

Pitkin County Vision 2050

Implementation

Matrix

The implementation matrix is an actionable roadmap that prioritizes actions in order to detail out how the policy direction can be achieved.

The actions are organized into four categories:

- > **Code Updates** These include updates to zoning, development standards, subdivision, building, and energy codes to align these regulations with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
- > **Programs & Policies** These include new or ongoing initiatives, programs, education and outreach, incentives, or services that directly advance the strategies outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.
- > **County Plans** Specific actions associated with other County Plans (e.g. Climate Action Plan or Hazard Mitigation Plan). These ensure the integration with and support for other adopted countywide plans.
- > **Partner Agencies** Coordination with partner agencies. Collaborative efforts with regional, state, and federal partners to achieve shared planning outcomes and leverage available resources.

The community values are identified with each action:



BOLD CLIMATE ACTION



RURAL PRESERVATION



BALANCED ECONOMY



EQUITY & AFFORDABILITY

NOTE: Items listed in the implementation are recommended actions and are subject to the alignment and direction from appointed and elected officials for funding, initiation, and enforcement.

PRIORITY	ACTION	LEAD PARTY	VALUES
01 Natural Resources and Biodiversity			
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Map and monitor areas identified as high conservation and restoration values that the most impactful for wildlife habitat, migration, and movement as identified in the Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Study.	Pitkin County Community Development and GIS	
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Support the work of Roaring Fork Safe Passages to reconnect wildlife movement corridors and mitigate wildlife vehicle collisions in the Roaring Fork Valley.	Roaring Fork Safe Passages	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Require new fences and any updates to existing fences meet the wildlife-friendly fencing standards as identified by Colorado Parks & Wildlife.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Monitor the presence of noxious weeds throughout the County on County managed properties.	Pitkin County Open Space & Trails	
02 Water Quality & Quantity			
HIGH	Code Updates - Increase water adequacy requirements for new development and redevelopment that require the availability of water consider minimum year supply, demonstration of water adequacy, and water conservation.	Pitkin County Community Development	HIGH
HIGH	Code Updates - Update the water adequacy requirements for groundwater wells, including requirements for well pump tests and well meters.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Establish standards to regulate ponds in an effort to support the functional agricultural use of ponds and limit non-functional amenity uses of ponds.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Establish a permitting process to limit high-water outdoor amenity consumptive uses, inclusive of water features, pools, and spas with consideration of opportunities for water recycling.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Establish a regulatory process to restrict the hauling of water for new development and redevelopment.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Establish water-wise landscaping standards for efficient outdoor water use by incorporating best practices including: limiting turf, efficient irrigation, native plant selection, and/or water budgets.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Establish a water waste ordinance.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Update the Building Code to maximize indoor water efficiency.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Consider programs and funding for maintenance/repair to aging wastewater infrastructure in an effort to support existing residents and mitigate water quality issues.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue advocate for western slope water through partnership and coordination with NWCCOG Quality/Quantity Committee.	Pitkin County Healthy Rivers	
03 Agricultural Lands			
HIGH	Code Updates - Explore peer county requirements, definitions, and permit process for agricultural structures and thresholds of commercial agriculture.	Pitkin County Community Development	

PRIORITY	ACTION	LEAD PARTY	VALUES
HIGH	Code Updates - Review definitions for agricultural structures, specifically considering revising 'greenhouse' and 'hoop house' definitions, and consider enforcement for these structures when a property receives exempt floor area for agricultural uses.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Program & Policies - Develop incentives to support agricultural production in Pitkin County including considerations for value-added products, storage needs, and processing as ways to increase earnings.	Pitkin County Community Development & CSU Extension	
MEDIUM	Partner Agencies - Engage with local agricultural stakeholders including the local cattlemen's association, Roaring Fork Farmers and Ranchers, Conservation Districts, Farmer's Markets, and farmer's union in order to ensure their perspectives are incorporated into policy making related to agricultural matters.	Pitkin County Community Development & CSU Extension	
LOW	Program & Policies - Consider programs that provide payment for ecosystem services for local agricultural producers, specifically considering the example program for Soil Health Payment for Ecosystem Services in San Miguel County.	Pitkin County CSU Extension	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to preserve agricultural lands through the use of conservation easements, conservation tax credits, open space acquisition, limited development regulations, and Transferable Development Rights.	Pitkin County Open Space & Trails	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to work with irrigators to increase irrigation efficiency and accountability through site-specific solutions and consultation with CSU Extension support.	Pitkin County CSU Extension	

