

**The Commission should do an analysis of the Goals and Objectives identified in the 2018 Valley County Comprehensive Plan, as listed, for consideration during deliberations and preparation of a compatibility rating:**

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**CHAPTER 2:                    POPULATION**

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**Goal I: Accommodate growth and development while protecting quality of life within Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Maintain or improve existing levels of service as new growth occurs.
2. Evaluate the likely impact on the costs of services for new growth to ensure it does not create an undue hardship for Valley County residents.
3. Collaborate with other regional partners and communities.

**Goal II:     Retain the rural/small town character enjoyed by residents and visitors in Valley County.**

**Objective:**

1. Consider the community's stated vision to retain its attractive rural character and existing advantages for the future: In 2030, Valley County will have more people and more businesses, but will retain the character of small towns in a rural setting.

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**CHAPTER 3:                    PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

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**Goal I: Protect individual private property rights while considering community rights.**

**Objectives:**

1. Design all provisions of the Comprehensive Plan in order to protect both private property rights and the community's rights to have a safe and healthy community.
2. Protect private property from the negative effects of recreational uses (trespassing, property damage, opened gates) and nearby incompatible uses.
3. Protect each citizen in the community from unsafe and unhealthy conditions caused or worsened by activities, uses, structures, buildings or other factors located on someone else's privately owned property.
4. Implement the Plan, in order: "...to ensure that land use policies, restrictions, conditions and fees do not violate private property rights, adversely impact property values or create unnecessary technical limitations on the use of property..."(Idaho Code section 67-6508(a)).
5. Design land use regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community, avoiding any unnecessary conditions, delays, and costs.
6. Protect all persons from being deprived of private property without due process of law.

7. Use the following generalization of the **Idaho Attorney General's checklist** as an implementation tool:
- a. Does the regulation or action result in a permanent or temporary physical occupation of private property?
  - b. Does the regulation or action require a property owner to dedicate a portion of property, or to grant an easement? (If yes, the dedication must be designed to compensate directly for adverse impacts of the proposed development.)
  - c. Does the regulation or action deprive the owner of all economically viable uses of the entire property?
  - d. Does the regulation or action have a significant impact on the landowner's economic interest in the property as a whole? (If yes, the impact must not be a severe reduction in value.)
  - e. Does the regulation or action deny any fundamental attribute of ownership, such as the ability to possess, to exclude others, or to dispose of the property?
  - f. Does the regulation or action serve the same purpose that would be served by directly prohibiting the use or action; and does the condition imposed substantially advance that purpose?

If the answer to any of the above question is "yes" the implementation tool must be limited to ensure private property rights are not compromised to the degree financial compensation from the county to the landowner would be required. The Idaho Attorney General's Office periodically changes guidelines. The latest updates can be found at [www.ag.idaho.gov](http://www.ag.idaho.gov).

#### **CHAPTER 4: NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Goal I: Conserve and manage groundwater and surface water in all its forms in order to prevent depletion or pollution.**

**Objectives:**

1. Orient watershed management practices toward the improvement and maintenance of ground and surface water quality throughout Valley County.
2. Take an active role, regarding water quality and quantity, by participation in the revision of the plans of the National Forests and Bureau of Reclamation.
3. Encourage open space buffers adjacent to rivers and creeks in order to preserve riparian areas.
4. Promote agricultural practices which protect and improve water quality and the expansion of those practices.
5. Protect the recreational value of the county's water bodies and water courses.

6. Protect important riparian areas by:
  - a) Promoting the designation and mapping of critical areas.
  - b) Promoting the preservation of riparian habitats and stream conditions.
  - c) Promoting the rehabilitation and enhancement of degraded riparian habitat and stream conditions.
7. Encourage improvement of irrigation water management practices which conserve water and reduce ground and surface water pollution or contamination.
8. Promote the use of geothermal resources for recreation or commercial useage and conduct additional studies
9. Encourage the retention of existing wetlands in order to protect water quality and establishment of new wetlands.

**Goal II: Preserve and protect the rich natural resources, assets, property values, animals, and people in Valley County from the threat of wildfire.**

**Objectives:**

1. Promote planned developments through the use of the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Protection Plan portions of the Subdivision Regulations for new subdivisions.
2. Educate landowners about defensible space around new and existing structures.
3. Educate landowners on available resources.
4. Encourage landowners to annually treat hazardous vegetative fuels to reduce wildfire risk, increase water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.
5. Consider firewise implementation on private properties.
6. Promote firewise implementation on state and federal lands.
7. Promote responsible grazing on federal and state forests to reduce fuels in appropriate areas.

