

Community Character/Urban Design

Goal: Maintain, Build Upon and Promote the Town's Image as a Unique, Eclectic Non-Resort Town with a Strong Sense of Community

- Encourage and promote the use of public venues for a wide range of community events
- Consider size limits for residential structures
- Develop Town signage including information kiosks, gateway signs and way-finding system
- Develop and implement methods to maintain the Town's eclectic architecture, scale and vibrant color palette
- Investigate methods to preserve and protect historic structures
- Incorporate local public art into new development and public improvements
- Support and enhance the Minturn Market as an integral part of downtown
- Enforce ordinances aimed at maintaining the health, safety, welfare and aesthetic of the Town – snow, trash, nuisance abatement and zoning/land use
- Encourage development to utilize non intrusive lighting systems
- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement
- Allow a variety of lot sizes (small and large lot) as appropriate to specific areas

Sustainability and Green Building Practices

Goal: Encourage Green and Sustainable Practices throughout the Community

- Develop and incorporate green building guidelines that address resource efficiency, indoor air quality and on-site energy generation
- Incorporate low impact development (LID) standards for site design into development requirements
- Promote and Encourage increased opportunities for businesses, residents and town government to recycle
- Incorporate 'Firewise' guidelines in building and site-planning practices

Goal: Develop and Practice Green and Sustainable Processes

- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
- Develop and insure the integrity of a comprehensive recycling program for Town facilities
- Ban the use of plastic bags in the Town

Land Use/Transportation

Goal: Enhance the Town's Status as a Walkable and Bikeable Community

- Develop a future land use plan for the entire Town (land use element of this Community Plan) which encourages a compatible mix of land uses promoting mass transit, the use of bicycles and increased walk-ability/accessibility
- Develops comprehensive parking plan for the Town which offers alternative parking strategies aimed at increasing parking efficiency /ease of development/redevelopment
- Promote the development of a cohesive downtown
- Support and Promote the expansion of public transit service to outlying communities
- Promote redevelopment areas as mixed-use centers
- Partner with owners of large land holdings on mutually beneficial redevelopment projects

Affordable Housing

Goal: Promote Affordable Housing

- Leverage town owned property for the development of affordable housing
- Develop a housing assistance program for Town employees and qualified Town residents
- Promote the development of housing opportunities for all income levels throughout all areas of Town
- Develop an affordable housing program
- Allow a variety of lot sizes (small and large lot) as appropriate to specific areas

Public Services and Facilities

Goal: Ensure that Public Facilities are Planned and Implemented to Support New Growth and Existing Population Centers

- Implement streetscape improvements with pedestrian scale site elements including sidewalks, paving, signage and site furnishings
- Develop a Capitol Improvement Plan prioritizing upgrades to existing infrastructure including roads, water and storm water drainage and pedestrian/bicycle amenities
- Ensure that impacts from new development on existing infrastructure are mitigated
- Incorporate the concept of green infrastructure into the planning and design of improvements to Town systems
- Develop and implement a comprehensive sidewalk and trails plan addressing both accessibility and bicycles
- Develop and implement a plan to bury utilities throughout the Community
- Support and Promote infrastructure which is attractive to small business – snow removal, loading zones, sidewalks
- Incorporate the future use of alternative energies into planning processes

Economic Development

Goal: Diversify the Town's Economy

- Encourage and provide incentives for business to locate in the Downtown area
- Encourage the development of flexible space in commercial areas – space that whose use can be easily adjusted as market conditions permit (office to retail to restaurant)
- Attract essential services necessary to form a ‘complete’ community – grocery, pharmacy, hardware store, movie theatre
- Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy promoting the Town
- Utilize redevelopment opportunities to help expand and diversify the Town's economic/employment base
- Support and Promote practices which are attractive to small business – infrastructure, taxes, city services
- Investigate opportunities for future annexations
- Develop a web-portal which promotes the Town

Natural Resources

Goal: Protect and Promote the Eagle River as a Community Asset

- Support and fund ongoing river restoration efforts
- Improve and enhance public access to the Eagle River
- Strengthen development standards supporting habitat restoration and protection of the river
- Promote the Eagle River as a focal point of the community/gathering space

Goal: Protect and Promote USFS lands as a Community Asset

- Maintain and Improve access to public lands
- Promote development of USFS lands where appropriate

Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Environmentally Sensitive Lands

- Examine existing hillside development regulations for improvement
- Maintain historic wildlife migration corridors

Goal: Preserve, Protect and Enhance Ridgelines and View Corridors

- Develop methods to regulate development on ridgelines and preserve specific view corridors

Parks and Recreation

Goal: Enhance Recreational Opportunities for all Town Residents and Visitors

- Support and promote the development of a regional trail system
- Support and promote the development of a centralized gathering space in the downtown area
- Investigate opportunities for the development of playgrounds and parks
- Maintain and improve access to open space
- Maintain and improve access to the Eagle River
- Support and promote the development of recreational facilities and programs for multiple user groups