04 | Air Quality

HIGH	Programs & Policies - Maintain and improve the monitoring of air quality in Pitkin County throughout the County, and with particular emphasis on monitoring the air quality impacts of the use and activities associated with Highway 82 and the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport.	Pitkin County Environmental Health	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Work with the community to develop local solutions to impacts to health from climate change, such as exploring the creation of heat and clean air shelters.	Pitkin County Environmental Health	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Advocate for the research and development of new standards at the state or federal level regarding potential health impacts from nanoparticles in order to better facilitate the measurement and monitoring of these air pollutants.	Pitkin County Environmental Health	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Enforce air quality regulations so that development does not degrade air quality and strengthen regulations, policies, and procedures to better address the impacts of construction on air quality.	Pitkin County Environmental Health	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to monitor PM10 and PM2.5 through air quality monitors and make this data available to the public via PurpleAir.	Pitkin County Environmental Health	

05 | Scenic Quality

HIGH	Code Updates - Update the Pitkin County Lighting Code in support of Dark Sky Regulations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Update the Pitkin County Land Use Code scenic view standards to develop more stringent scenic view review standards site development standards and further define development requirements to comply with scenic view criteria and consideration for interior light trespass.	Pitkin County Community Development	

06 | Public Lands and Open Space

PRIORITY	ACTION	LEAD PARTY	VALUES
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Advocate for the permanent protection of federal and state public lands.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner and coordinate stewardship of our natural resources alongside local, state, and federal land managers.	Pitkin County Open Space & Trails	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to develop Open Space Management Plans for site specific properties to balance recreation, wildlife, and scenic purposes.	Pitkin County Open Space & Trails	
07 Recreation and Tourism			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Contribute to regional planning efforts to manage conservation and recreation through the work of the Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition's Recreation and Conservation Master Plan.	Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Monitor recreational use in Pitkin County through the partnership with the Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition.	Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner and support the recreational management efforts of local, state, and federal land managers.	Pitkin County Open Space & Trails	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to provide input on federal resource management plans in order to ensure that recreational access considers the needs of local residents and visitors.	Pitkin County Community Development	
08 Environmental Hazards			
HIGH	Code Updates - Develop regulations, requirements and standards for new, existing development and redevelopment in hazard areas using best available tools and resources.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Program & Policies - Consider a County-wide study to identify priority areas where hazard risk is high and hazards may impact the most areas of residential density (e.g. dense development with high hazard risk would be highest priority).	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Program & Policies - Explore development of County-led programs and funding allocation to support neighborhood-scale hazard mitigation in existing neighborhoods.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to expand public education and awareness regarding emergency evacuations to the public via new technologies for communication, practice evacuations, and media outreach campaigns.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	Program & Policies - Continue to keep Pitkin County GIS open data portal up to date with best available digital resources for environmental hazards.	Pitkin County GIS	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to update the County Wildfire Protection Plan.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner and support local agencies (inclusive of FPDs, DFPC, CSFS, OST, BLM, and USFS) to reduce wildfire risk through the use of controlled burns, hazardous fuels reduction, and ongoing monitoring/evaluation.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	

