

GROWTH POLICY DRAFT OUTLINE

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- a. Vision statement (see section IV below)
- b. Goals and policies to achieve the vision (see section V below)
- c. Implementation timeline (see section VI below)

II. TABLE OF CONTENTS

III. PREFACE

- a. State laws regarding a growth policy {76-1-106(1) and 76-1-601}.
- b. A history of Flathead County.
- c. Growth policy format explanation.

IV. THE CHARACTER OF FLATHEAD COUNTY

- a. Defining community character.
- b. The seven elements of the public's vision:
 - i. Protect the views.
 - ii. Promote a diverse economy.
 - iii. Minimize traffic.
 - iv. Maintain the identity of rural communities.
 - v. Protect access to and interaction with parks and recreation.
 - vi. Properly manage and protect the natural and human environment.
 - vii. Preserve the rights of private property owners.
- c. How the vision guides the goals.

V. CREATING THE VISION

- a. Land Uses in Flathead County: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies for the successful use of land in Flathead County.
- b. Demographics and Housing: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies to achieve successful housing for the population of Flathead County.
- c. Parks and Recreation:
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies for parks and recreation
- d. The Flathead Economy: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies for achieving a successful economy in Flathead County.

- e. Public Facilities: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends
 - iii. Goals and policies to achieve a successful level of public facilities.
- f. Local Services: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies to achieve the envisioned local services.
- g. Natural Resources: {76-1-601(3) M.C.A}
 - i. Existing characteristics.
 - ii. Projected trends.
 - iii. Goals and policies to achieve successful interaction with natural resources.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY {76-1-601(3)(f) M.C.A.}

- a. Timetable for implementing the vision.
- b. Conditions that will trigger staff-initiated revisions to the growth policy and/or the vision principles.
- c. Criteria for citizen-initiated amendments to the growth policy.
- d. Monitoring compliance with the vision:
 - i. Four-year review and report to Commissioners.
 - ii. Five-year revisions if needed.
- e. Strategy for operation, maintenance and replacement of public facilities {76-1-601(3)(e) M.C.A}.

VII. NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS {76-1-601(4)(a) and (b) M.C.A}

- a. Purpose and scope of neighborhood plans.
- b. Discussion of existing neighborhood plans, including brief history.
- c. Neighborhood plan development process, including initiating a plan, community preparation of a plan and staff responsibilities.
- d. Standard format, content requirements and land use categories for neighborhood plans.

VIII. STATEMENT OF COORDINATION {76-1-601(3)(g) M.C.A}

- a. Municipal jurisdictions in Flathead County
 - i. Discussion.
 - ii. Goals and policies for cooperation.
- b. Federal, State and Tribal jurisdictions
 - i. Discussion.
 - ii. Goals and policies for cooperation.
- c. Coordination with adjacent counties.

IX. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS {76-1-601(3)(h) and 76-3-608(3)(a) M.C.A}

- a. Explanation of how Flathead County defines agriculture, agricultural water user facilities, local services, the natural environment, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and public health and safety.
- b. Explanation of how Flathead County will make decisions on proposed subdivisions based on the definitions above.
- c. Explanation of how public meetings regarding proposed subdivisions will be conducted.

X. APPENDICES

- a. Public involvement summary:
 - i. Discussion of effort up to now.
 - ii. Public participation by the numbers.
 - iii. Timeline of events.
 - iv. Public notification efforts.
 - v. Public Comments Received.
- b. Definitions.