Boulder County

Land Use

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2015 Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan Policies Applicable to County

Black = Applies to county, not new
Orange = County removed from policy
Blue = New mention of the County (Includes policies that previously applied to the county, but now have additional references to the county.)
* = "County" not specifically referenced; policies not referencing city or county apply to both
+ = Needs clarification

Sustainability Principles in the 2010 BVCP were listed as policies. In the 2015 BVCP, the Sustainability Principles are included in the document's introduction but are no longer presented as policies. The county is mentioned in the following principles, which include the same language as policies 1.02 – 1.05 from the 2010 BVCP:

- Principles of Sustainability
- Principles of Environmental Sustainability
- Principles of Economic Sustainability
- Principles of Social Sustainability

Within the BVCP's Introduction the county is also referenced in new language related to: Interpreting Core Values and Policies of this Plan; Sustainability and Resilience Framework, Sustainability Principles, and the Comprehensive Plan Indicators. The new content is not policy language, but it is noted here because it reflects commitments on the part of the county.

Intergovernmental Cooperation
1.11 Regional and Statewide Cooperation
1.12 Policy Assessment
1.13 Collaboration in Service Delivery
1.14 Compliance with Land Use Regulations

Growth Management
1.15 City's Role in Managing Growth and Development
1.16 Adapting to Limits on Physical Expansion
1.17 Growth Projections*

Framework for Annexation and Urban Service Provision
1.20 Definition of Comprehensive Planning Areas I, II and III
1.21 Preclusion of New Incorporated Places
1.22 Definition of New Urban Development
1.23 Over-Intensive Rural Development
1.24 Annexation
1.25 Assimilation of Special District and Facilities
1.26 Provision of Urban Services in the Boulder Valley
1.28 Phased Extension of Urban Services/Capital Improvements Program
1.31 Adjacency of Open Space/Utility Impacts

Utilities
1.33 Consistency of Utility Extensions with Comprehensive Plan*
1.36 Out-of-City Utility Service

Community Identity/Land Use Pattern
2.01 Unique Community Identity*
2.02 Physical Separation of Communities
2.03 Compact Development Pattern
2.04 Open Space Preservation

Rural Land Preservation
2.06 Preservation of Rural Areas and Amenities
2.07 Delineation of Rural Lands
2.08 Rural Density Transfer
2.09 Neighborhoods as Building Blocks
2.11 Accessory Units+
2.13 Protection of Residential Neighborhoods Adjacent to Non-residential Zones
2.14 Mix of Complementary Land Uses
2.17 Variety of Centers

Public Realm, Urban Design, and Linkages
2.20 Boulder Creek, Tributaries and Ditches as Important Urban Design Features

2.21 Commitment to a Walkable and Accessible City
2.23 Trail Corridors/Linkages

Community Conservation and Preservation
2.24 Preservation of Historic and Cultural Resources
2.25 Leadership in Preservation: City- and County-Owned Resources
2.26 Historic and Cultural Preservation Plan

Design Quality
2.32 Physical Design for People
2.33 Environmentally Sensitive Urban Design
2.34 Importance of Urban Canopy, Street Trees and Streetscapes
2.35 Outdoor Lighting/Light Pollution
2.36 Design Excellence for Public Projects

Natural Environment
3.01 Incorporating Ecological Systems into Planning
3.02 Adaptive Management Approach

Protecting Native Ecosystems and Biodiversity
3.03 Native Ecosystems
3.04 Ecosystem Connections and Buffers
3.05 Maintain and Restore Natural Ecological Processes and Natural Disturbances
3.06 Wetland and Riparian Protection
3.07 Invasive Species Management
3.08 Public Access to Public Lands
3.xx Integrated Pest Management
New Policy: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and Resilience

Enhancing Urban Environmental Quality
3.09 Management of Wildlife-Human Conflicts
3.10 Urban Environmental Quality
3.12 Water Conservation
New Policy: Soil Carbon Sequestration

Protecting Geologic Resources and Reducing Risks from Natural Hazards
3.14 Unique Geological Features
3.15 Mineral Deposit
3.16 Hazardous Areas*
3.17 Erosive Slopes and Hillside Protection*
3.18 Wildfire Protection and Management
3.19 Preservation of Floodplains*
3.20 Floodplain Management
3.21 Non-Structural Approach to Flood Management
3.22 Protection of High Hazard Areas*
3.23 Larger Flooding Events

Sustaining and Improving Water and Air Quality
3.24 Protection of Water Quality
3.25 Water Resource Planning and Acquisition
3.26 Drinking Water
3.28 Surface and Groundwater*
3.29 Wastewater
3.30 Protection of Air Quality