PRIORITY	ACTION	LEAD PARTY	VALUES
01 Climate Action in the Built Environment			
HIGH	Code Updates - Update Building Code to include square footage development tiers including 'Net Zero Energy' and 'Net Zero Emissions' designations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Develop and implement programs that support existing homeowners to afford the costs associated with decarbonizing their homes including leveraging community partnerships and identifying creative funding opportunities.	Pitkin County Community Development and Pitkin County Climate Staff	
HIGH	Code Updates - Develop bold building performance standards that focus on the reduction of residential square footage and limit overall site energy consumption.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Develop a program to benchmark existing residential energy use in order to establish a comparison between actual vs projected energy use.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Develop standards and incentives that address embodied carbon and reduce impacts associated with emissions generated during the entire lifecycle of a building by considering strategies including but not limited to incentives for building systems reuse, modular construction, and use of reclaimed elements.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to update and carry out actions identified in the Climate Action Plan to meet or exceed greenhouse gas reduction targets, updated every five years, or as needed, to reflect new and evolving concerns and priorities.	Pitkin County Climate Staff	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to carry out the County Facilities Decarbonization Plan by strategically transitioning County facilities away from fossil fuels as their primary energy source and integrating decarbonization goals into ongoing capital improvements.	Pitkin County Manager's Office Staff (Assets/Resiliency)	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to partner with municipalities, adjacent counties and community partners in order to share resources, advocate for community and workforce education, and strategically coordinate regarding programs and code updates.	Pitkin County Climate Staff in conjunction with community partners	
02 Land Use			
> Land Use Patterns			
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement regulations in the Land Use Code to reduce the impacts of climate, transportation, and economic intensity associated with development and uses in rural areas. Prioritize restrictions of development and uses over allowance for mitigation to address impacts.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Update Code regulations for special events and short term rentals that reduce the impact of these activities in rural unincorporated Pitkin County.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Policies & Programs - Work collaboratively with the Town of Basalt in the development and adoption of a sub-area master plan for the Pitkin-Basalt Junction area located along the Highway 82 corridor between the Basalt Town Boundary and Snowmass Creek Rd.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Policies & Programs - Facilitate updates to Caucus area master plans to acknowledge the function of Caucuses as valuable local, geographically specific input informing land use patterns and other County policies and programs moving forward in alignment with the Pitkin County Home Rule Charter.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Policies & Programs - Review and assess implementation of Caucus Area Master Plan recommendations for Land Use Code amendments including those related to zoning modifications.	Pitkin County Community Development	

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> Development Standards			
HIGH	Code Updates - Update Floor Area Ratio and Allowable Floor Area to achieve home size appropriately scaled to the parcel size in alignment with the CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement a square footage cap for residential floor area in alignment with the CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement strategies to incentivize and streamline land use review for small homes under 5750 SF and giving even more priority to homes under 3250 SF in alignment with residential square footage tiers consistent with core climate goals and community values, in alignment with CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement a square footage tiering system for new development and redevelopment such that requirements get more stringent as house size and impacts increase, in alignment with CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement bold development standards pertaining to the development of a parcel to advance climate, natural environment, economic and quality of life goals in alignment with CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Update growth management criteria to better reflect community values of bold climate action, balanced economy, rural preservation, equity and affordability and address impacts to traffic, employment generation, affordable housing, climate and waste in alignment with the CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Establish a new floor area allocation system to allow for residential development that exceeds the residential base maximum floor area to reflect community values of bold climate action, balanced economy, rural preservation, equity and affordability and address impacts to traffic, employment generation, affordable housing, climate and waste in alignment with the CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Evaluate and consider reforms to the TDR system in order to maintain the intent of the TDR program to protect rural character while identifying opportunities to better manage impacts of additional square footage and support community quality of life values in alignment with CGAC recommendations. To that end, consider the following modifications: a.Modify the square footage value of TDRs with the intent of reducing the impacts of additional floor area on receiving sites. b.Establish a square footage value for TDRS originating from the rural and remote zone district that exceeds the square footage value of TDRs from other sending sites. c.Place a limit on the number of TDRs that may be severed from sending sites other than those located within the rural remote zone district. d.Establish a ratio that exponentially increases the number of TDRs required for additional floor area as house size increases on a receiving site. e. Manage the amount of additional residential floor area on receiving sites by establishing an annual limit on the creation of new TDRs from sending sites.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Consider opportunities to utilize zoning overlays as mechanisms to limit residential square footage, specific uses, and other requirements for development within specific geographies of the County.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Identify and implement requirements that address and increase water and energy efficiency standards beyond baseline code requirements.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates - Codify existing climate related orientation guidelines for building and driveway orientation incorporating exemptions for site specific circumstances.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Code Updates Develop standards to limit the area disturbed by buildings and development activity in order to mitigate impacts on the natural environment and rural character, address physical site constraints, environmental hazards and natural resource impacts.	Pitkin County Community Development	

