



# Payette County Comprehensive Plan Update

## DRAFT Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

Instructions: Your input is essential to the update of Payette County's Comprehensive Plan. Please read through these DRAFT Goals, Objectives, and Strategies that will guide Payette County for the next 10-20 years. Add your comments in the "Comments" column or add edits directly in the "Goal", "Objectives", and "Strategies" columns. You're welcome to add ideas and/or indicate if you believe certain strategies are more important than others. Thank you for your participation!

Please drop your comment sheets in the box provided OR mail to Payette Planning & Zoning Department, 1130 3rd Ave. N. RM#107, Payette, ID 83661 by August 20, 2021.

Plan Element	Goal	Objectives	Strategies	Comments
Agriculture	Conserve agricultural lands for future generations by supporting agricultural uses and opportunities.	Maintain large parcel sizes for agricultural purposes, including the raising of animals, consistent with existing land characteristics, as depicted on the Future Land Use Map.	Implement the Future Land Use Map by amending the zoning ordinance and map to include a range of zoning categories with appropriate uses and development tools.	
			Initiate efforts to identify incentives to ensure conservation of large acreages (such as conservation easements, working land trusts, and land banks).	
			Support educational and economic development initiatives so new and existing farmers can continue to innovate and improve their operations.	
		Avoid the conversion of agricultural lands to residential or nonagricultural commercial uses.	Amend the Transfer of Development Rights program to ensure that receiving sites are within the Areas of City Impact or the Rural Residential area.	
			Develop standards for rural residential planned unit developments (in excess of 4 lots) that address the physical site characteristics (such as topography, soils, water, vegetation, surrounding properties, building location, site improvements, water and waste disposal systems, and other amenities) and incentivize quality site design.	
			Discourage increased housing density in agricultural areas, in order to limit potential conflicts associated with residential intrusion on agricultural operations.	
		Allow farmers to manage their operations in an efficient, economic manner with minimal conflict with nonagricultural uses.	Facilitate agricultural production by allowing agriculture related support uses, such as processing, storage, bottling, canning and packaging, and agricultural support services, to be conveniently located to agricultural operations through zoning provisions (special use permits, etc.).	
			Support efficient management of local agricultural production activities by permitting development of adequate amounts of farm worker and farm family housing in agricultural areas.	
			Limit the number of small lots in any one area to avoid the potential conflicts associated with residential intrusion on agricultural operations.	
Land Use	Balance demands for growth with the desire for preserving a rural lifestyle and responsible use of available community infrastructure and services.	Collaborate with cities to encourage industrial and commercial uses and residential subdivisions within the Areas of City Impact.	Update the Zoning Code to ensure a range of lot sizes, with the smallest lots and subdivisions permitted within Areas of City Impact identified for residential use.	
			Provide subdivision standards that allow for the future platting of subdivisions to accommodate city sewer and water, as city limits expand within Areas of City Impact.	
			Monitor growth and extension of urban services within Areas of City Impact to ensure that boundaries are appropriate and consistent with County's comprehensive plan goals and objectives.	
			Collaborate with economic development efforts to identify and support industrial parks and other large employment centers.	



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		Enhance the County's rural environment and protect diverse agricultural uses.	<p>Revise the Transfer of Development Rights program to reduce fragmentation of important agricultural lands and to direct residential development to Areas of City Impact or rural residential areas delineated on the Future Land Use Map.</p> <p>Update the Zoning Code and Map to implement the Future Land Use map allowing a range of land uses including a variety of agricultural uses and options for rural residential development.</p> <p>Develop standards to enable appropriate siting, design and development provisions for energy production and transmission facilities.</p>	
		Continue to provide excellent planning and zoning service to support County residents.	Enforce all zoning ordinances particularly those related to property maintenance and zoning code compliance.	
			Ensure that all Areas of City Impact agreements are current by establishing regular coordination meetings with City Councils and County Commissioners.	
			Support development of regional and functional plans as they relate to Payette County.	
			Revise Zoning Code to reflect the Future Land Use map and plan objectives by modifying the Transfer of Development Rights program and other appropriate code sections.	
Natural Resources / Hazardous Area	Preserve our natural resources to ensure a clean and healthy environment for all Payette County residents and visitors.	Collaborate with appropriate entities to conserve water and keep both surface and subsurface waters clean (i.e. aquifers, surface waters, drinking water sources, floodways, waterbodies, streams, rivers, and community, municipal, and domestic wells).	Implement measures to assist in preventing and minimizing potential contamination to surface waters from septic systems.	
			Consider requesting developers/builders to provide improvements to assist in the protection of surface waters as a condition of development within applicable areas.	
			Coordinate with the Idaho Water Resources Board and other appropriate entities on a regular basis regarding surface and subsurface water management.	
			Preserve major surface waters by establishing and maintaining stabilized access points for the Payette and Snake Rivers.	
		Ensure citizens are informed and engaged about decisions related to natural resources.	Ensure that new development, with a potential to impact the natural environment and resources of the County, provide required public notice prior to integration into the County.	
			Collaborate with soil conservation districts, Idaho Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Extension Services to educate the public regarding Best Management Practices.	
			Consider maintaining an updated environmental resources list for the County to encourage citizens to stay informed regarding use and conservation of natural resources.	
		Protect County residents from both natural and human-induced hazards.	Comply with the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and aim to prevent County-wide hazards.	
			Collaborate with Federal and State agencies to protect and preserve environmentally sensitive areas.	
			Ensure that appropriate measures are implemented for development in areas with canals, steep slopes, high wildfire potential, and air quality concerns.	