Climate Action and Greenhouse Gas Emissions
4.01 Climate Action: Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
4.02 Climate Adaptation Planning

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy
4.03 Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy
New Policy: Local Energy Generation Opportunities
New Policy: Clean Mobility
New Policy: Energy System Resilience

Energy-Efficient Land Use and Building Design
4.04 Energy-Efficient Land Use
4.05 Energy-Efficient Building Design

Waste Minimization, Recycling, and Sustainable Purchasing
4.06 Building Construction Waste Minimization
4.07 Waste Minimization and Recycling
4.08 Environmental Purchasing Policy

Strategic Redevelopment and Sustainable Employment
5.02 Regional Job Center

Diverse Economic Base
5.03 Diverse Mix of Uses and Business Types
5.05 Support for Local Business and Business Retention
New Policy: Affordable Business Space and Diverse Employment Base

Quality of Life

5.09 Role of Arts, Cultural, Historic, and Parks and Recreation Amenities
5.10 Communications Infrastructure

Sustainable and Resilient Business Practices

5.11 Sustainable Business Practices
5.12 Home Occupations
New Policy: Economic Resilience

Job Opportunities, Education, and Training

5.14 Employment Opportunities
5.15 Partnerships to Support Economic Vitality Goals
5.16 Support for the University of Colorado and Federal Labs
5.17 Diverse Workforce, Education and Training

Complete Transportation System

6.01 All-Mode Transportation System and Complete Streets
New Policy: Renewed Vision for Transit
6.02 Reduction of Single Occupancy Auto Trips
6.03 Transportation System Optimization
New Policy: Integrated Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Programs
New Policy (from 6.05 & 6.06): Accessibility and Mobility for All
New Policy: Transportation Safety

Regional Travel

6.04 Regional Travel Coordination

Funding and Investment

6.07 Investment Priorities
6.08 Transportation Impacts Mitigated
New Policy: Concurrent Land Use and Transportation Planning*
6.09 Integrated Planning for Regional Centers and Corridors*
6.11 Transportation Facilities in Neighborhoods

Other Transportation Policies

6.13 Improving Air Quality and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
6.14 Municipal Airport
New Policy: Emergency Response Access

Support Community Housing Needs

7.01 Local Solutions to Affordable Housing
7.03 Populations with Special Needs
7.04 Strengthening Community Housing Partnerships
7.05 Strengthening Regional Housing Cooperation

Preserve and Enhance Housing Choices

7.06 Mixture of Housing Types
7.07 Preserve Existing Housing Stock
7.08 Preservation and Development of Manufactured Housing
7.09 Housing for a Full Range of Households

Integrating Growth and Community Housing Goals

7.11 Incorporate Mix of Housing in Future Service Area*
7.13 Integration of Permanently Affordable Housing+

Human Services

8.01 Providing for a Broad Spectrum of Human Needs
8.02 Regional Approach to Human Services
8.03 Equitable Distribution of Resources
8.04 Addressing Community Deficiencies
8.05 Diversity
New Policy: Youth Engagement

Safety and Community Health

8.06 Safety
8.07 Health and Well-Being
New Policy: Resilience in Public Safety and Risk Prevention
New Policy: Community Connectivity and Preparedness
New Policy: Tolerance and Respect

Community Infrastructure and Facilities

8.08 Planning for School Sites and Facilities
8.09 Accessibility to Schools
8.10 Support for Community Facilities
8.11 City Parks and Recreation
8.12 Trail Functions and Locations
8.13 Trails Network

Culture

8.14 Libraries*
8.15 Information Resource/Community Center
8.17 Arts and Cultural Facilities
8.18 The Arts and Community Culture
8.19 Public Art

Agriculture and Food

9.01 Support for Agriculture

[Note: Previous policy 9.02[1] "Local Food Production" now addressed in other policies, including 9.03 "Sustainable Food Production and Agricultural Practices" and 9.05 "Access to Healthy Food"]

9.03 Sustainable Food Production and Agriculture Practices

New Policy 9.04: Soil Health and Soil Carbon Sequestration

9.05 Access to Healthy Food

New Policy: 9.06 Food System Resilience*

9.07 Regional Efforts to Enhance the Food System

Local Governance and Community Engagement

10.1 High-Performing Government

10.2 Community Engagement (formerly Policy 1.05)

10.3 Communication Capacity for Resilience

10.4 Informed Community

[1] Typo corrected April 27, 2017.