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MEDIUM	Code Updates - Implement standards to require the use of only native and regionally adapted plants to our climate zone for landscapes and revegetation in order to promote biodiversity and water efficiency.	Pitkin County Community Development	
> Site Constraints			
HIGH	Code Updates - Review & adopt the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code and designate wildland interface areas.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement the Pitkin County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).	Pitkin County Community Development	
03 Community Housing			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Coordinate with municipalities to evaluate the regional housing needs for the County inclusive of municipalities.	City of Aspen	
HIGH	Code Update - Review and update the Land Use Code and County policies regarding Caretaker Dwelling Units in order to better leverage CDU units in support of Community Housing and bring existing CDUs into compliance in support of housing the local community.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Explore opportunities to further enable the conservation of existing community housing and support for new community housing through land use code pathways, County-led programs, and partnerships.	Pitkin County Housing Staff	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Develop programs that support local homeowners by offsetting the costs of maintenance, repairs, and energy efficiency upgrades to existing residences in order to promote affordability for local homeowners.	Pitkin County Community Development & Community Partners	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Identify strategies to support on-site housing for agricultural producers in order to adequately house staff needed to support local agricultural production.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to support and allocate funding to support the conversion of free-market homes to deed-restriction in order to support local, affordable, and attainable home ownership.	Pitkin County housing staff	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to support regional housing efforts through the work of regional organizations, inclusive of West Mountain Regional Housing Coalition and Habitat for Humanity Roaring Fork.	West Mountain Regional Housing Coalition	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to require development to mitigate employee housing impacts in alignment with the Pitkin County Employee Housing Impact Fee.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Explore an affordable housing credit program and other incentives to support private development of AH mitigation at or above that required by LUC.	Pitkin County Community Development	
04 Buildings			
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement bold building performance standards to advance climate goals and quality of life values in alignment with CGAC recommendations.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - In alignment with the Building Code square footage tiers, incentivise small homes in the development and redevelopment process and encourage the maintenance of existing small homes under 3250 SF by implementing tiered Land Use Code incentives including land use application/permit process priority, fee structure, and development requirements.	Pitkin County Community Development	

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HIGH	Code Updates - Update the Building Code to incorporate the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code in support of increasing building hardening and resilience for wildfires.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Investigate strategies to limit excessive interior energy use (e.g. "amenity loads") and their associated climate and community impacts.	Pitkin County Community Development	
HIGH	Code Updates - Implement regulations for redevelopment that reduce energy consumption, reduce site impacts, and reduce the overall residential square footage built in the County.	Pitkin County Community Development	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Explore opportunities to increase electric vehicle infrastructure, such as including locations for public charging stations for electric vehicles at public facilities.	Pitkin County Climate Staff/Public Works	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to research and incorporate best available technology for renewable energy, energy storage, and energy efficiency into building performance standards.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to support and promote education related to updates to codes and best practices for the professional building community, including trades persons, contractors, planners, and architects.	Pitkin County Community Development	

05 | Transportation and Mobility

HIGH	Programs & Policies - Pursue opportunities for regional transportation planning in order to coordinate land use, public transit, and development across the region.	Pitkin County Community Development , EOTC	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Explore opportunities to increase electric vehicle infrastructure, such as including locations for public charging stations for electric vehicles at public facilities.	Pitkin County Climate Staff/Public Works	
ONGOING	County Plans - Carry out the planning effort to support multi-modal transportation availability and access through the Pitkin County Airport Mobility Study.	EOTC	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to coordinate with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to implement the existing Highway 82 Access Control Management Plan to address the location of access points on Highway 82 to manage traffic flow and safety.	Pitkin County Road and Bridge	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner with and support RFTA to increase access and uptake of public transportation in order to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips within Pitkin County.	RFTA	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to monitor traffic via vehicle counters in strategic locations to better understand and document changes to traffic congestion, single-occupancy vehicle use, and vehicle emissions.	EOTC	

06 | Waste Management

HIGH	Programs & Policies - Work toward achieving the Pitkin County Waste Diversion Plan targets by 2030.	Pitkin County Solid Waste Center	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Coordinate with municipalities and adjacent community waste facilities to implement consistent waste reduction incentives and requirements across jurisdictions to achieve common climate action goals, reuse and recycle objectives and prolong the life of the Pitkin County Solid Waste Center.	Pitkin County Solid Waste Center	
ONGOING	County Plans - Carry out the solid waste management efforts in alignment with the Pitkin County Waste Diversion Plan.	Pitkin County Solid Waste Center	