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Economic Development	Boost economic growth to provide greater opportunities through collaboration with local cities and leading economic sectors (to include Agriculture; Distribution & Transportation; Manufacturing; Internet Based Services; and Renewable Energies).	Ensure County functions, policies and services support and stimulate regional economic growth.	Participate in Snake River Economic Development Alliance efforts with local governments and representatives from key employers and sectors to implement joint economic development strategies.	
			Encourage development of strategies that promote the technology sector, including renewable energy opportunities.	
			Support partnerships for training and mentorship programs with industries based in Payette County to encourage pairing of local job opportunities with residents.	
			Collaborate with cities on land use decisions in keeping with Area of City Impact agreements.	
		Promote sustainable agricultural activities, agribusiness, agritourism and compatible home-based businesses.	Support agricultural uses through land use plans and policies to reduce conflicts between adjacent incompatible uses.	
			Implement County ordinances that encourage small scale agri-based businesses including agritourism enterprises.	
Transportation	Provide a transportation network that connects people and places.	Ensure roadway systems meet current and future needs.	Design roadways to meet the safety and access needs of current and future traffic conditions.	
			Actively seek various types of transportation grant funding and other available sources to support roadway improvements.	
			Consider a feasibility study to assess the need for bypass.	
			Annually evaluate the need for updates to the Payette County Road and Bridge Transportation Plan.	
		Plan and construct transportation infrastructure that will increase accessibility.	Incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities, appropriate for the location, in roadway maintenance and capital projects whenever opportunities arise and whenever feasible.	
			Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions, as well as public and private entities, to increase opportunities for varying transit options (bus routes, airports, etc.).	
		Require developers to assess potential impact to transportation facilities and to implement roadway improvements, as needed, prior to construction.		
Housing	Ensure adequate and diverse housing for existing and new residents while balancing housing needs with conserving agriculture and natural resources.	Support opportunities to create adequate and diverse housing products for the range of needs and income levels represented in Payette County.	Coordinate housing programs and policies with each city in Payette County, to ensure adequate rental and owner-occupied, single, and multifamily options.	
			Collaborate with the Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) to conduct a public engagement process to determine if the current mix of housing products is adequate for public needs.	
			Coordinate zoning ordinances updates related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) standards.	
			Revise the Zoning Code to reflect the Future Land Use Map and support plan objectives related to rural residential development within and outside of Areas of City Impact.	



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Recreation	Conserve and enhance Payette County's natural and cultural resources, while expanding access and amenities for residents and visitors.	Promote a sustainable County-wide parks and recreation, open space and waterways system.	Develop a County-wide Open Space, Parks and Waterways Plan in collaboration with local agencies and districts that addresses current and future needs, as well as implementation strategies related to parks and recreation, cultural resources, open space and waterways.	
			Provide incentives to encourage landowners and/or developers to dedicate public easements or right-of-way, expand existing parks and open space amenities and create new connections for trails and pathways.	
			Explore opportunities for a County recreation facility, to include indoor sport and community gathering spaces, that supports existing municipal facilities.	
		Protect County waterways for habitat and wildlife preservation and as crucial recreational areas.	Collaborate with Federal and State agencies (BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, etc.) to identify opportunities for enhanced habitat and wildlife preservation along County waterways.	
			As part of County-wide parks and open space planning, identify recreational opportunities (trails, picnic areas, etc.) along County waterways including the Payette River Greenway.	
			Identify and implement specific recreational access areas along the Payette and Snake Rivers.	
Public Services, Utilities and Facilities / National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors	Create a desirable and safe community that provides superior public services, facilities, and emergency response.	Support public services and County facilities to meet the needs of a growing population and future demand.	Maintain serviceability of communication systems including broadband internet, telephone, and cable.	
			Ensure National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETC), as well as power and gas transmission corridors, are considered in land use planning decisions, and minimize the adverse impacts of transmission corridors in the County.	
			Evaluate impact of population growth on landfill and implement appropriate measures to address capacity and other considerations.	
		Coordinate with public utility and service districts, as well as emergency services (fire/ambulance districts, police, etc.) for future growth to enhance access and safety.	Engage and invest in planning and maintenance of emergency preparedness and disaster response systems.	
			Collaborate with cities and special districts to consider efficiencies in consolidating services and jurisdictions.	
			Facilitate public and private partnerships to address safety concerns related to canals, wildfire, and other natural resource related issues.	
Schools and Related Transportation	Support the education needs of all County residents.	Collaborate with school districts to support the needs of County's youth.	Coordinate with the school districts on population projections and potential land expansion needs.	
			Analyze the needs of district students for Safe Routes to School in accordance with the Payette Transportation Plan Update and in coordination with cities, to examine and support opportunities for expansion of bicycle and pedestrian paths to improve school access.	
		Increase access to education for post-secondary and lifelong learning opportunities.	Provide transportation shuttle and/or additional first and last mile support services to increase the ability of County residents to access regional higher education opportunities.	
			Support educational programs provided by University of Idaho County Extension, Treasure Valley Community College, and College of Western Idaho.	