracing opportunities the highway presents. The County will explore partnerships with neighboring counties as well as local, regional, and state agencies to provide transit service between Clear Creek County and neighboring counties in the pursuit of improving regional access to jobs and services.

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