07 | Resilient Infrastructure

PRIORITY	ACTION	LEAD PARTY	VALUES
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Strategically plan for electrification, climate mitigation and adaptation in County-led building and infrastructure capital projects with consideration for the siting, distribution, availability and coordination of renewable energy resources.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Consider programs and funding to support and improve existing infrastructure, inclusive of water supply, sewer, electricity, and communication systems, in alignment with county-wide goals to support affordability in existing development.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	County Plans - Allocate funding to maintain and improve existing County Road infrastructure in alignment with the Pitkin County Road Maintenance & Management Plan.	Pitkin County Road & Bridge	
08 Utilities			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Coordinate with metro districts to ensure development aligns with desired land use patterns supporting development where density can be accommodated and sustained and to support rural character.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner with energy utilities and local governments to collectively pursue efforts around grid hardening and other tactics to ensure a resilient and redundant power supply for the County as whole.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner with Holy Cross Energy and other local utilities to build a resilient and clean energy grid in alignment with the Pitkin County Climate Action Plan (e.g. microgrid).	Holy Cross Energy	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Underground new utility line installations and convert existing distribution systems from overhead to underground in order to reduce vulnerability of utility transmission and distribution lines to disruption from extreme weather and wildfires.		
09 Historic Resources			
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Encourage significant historic sites and structures to register for historic designation per the Historic Preservation Regulations in the Land Use Code.	Pitkin County Community Development	

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01 Healthy Community			
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Prioritize resources, programming, and funding to increase access to mental health services for Pitkin County residents and its workforce.	Pitkin County Human Services and Public Health	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Ensure that the priorities and actions identified in the Public Health Behavioral Health Strategic Plan are carried out.	Pitkin County Public Health	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Initiate efforts to evaluate and implement strategies in support of chronic disease prevention.	Pitkin County Public Health	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Explore opportunities to promote housing stability through programs that recognize the connection between housing stability and other health indicators.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to support the health of our community by allocating funding and resources to County programs and community partner organizations through the Pitkin County Healthy Community Fund.	Pitkin County Human Services	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to implement programs that support children and youth health through tobacco prevention and monitoring substance use throughout the Roaring Fork Valley.	Pitkin County Human Services	
02 Healthy Economy			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Explore new partnerships with municipalities, regional entities, and community organizations to enhance support for local businesses and the workforce across all sectors.		
MEDIUM	Partner Agencies - Identify strategies and mechanisms to establish partnerships with higher education in order to support workforce development, training, technology, and education to address the evolving needs of the workforce and promote economic diversification.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Identify opportunities to increase access to affordable commercial space for local businesses, including preserving existing commercial space and considerations for deed restrictions for commercial space in order to enhance support for local businesses.		
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to partner with community organizations to identify needs, challenges, and opportunities for the local business community and workforce for Pitkin County.		
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to drive forward bold climate action in all sectors with the recognition that our local economy is intrinsically tied to the health of our rivers, public lands, and air.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to allocate resource to support the work of the Financial Empowerment Center of the Rockies, which provides free, professional, one-on-one financial counseling services to all residents of Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield counties.	Pitkin County Human Services	
03 Lifelong Services			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Provide support and funding for early childhood education in order to increase access, availability, and affordability of childcare for Pitkin County residents and workforce.		
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to carry out the programs to support older adults through Pitkin County Senior Services.	Pitkin County Human Services	
ONGOING	County Plans - Plan for Pitkin County residents throughout the life course through continued updates to the Pitkin County Age Friendly Initiative.	Pitkin County Human Services	

