

Guiding Principles

- Concentrate future growth within existing municipal boundaries.
- Create greenbelts/open spaces as buffers between communities.
- Preserve the unique character of existing downtown and town centers.
- Focus future annexations primarily on enclaves.
- Promote fiscally efficient growth and land use patterns.
- Protect private property rights.
- Ensure equal participation by municipalities, residents and the county in planning for the unincorporated areas.
- Facilitate relationship building and communication between communities.

Action Strategies

Intergovernmental Coordination

- Enter into new Interlocal agreements to transition the CVPC into a planning council/commission to advance the countywide vision.
- Create a multi-jurisdictional task force to amend the Boundary Adjustment Act.
- Pursue legislation to allow for easier annexation of enclaves.
- Adopt a new model template for transition of service agreements that distinguishes between rural and urban service.

Comprehensive Planning

Enter into joint planning area agreements for the unincorporated areas to:

- Evaluate county and municipal comprehensive plans within the context of the countywide vision.
- Integrate the countywide vision into county and municipal comprehensive plans.
- Develop special area plans within each community's Reserve Area and Extraterritorial Reserve Area based upon the countywide vision.
- Create an incentive program to encourage private landowners to keep their lands in active agricultural use or as undeveloped preserve areas.
- Create a Springs Protection overlay district in the northwest quadrant of the County.

Direct Growth toward Existing Centers

- Seek funds to provide technical planning assistance to all communities to implement these action strategies.
- Seek funds to assist small towns in funding needed infrastructure improvements to build capacity and spur downtown revitalization.
- Develop a countywide economic development strategy to identify opportunities for growth in each municipality consistent with each individual community's economic goals.