

PLAN GOALS:

Natural Environment: *Preserve, conserve, and protect the rural character and natural environment of Pitkin County.*

Built Environment: *Ensure that all elements of the built environment—land use, transportation, housing, energy, and infrastructure—work together to reflect our community values.*

Community & Economic Health: *Pitkin County is a healthy, safe and inclusive place with an economy that supports a sustainable, equitable, year-round quality of life.*

Regional Collaboration: *Collaborate valley-wide to design and implement systemic solutions to our most challenging and complex challenges, from transportation to housing to climate. One jurisdiction cannot do it all.*

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

GOAL:

Preserve, conserve, and protect the rural character and natural environment of Pitkin County.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

MEASURE	METRICS / INDICATORS
<i>Protect critical habitats to restore and support native wildlife and biodiversity in the Roaring Fork Valley.</i>	<i>Point to Watershed Biodiversity Initiative & Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition</i>
<i>Ensure the quality, quantity, and dependability of water resources are protected and conserved, including minimum streamflows, surface and groundwater.</i>	<i>Instream flow monitoring by CWCB Pitkin County Groundwater Studies Pitkin County Water Supply Baseline (2024, appendix to Comprehensive Plan)</i>
<i>Increase protections for and monitoring of water quality in the Roaring Fork Watershed and all its tributary rivers, streams, riparian areas and wetlands.</i>	<i>Water quality monitoring by Colorado Parks & Wildlife (River Watch) and Roaring Fork Conservancy Pitkin County Healthy Rivers & Streams</i>
<i>Manage recreational activity proactively so that it preserves and protects our land, water, wildlife and quality of life.</i>	<i>As monitored by the RFOC conservation and recreation data</i>

<i>Support local working ranchers and incentivize the next generation of agricultural producers to remain in operation and maintain production.</i>	Annual Agricultural Program Reports (CSU Extension, OST)
<i>Preserve public lands, especially designated Wilderness Areas, and protect natural conditions from incompatible development, out-of-basin diversions, and resource development.</i>	Crystal Wild & Scenic Coalition White River National Forest Management Plan (including Travel Management Plan) Wilderness Workshop - monitoring & advocacy *Recent BOCC Appeal for Fed Protections
<i>Mitigate the impacts of environmental hazards with a particular focus on programs and policies to minimize the risk of wildfire.</i>	Pitkin County Wildfire Protection Plan Pitkin County Emergency Management Fire stations RF Wildfire Coalition
<i>Maintain and improve air quality throughout Pitkin County.</i>	As monitored by Pitkin County Enviro Health
<i>Retain Pitkin County's scenic quality for future generations, inclusive of the natural beauty of mountain and ridgeline views, natural topography, and the rural landscape.</i>	Compliance & enforcement of Pitkin County's Scenic View Standards

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

GOAL:

Ensure that all elements of the built environment—land use, transportation, housing, energy, and infrastructure—work together to reflect our community values.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

MEASURE	METRICS / INDICATORS
<i>Accommodate development in a way that supports community quality of life, economic sustainability, transportation and climate action goals</i>	Land Use & Building Permit data Intensity studies - climate/economic/transpo
<i>Increase incentives and standards to achieve smaller scale residential development and a reduction in energy and water consumption, embodied carbon and material waste.</i>	Permitted and Built SF Zoning Overlays w/ Max SF
<i>Require climate resilience in the built environment by avoidance of natural hazard areas and development built to withstand natural disasters.</i>	Land Use code & building code
<i>Increase availability of affordable housing near jobs for the workforce especially for first responders, educators and essential service providers.</i>	Pitkin County Housing team Housing Action Plan
<i>Reduce rural traffic and highway congestion with fewer single occupancy vehicles on Hwy 82.</i>	VMT and Traffic Counts Transportation Intensity Study

<p><i>Enhance access to a multi-modal transportation network that encourages mode shifts and first and last mile solutions, including bike and pedestrian connections to transit stops.</i></p>	<p>EOTC</p>
<p><i>Facilitate continuous year-over-year reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from waste, buildings, transportation and the airport.</i></p>	<p>As monitored by GHG Inventory & CAP</p>
<p><i>Increase electrification of buildings, transportation, and infrastructure using renewable energy with less reliance on fossil fuels</i></p>	<p>Building Codes GHG inventory & CAP Percentage of fully electric buildings in Pitkin County</p>
<p><i>Improve energy efficiency in the existing building stock.</i></p>	<p>Building Dept & Building Codes Residential energy assessment data (HERS rating scores)</p>

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC HEALTH

GOAL:

Pitkin County is a healthy, safe and inclusive place with an economy that supports a sustainable, equitable, year-round quality of life.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

MEASURE	METRICS/ INDICATORS
<i>Improved sense of belonging and connection for our community’s workforce, residents, and visitors.</i>	Public Health Indicators: Loneliness, community sites for friendship questions from 2024 Community Engagement & Behavioral Health Survey HHS: Client & Staff Satisfaction Survey
<i>More community members are able to establish roots, raise a family, make strong connections, and age in their community.</i>	Net migration population trends by age School district enrollment trends Age-Friendly Initiative Plans (every 5 years)
<i>More of the Pitkin County workforce have access to affordable and attainable housing.</i>	Number of homes transitioning from full time to second homeowners & vice versa Behavioral Health Risk Factor System State Survey
<i>Equitable access to community resources that strengthen the quality of life and wellbeing for all people in our community by providing access to services such as education, public safety, affordable and quality health care, and access to recreation, arts and culture through all phases of life.</i>	PCHS Public Health
<i>More resources allocated to support both local-serving and locally owned businesses including food production.</i>	# locally owned businesses Pounds of food delivered to local food banks & mobile pantries (Farm 2 Food Pantry Program)
<i>Increase participation in civic activities and public service.</i>	Community board openings (empty seats)
<i>Enhanced public safety in our community with a focus on preparing a coordinated wildfire evacuation plan and minimizing Highway 82 accidents.</i>	Accidents on highway 82 Regional Wildfire Collaborative Clear plan to point to w/ communications Pitkin County Wildfire Protection Plan
<i>More diversified employment opportunities for Pitkin County’s workforce.</i>	% jobs outside tourist/resort economy Development of pipeline workforce programs (CMC)

REGIONAL APPROACH

GOAL:

Collaborate valley-wide to design and implement systemic solutions to our most challenging and complex challenges, from transportation to housing to climate. One jurisdiction cannot do it all.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS:

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<i>Strengthen partnerships at the local, state and federal levels to address affordable housing.</i>	<i>Multi-jurisdictional Housing Needs Assessment West Mountain Regional Housing Coalition</i>
<i>Increase multi-jurisdictional planning to achieve progressive tactical climate resiliency and environmental adaptation measures</i>	<i>Regional Wildfire Collaborative Regional Climate Roadmap Roaring Fork Conservancy Watershed Management Plan (and other watershed management plans) Watershed Biodiversity Initiative Plan Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition</i>
<i>Achieve consistent coordination between local and regional efforts to support transportation, affordability, climate action, and environmental protections.</i>	<i>Transit/RFTA Ridership EOTC Multi-jurisdictional GHG Inventory Tracking regional socioeconomic performance indicators</i>
<i>Reduce overall regional congestion, vehicle miles traveled and the associated greenhouse gas emissions and quality of life impacts</i>	<i>Transit/RFTA Ridership VMT and Traffic Counts Transportation Intensity Study Multi-jurisdictional GHG Inventory</i>