**Goal III: To protect fish and wildlife as natural resources of critical importance in Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Valley County shall encourage:
  - a) Preservation, protection, and enhancement of wildlife and fish.
  - b) Preservation of open space buffers adjacent to rivers and creeks for wildlife and fish habitat.
  - c) Preservation of historical wildlife movement corridors.
2. Valley County shall take an active role in the revision of the National Forests' plans and Bureau of Reclamation's Resource Management Plans.

**Goal IV: To maintain sustainable commercial harvesting and use of renewable timber land resources.**

**Objective:**

1. Take an active role in the revision of the National Forests' plans and state timber management plans to improve forest health.
2. Support responsible and sustainable forest management activities, including logging and firewise activities.

**Goal V: To assure mining remains a viable element in Valley County's economy.**

**Objective:**

1. Encourage mining if it meets environmental standards and complies with water quality goals.

**Goal VI: To protect vegetation as a valuable resource in Valley County.**

**Objective:**

1. Promote the protection of vegetated areas in Valley County from the intrusion of invader species plants and noxious weeds by supporting noxious weed eradication.

**Goal VII: To ensure impacts of various uses on state lands do not overload Valley County infrastructure.**

**Objective:**

1. Pursue cooperative efforts to work with State of Idaho Department of Lands to manage land use and recreation uses on state endowment lands.
2. Encourage local elected officials to communicate with the State Land Board.
3. Help the state develop management tiers for different uses.

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**CHAPTER 5: HAZARDOUS AREAS**

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**Goal I: To protect the health and safety of Valley County residents and visitors from the impacts of natural hazards.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage appropriate agencies to disseminate information about radon gas with measures to reduce the risk to human health.
2. Continue Valley County's participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA)

flood insurance program.

- a) Promote the program by providing information to the public, realtors, title companies, and lending institutions.
  - b) Promote consideration by the Army Corps of Engineers to certify the dam on Lake Cascade for flood protection.
3. Retain existing regulations that prohibit or control construction, development, and filling in designated flood prone areas.
  4. Encourage uses in floodplains which will incur or cause minimal damage if there is flooding.
  5. Participate with Avalanche Forecast Center.
  6. Continue to require engineering for all structures, except utility buildings, to protect against damage from earthquakes.

**Goal II: To protect the health and safety of Valley County residents and visitors, structural and infrastructure assets, and wildlife/natural resources from wildfires and the aftermath of wildfires.**

**Objectives:**

1. Recognize the Wildland-Urban Interface Wildfire Mitigation Plan portion of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan – commonly referred to as the County Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), an annually updated plan which includes a Wildfire Risk Assessment Map.
2. Utilize the Wildland Urban Interface Fire Protection Plan portion of the Subdivision Regulations to guide new and renewed applications toward recognizing wildland fire risk.
3. Encourage property owners to review the Wildfire Section of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and reduce the wildland fire risk in their communities and areas of risk.
4. Encourage property owners in the WUI to be proactive and learn how to prepare and protect their homes and businesses from the threat of uncontrolled wildland fire. Each and every homeowner is personally responsible for creating and maintaining effective defensible space.

**Goal III: To mitigate effects of disasters on Valley County residents and visitors, structural and infrastructure assets, and wildlife/natural resources from all hazards.**

**Objectives:**

1. Participate with other communities in the West Central Mountains in developing the All Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Educate residents and visitors of potential hazards. Enlist first contact professions such as realtors, title companies, financial institutions, etc.

## **CHAPTER 6: SPECIAL AREAS AND SITES**

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**Goal I: To identify, protect and maintain historically significant buildings and sites within Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Promote continued identification and mapping of cultural and historical resources within the county.
2. Promote establishment of buffer zones surrounding historically significant buildings and sites.
3. Explore ways to provide incentives for owners of historically significant buildings to preserve and maintain them.

**Goal II: To recognize the waterways and water bodies in Valley County as special areas.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage formation of a citizens group to develop a specific plan for the North Fork of the Payette River between Payette Lake and Lake Cascade.
2. Work with local, state and federal agencies to provide improvements to waterways within the county.
3. Encourage retention of vegetation along specific waterways.

