

## 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, becoming a more resilient community encouraging recreation, and recognizing the County's distinct areas.

**Comment [GV1]:** I added this phrase and will add a hazard/resilient icon as well – thoughts?

Key Themes:



Quality of Life

Built



Environment and Land Use



Economy



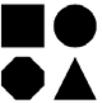
Natural Environment



Mining



Recreation



Distinct Areas

Cultural



Resources



Resiliency

# Future Clear Creek County Master Plan Policy Framework DRAFT

The Master Plan Shall....

**Comment [GV2]:** I think we need to figure out something about housing – either its own policy, or have multiple sub-goals and policies



### (2 – Economy)

#### 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.



### (3 – Intergovernmental Cooperation and Coordination)

#### 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.

#### Sub-goal/Objective:

*Promote intergovernmental cooperation to support shared regional objectives*

The County will both work within and with neighboring counties on initiatives where there are shared interests and efficiencies can be gained by working together. The County will address current intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) and reduce redundancies as well as follow up on those that have been left by the wayside. The County will continue its coordination with the United States Forest Service on recreation policy.



### (3 – Open Spaces; Environmental Resources; Hazards and Public Safety)

#### 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.



### (3 – Environmental Resources; Community character; Cultural Resources)

#### 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.

**Sub-Goal:** Discourage development above 9,500 feet in order to protect both the high alpine environment and views around the County.



**(3 – Community Character)**

**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 either exist or can be provided with modest effort and cost.

**Sub-goal/Objective (3- Intergovernmental Cooperation and Coordination):** In addition to established municipalities, designated “multiple use areas” are identified on the Future Land Use map and development scale and type for these areas should be clarified further by subarea plans in these areas.

**Sub-goal/Objective (3- Housing):** Create a countywide comprehensive housing plan to ensure suitable housing exists for a wide range of incomes and those with jobs in Clear Creek County. It will identify areas that are suitable for increased housing density and affordable housing.



**(3 – Parks, Rec, and OS; Cultural Resources; Community Character)**

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

branding, identification, that residents identify with the assets and identity of

The County will use an all-



inclusive approach to and communication so and visitors recognize Clear Creek County.



**(2 – Economy)**

**(3 – Parks, Recreation, Open Space)**

**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.



**(2 – Mining and Resource Extraction)**

**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.

**Sub-Goal:** Something about cleaning up the environment after mines close.

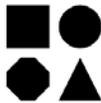


**(3 – Public Safety; Wellbeing)**

**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 financially sustainable strategies that will improve health care access in the long-term, not quick fixes that do not hold up over time.



**(3 – Transportation)**

**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.

**Sub-Goal:** Link affordable housing and transportation planning so that those without cars can access jobs. Affordable housing should be in job centers that have non-auto transportation options.

**Sub-Goal:** Link educational facilities transportation planning so that students and their caregivers have non-auto options to get to schools and daycare centers

**Sub-Goal:** Explore transit and carpool options for CCC residents to access healthcare in neighboring counties.



**(3 – Hazard Mitigation)**

**Identify and implement strategies to strengthen and increase resiliency.**

The County will assess its risk and vulnerability to both natural and man-made hazards.

It will evaluate its resiliency with respect to the six Colorado Resiliency Framework Sectors: Infrastructure, Watersheds and Natural Resources, Housing, Health and Social Services, Community, and Economy. Through the Hazard and Mitigation Plan, strategies will be developed to address vulnerabilities in these six sectors.