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04 Local Food			
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Explore opportunities to better support local food producers including streamlining regulations and providing for the necessary structures & infrastructure, distribution locations, land leases for local food production, and the potential development of community gardens.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to partner and allocate funding to local agencies who work directly to increase access to food, distribute food, manage food pantries, and to promote food security.	Pitkin County Human Services	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to support coalition work that studies regional food insecurity and provides planning and direction to improve access to healthy and sufficient food.	Pitkin County Human Services	
05 Public Safety & Emergency Response			
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Enhance communications for emergencies where needed to ensure emergency messages can reach everyone in the community regardless of language or accessible needs.	Pitkin County Emergency Operations and Communications	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to update and implement the Pitkin County Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan.	Pitkin County Emergency Operations	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Coordinate health services between hospitals, emergency medical services, outpatient physicians, and community partner organizations.	Pitkin County Emergency Operations	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to support and increase bilingual communications for emergencies, utilizing best practices through Pitkin Alert to ensure communications are distributed in both English and Spanish.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	County Plans - Ensure access and functional needs are considered in emergency response planning by implementing the Access and Functional Needs Emergency Preparedness Plan.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Support community partners that focus on outdoor and mountain safety and education, such as Mountain Rescue.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
06 Hazard Mitigation			
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Coordinate between Pitkin County departments including Emergency Management, Communications, Community Development, and Human Services to integrate hazard mitigation planning into current programming and operations.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to maintain the best available hazard mapping resources on Pitkin County GIS including fire risk, flood, avalanche, debris flow layers for public access.	Pitkin County GIS	
ONGOING	County Plans - Continue to carry out planning for and updates to the Pitkin County Hazard Mitigation Plan.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Support community partners that provide wildfire resources for our community, such as the Wildfire Risk Map provided by Aspen Fire Dept, among others.	Pitkin County Emergency Management	

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01 Regional Transportation			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Coordinate with partners to establish regional transportation goals alongside municipalities, adjacent counties and community partners in order to facilitate shared understanding and alignment of priorities.	Pitkin County EOTC	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Pursue opportunities for regional transportation planning in order to coordinate land use, public transit, and development across the region.	Pitkin County Community Development, EOTC	
HIGH	Programs & Policies - Engage the regional workforce who utilize Highway 82 for their working commutes in order to determine how solutions presented by up-valley communities will impact those who live downvalley.	Pitkin County Community Development, EOTC	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Identify best practices from other communities in order to determine which strategies to address transportation may function within our local community dynamics.	Pitkin County EOTC	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to support and partner with RFTA to increase transit ridership and promote uptake of public transportation and coordinated regional planning.	RFTA	
02 Regional Climate			
HIGH	Partner Agencies - Participate in the Regional Net Zero Roadmap with municipalities and regional partners.	Pitkin County Climate Staff	
MEDIUM	Programs & Policies - Consider the creation of specific task forces to support regional collaboration between planning departments on specific topics, such as - but not limited to - hazard mitigation, climate adaptation, and waste reduction.	Pitkin County Community Development	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to support and partner with regional climate-focused partners inclusive - but not limited to - CORE, CLEER, Walking Mountains, and other similar organizations.	Pitkin County Climate Staff	
03 Watershed Wide Environmental Protections			
ONGOING	Programs & Policies - Continue to support and manage County Open Space to further support environmental protections throughout the Roaring Fork Watershed.	Pitkin County Open Space and Trails	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to support the work of Aspen Valley Land Trust to protect and conserve landscapes throughout the Roaring Fork Watershed.	Aspen Valley Land Trust	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to utilize the Roaring Fork Biodiversity and Connectivity Study (2022) and the Watershed Biodiversity Initiative to study and document biodiversity on a landscape scale.	Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Initiative	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to participate in the Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition and subsequent partners to find solutions to manage conservation and recreation activities throughout the Roaring Fork Watershed.	Roaring Fork Outdoor Coalition	
04 Strategic Partnerships			
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to identify and support partnerships and networks for mutual benefit to support the Pitkin County community.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Coordinate with municipal planning staff at City of Aspen, Town of Snowmass Village, and Town of Basalt regarding regional planning concerns especially related to housing and transportation.	Pitkin County Community Development - Long Range Staff	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Maintain existing and pursue new intergovernmental agreements to facilitate implementation of common land use goals, community values, and cooperation.	Pitkin County Attorney Office	

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ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Engage with CSU Extension to identify opportunities to leverage resources to support our community.	Pitkin County Manager's Office	
ONGOING	Partner Agencies - Continue to participate and support the work of the Roaring Fork Wildfire Collaborative to make the Roaring Fork Valley more wildfire resilient.	Roaring Fork Valley Wildfire Collaborative	