**Goal III: To recognize important wildlife habitats.**

**Objectives:**

1. Consider the needs of fish and wildlife in policies and regulations for the preservation of water quality.
2. Include consideration of the needs of the fisheries and wildlife resources of the areas in specific plans for the North Fork of the Payette River, and other watercourses or water bodies.
3. Consider the effects on wildlife ecosystems in development and special area protection decisions.

**Goal IV: To identify, protect and maintain scenic byways and drives within Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Promote continued identification and mapping of scenic drives throughout the county.
2. Continue to work with the West Central Mountains Economic Development Council and various agencies in the preservation of the scenic qualities on the Payette River National Scenic Byway.

## **CHAPTER 7:       TRANSPORTATION**

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**Goal I:       To improve county-wide transportation.**

**Objectives:**

1. Maintain the comprehensive county wide transportation plan.
2. Encourage coordination of road construction and maintenance decisions between the various agencies with jurisdiction.
3. Encourage improving road conditions and better road maintenance, rather than construction of new roads.
4. Encourage the three cities to maintain extensions of county collector roads to county standards or better.
5. Seek to balance protection of the public investment in airports with private property rights and the importance of quiet in our communities.
6. Explore acquisition of abandoned railroad rights-of-way for use as future transportation corridors.
7. Continue to utilize a Road Surface Management System to prioritize future improvements.
8. Encourage participation of developers in Capital Improvements to roads by requiring them to contribute property or funds through Road Development Agreements.

**Goal II:       To ensure that roadways in new development are properly planned for good circulation, will provide for future expansion needs, and are aesthetically pleasing.**

**Objectives:**

1. Discourage new development of permanent dead-end roads.
2. Encourage underground utilities in new developments.
3. Use design techniques for new development along Highway 55 and major collectors in order to reduce turning movements and preserve the safety and future capacity.

**Goal III:     To seek continued improvements for State Highway 55.**

**Objectives:**

1. Acknowledge the Payette River Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan for State Highway 55 and its proposed alternate routes.
2. Improve design and landscaping standards for the corridor.



3. Encourage shared access points or shared access roads where appropriate.
4. Encourage development to accommodate for designated corridors along future alternate routes.

**Goal IV: To develop a valley-wide pathway system.**

**Objectives:**

1. Endeavor to develop a valley-wide pedestrian pathway system in Valley County that connects to the pathway systems now under planning and development in the City of McCall, the City of Donnelly, and the City of Cascade.
2. Work with developers who come forward with new subdivisions and other development projects to obtain easements and finished pathways in areas where the developments overlay key pathway corridors in Long Valley, as identified in the Valley County Concept Master Plan. The objective is to capture opportunities to develop new pathways as part of new developments when the developments overlay key pathway corridors. Easements obtained from developers should be held by Valley County government.
3. The Valley County Pathway Committee should work with the Valley County Road and Bridge Department to collaboratively look for opportunities to incorporate pedestrian and bicycling facilities into the design of road and bridge projects in areas where regional pathways are proposed and elsewhere.
4. The Valley County Pathways Committee should work with existing landowners and subdivision owners to obtain temporary and long-term access agreements to open key pedestrian pathway corridors to the general public. These negotiations should be done in a way that respects landowners' private property rights. Any temporary or long-term access agreements should be held by Valley County government.
5. Developers should be encouraged to develop neighborhood pathways, bike lanes and/or sidewalks in areas near regional pathway corridors so people living in adjacent neighborhoods can connect to the regional pathway system.
6. The Valley County Pathway Committee should work with the Valley County Road and Bridge Department to create multiple options for financing and maintaining a valley-wide pathway system.
7. Pathway systems should comply with minimum design standards and guidelines as outlined in the Idaho Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
8. After new pathways are built in Valley County, the Valley County Pathways Committee should work with the county to create a map and brochure of valley pathways.
9. A uniform signage system for Valley County pathways should be developed, and trailheads with rest rooms should be developed in strategic locations.
10. The objectives of developing a valley-wide pathway system include:



- a. Creating new opportunities for recreation and for people to commute to work or shopping areas without using fossil fuels.
- b. Enhancing public safety for families, children, seniors and others who use pedestrian pathways.
- c. Boosting local economies.
- d. Providing transportation links to culturally or historically valuable areas.
- e. Tying together parks, schools, waterways and communities.
- f. Creating opportunities for people to improve physical fitness and healthy lifestyles.
- g. Enhancing our community's quality of life.
- h. Preserving open space corridors.

