

VISION 2050: Implement bold climate action while balancing our economy, preserving our rural and wild lands, and supporting an equitable and affordable community.

PLAN ELEMENT	POLICY AREA	DRAFT - POLICY STATEMENT	IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS	OUTCOMES ACHIEVED
Natural Environment	Water Quality/Quantity	Regulate Development to Protect Groundwater: Develop and deploy increased groundwater adequacy requirements for new development and redevelopment to ensure a renewable and sustainable physical water supply.	Land Use Code Amendments (Well pump tests, well meters, groundwater zoning overlay)	VALUE: Rural Preservation, Bold Climate Action Success Measure: <i>Ensure the quality, quantity, and dependability of water resources are protected and conserved, including minimum streamflows, surface and groundwater.</i>
Built Environment	Land Use Development Standards	Incentivize Smaller Homes Streamline and prioritize land use applications and building permit reviews to incentivize smaller homes and disturbance areas in order to reduce community impacts and traffic generation.	Land Use and Building/Energy Code Amendments	VALUE: Rural Preservation & Bold Climate Action Success Measure: <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> Success Measure: <i>Increase electrification of buildings, transportation, and infrastructure using renewable energy with less reliance on fossil fuels</i> Success Measure: <i>Continuous year-over-year reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from waste, buildings, transportation and the airport.</i> Success Measure: <i>Accommodate development in a way that supports community quality of life, economic sustainability, transportation and climate action goals.</i>
		Square Footage Tiering System: Implement increasingly more stringent and progressively more efficient development standards for new residential development and redevelopment as residential square footage increases in order to mitigate the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water consumption and traffic generation increase.		
		Performance Standards: Incentivize new and existing homes to transition to 100% electric and renewable energy and apply strict requirements to limit external energy use and reduce consumption outside the building envelope.		
		Affordable Housing Strategies: The growth we do want as a community, that meets our community values, is more affordable and middle housing. Pitkin County should look at how the Land Use Code can be revised to enable and incentivize different types of affordable housing outside of the UGBs.		
Community & Economic Health	Access to Housing	Increase Housing Stability: Support and partner on a coordinated, systemic approach to community housing to support community members in Pitkin County in obtaining and maintaining stable housing through direct services, robust partnerships, policy advocacy, and education.	Tax Mill Levy (2024); Pitkin County Housing Needs Assessment including municipalities	VALUE: Equity & Affordability, Balanced Economy Success Measure: <i>More of the Pitkin County workforce have access to affordable and attainable housing.</i>
	Economic Sustainability	Economic Diversification: Support opportunities to expand the availability of employment and income-generating activities that provide a true livable wage by diversifying industry sectors that economically support the local community.	Community partnerships including CMC	Success Measure: <i>More diversified employment opportunities for Pitkin County's workforce.</i> GOAL: Rural Preservation, Bold Climate Action Success Measure: <i>Enhanced public safety in our community with</i>

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	Public Safety and Emergency Response	Emergency Evacuation: Support emergency evacuation planning and infrastructure to support evacuation in the event of natural disasters and identify and develop secondary egress routes for various population centers throughout the County.	Hazard Mitigation Plan, Pitkin County Emergency Operations Plan	<i>a focus on preparing a coordinated wildfire evacuation plan and minimizing Highway 82 accidents.</i>
Regional Approach	Regional Priorities	Regional Coordination Priorities: Foster and strengthen regional partnerships in order to remove barriers to regional coordination and reconsider long-held norms in an effort to prioritize strategies to support transportation and community housing.	Regional Partnerships & Projects	VALUE: Equity & Affordability, Balanced Economy Success Measure: <i>Consistent coordination between local and regional efforts to support transportation, affordability, climate action, and environmental protections.</i>