

Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands

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Promote transit service to and from existing cities in rural areas.

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Contribute to improved ecological functions and more appropriate use of rural lands by minimizing impacts through innovative and environmentally sensitive land use management and development practices.

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Do not allow urban net densities in rural and resource areas.

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Avoid new fully contained communities outside of the designated urban growth area because of their potential to create sprawl and undermine state and regional growth management goals.

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In the event that a proposal is made for creating a new fully contained community, the county shall make the proposal available to other counties and to the Regional Council for advance review and comment on regional impacts.

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Use existing and new tools and strategies to address vested development to ensure that future growth meets existing permitting and development standards and prevents further fragmentation of rural lands.

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Ensure that development occurring in rural areas is rural in character and is focused into communities and activity areas.

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Maintain the long-term viability of permanent rural land by avoiding the construction of new highways and major roads in rural areas.

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Support long-term solutions for the environmental and economic sustainability of agriculture and forestry within rural areas.

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Protect and enhance significant open spaces, natural resources, and critical areas.

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Establish best management practices that protect the long-term integrity of the natural environment, adjacent land uses, and the long-term productivity of resource lands.

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Support the sustainability of designated resource lands. Do not convert these lands to other uses.

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Ensure that resource lands and their related economic activities are not adversely impacted by development on adjacent non-resource lands.

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Work to conserve valuable rural and resource lands through techniques, such as conservation programs, transfer of development rights, and the purchase of development rights. Focus growth within the urban growth area, especially cities, to lessen pressures to convert rural and resource areas to residential uses.

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Avoid growth in rural areas that cannot be sufficiently served by roads, utilities, and services at rural levels of service.