## **CHAPTER 8:        HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DESIGN**

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**Goal I:        To encourage an adequate supply and variety of affordable and quality housing types for the local residents including current and future, working and retired.**

### **Objectives:**

- 1. Encourage local employers to provide worker housing.
- 2. Encourage affordable housing to be located in a wide range of locations.
- 3. Applications for development of manufactured home communities shall be treated in the same manner as for site-built homes.
- 4. Encourage economic, ethnic and social diversity in neighborhoods.
  - a. Integrate Community Housing on-site in new developments.
  - b. Establish policies to allow ADU's in residential subdivisions for the purpose of adding affordable housing for workforce housing, the elderly, and families in transition.

**Goal II:        To encourage existing subdivisions to improve their standards for infrastructure and public services.**

### **Objectives:**

- 1. Encourage developers that propose expansion or redevelopment of existing subdivisions to improve infrastructure and services.

2. Encourage neighborhoods to participate in local improvement districts or other improvement districts.
3. Encourage infilling of existing subdivisions which meet current standards, where infrastructure is provided, and when services are nearby.

**Goal III: To encourage innovative and attractive designs for new development, preservation of the rural flavor of the region, and protection of special areas.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage landscaping standards which mitigate potential impacts.
2. Encourage clustering of buildings within developments when it will preserve special areas, scenic views, or open space.
3. Encourage the preservation of views and rural openness as design considerations.
4. Promote sign regulations which ensure signage will be attractive and not excessive.
5. Encourage developers to promote the scenic aspects of existing water courses, forests, and natural topography as design considerations.
6. Discourage the use of continuous berms in scenic areas.
7. Encourage mitigation and reclamation of impacts created by hillside grading.
8. Adopt design standards for commercial and industrial development that provides buffering and screening around their perimeters.
9. Promote buffers and screening between agricultural and non-agricultural uses.
10. Valley County shall not adopt or enforce zoning, community development or subdivision regulations or ordinances which disallow the plans and specifications of a manufactured home community solely because the housing within the community will be manufactured homes.

**Goal IV: To encourage new development in or near the existing cities and communities in Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage industrial and commercial services to locate within the cities and within their areas of impact or areas with similar uses.

**Goal V: Provide a variety of quality housing types for current and future working and retired residents.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage or provide for affordable housing.

**Actions:**

- a. Consider creating micro and tiny housing developments.
- b. Encourage inclusionary housing.
- c. Amend land use ordinance to increase densities in areas supported by sewer and where it is compatible with surrounding land uses.
- d. Continue allowing accessory units.
- e. Promote employer managed Housing Co-Ops.
- f. Strive to keep construction costs low.

2. Encourage economic, ethnic and social diversity in neighborhoods.

**Actions:**

- a. Integrate Community Housing on-site in new developments.

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**CHAPTER 9: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**Goal I: To promote and encourage activities which will maintain a strong, diversified economy.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage regional economic development and marketing efforts.
2. Consider the long-term impacts and benefits on the local economy and environment of each proposed new commercial and industrial activity.
3. Maintain the important role of the timber industry, tourism, outdoor recreation, mining, and agriculture in the local economy.
  - a) Encourage management of our Federal Lands to improve both forests and ecosystem health, which will provide a sustainable yield of forest products.
  - b) Support "multiple use" on public lands.
4. Support vital workforce development and regional training initiatives to ensure economic sustainability in the long term.
5. Promote regional solutions and analysis.
6. Continue to support the West Central Mountains Economic Development Council.
7. Improve infrastructure where possible, including enhancement of broadband and telecommunications.

## **CHAPTER 10: RECREATION and OPEN SPACE**

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**Goal I: To promote and support a viable recreation and tourism program that is in harmony with the Land Use section of this plan.**

**Objective:**

1. Create improvements and add more varied opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation for the enhancement of leisure time by people of all ages.
2. Encourage new developments to provide and maintain on-site developed recreational facilities, parks, greenbelts, pathways, or open space.
3. Promote the development of new recreation facilities when they are compatible with Land Use goals.
4. Protect access to public lands.
5. Consider the county's natural resources which are important to recreation, such as open space areas; riparian areas; lakes, rivers and creeks; and, wildlife populations and habitats.

**Goal II: To promote and support acquisition and protection of open space that is in harmony with the Land Use section of this plan.**

1. To communicate with land trusts.
2. To promote clustering of structures in new developments so as to preserve open space while allowing density.

**Goal III: To promote and support acquisition and protection of our trail systems and recreation sites.**

1. To actively pursue identification of recreation trails that provide access to public lands.
2. To obtain easements to key trail systems.
3. To consider purchase of easements and property that is key to our recreation access points.
4. Continue to develop facilities and infrastructure for all recreation uses.

## **CHAPTER 11: PUBLIC FACILITIES, UTILITIES AND SERVICES**

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**Goal I: To establish a Capital Improvements Program.**

**Objectives:**

1. Prevent the effect new growth has on costs for services so that it does not drive up the costs for services to the point where they cause a hardship for Valley County citizens.

2. Recognize that levels of service vary throughout the county and are dependent upon numerous factors.
3. Land purchasers in remote developments shall be furnished a brochure, tailored after Colorado's Code of the West, explaining that levels of services may be limited to their properties.

**Goal II: To assure that new development pays for its own impacts on facilities, utilities, and services.**

**Objectives:**

1. Ensure that necessary infrastructure improvements for new development shall be provided for prior to need. Coordination of utilities and services with land use plans will maximize efficiency and minimize costs.
2. New development shall not be allowed to overload existing services.

**Goal III: To promote and protect the livability, vitality, and social needs of the residents of the county.**

**Objectives:**

1. Promote the highest level of fire protection possible given existing and anticipated needs and resources.
2. Ensure the continued functioning of existing irrigation systems.
3. Encourage the development of adequate water and sewer systems that meet current and anticipated needs while protecting the public health.
4. Encourage the development of solid waste disposal systems that safely meet the current and anticipated needs of the county and its municipalities; and, to include the encouragement of recycling.
5. Minimize environmental pollution.
6. Promote cultural enrichment and creative pursuits by establishing appropriate public facilities and services.
7. Achieve coordination and integration of development efforts throughout the county as they are affected by various local, state and federal agencies.
8. Encourage development of uniform codes and ordinances which take into account the area's climate.
9. Establish procedures by which residents will be informed and involved in local government.
10. Cooperate with agencies to reduce the threat of wildland fire to remote areas or private property.
11. Promote the use and development of alternative energy uses.

**Goal IV: Coordinate with providers to develop plans for energy services and public utility facilities for the long-term energy and utility needs of Valley County.**

**(Facilities)**

1. Promote the development of energy services and public utility facilities to meet public needs.
2. Encourage the enhancement of the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.
3. Encourage the multiple-use of utility corridors by utility providers.
4. Support longer term (10 year) conditional use permits to enable utilities to purchase sites well in advance of needing to build substations.
5. Support siting of utility corridors within identified or designated transportation corridors and allow the appropriate placement of facilities on public rights-of-way.
6. Recognize need of siting of utility corridors to ensure that they connect to similar facilities in adjacent jurisdictions.
7. Impacts should be kept to a minimum and mitigated in a way so as not to jeopardize wetlands and other critical areas while recognizing that electric facilities sometimes must cross these areas; and, be conscious that access is essential for repair and maintenance of the facilities, so long as impacts are kept to the least amount of impact.

**(Sustainability & Energy Efficiency)**

1. Promote conservation of energy through support of public education, incentives and other tools that encourage conservation.
2. Adopt and implement guidelines and standards for energy conservation practices.
3. Encourage LEEDS (Leadership in Environment and Energy Design) certification for all construction including public buildings.
4. Create and use incentives for energy-efficient design in private development and construction.
5. Partner with Idaho Power to develop and promote sustainability programs for new construction and development as well as for existing businesses and homes.
6. Encourage the enhancement of the capacity and reliability of renewable energy resources.

**(Economic Development)**

1. Recognize the need for utility facilities that are sufficient to support economic development.
2. Encourage Idaho Power to make additions to and improvements of electric utility facilities that

provide adequate capacity for projected growth.

3. Encourage Idaho Power to work with Valley County to provide periodic update of population, employment, and development projections. The County and Idaho will seek to jointly evaluate actual patterns and rates of growth, and compare such patterns and rates to electrical demand forecasts.

**(Other Services and Utilities Goals)**

1. Encourage all utilities to be under ground at the time of development.
2. Designate the general locations and visual impacts of existing and proposed electric facilities.
3. Work to encourage communication and cooperation on landscape, design and locating future facilities to limit visual impacts.
4. Encourage Idaho Power to establish sites for new electric facilities before development occurs and provide sufficient buffers and setbacks from residential use.

**CHAPTER 12: EDUCATION**

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**Goal I: To promote vocational-technical and other adult educational opportunities in Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Work with the local the West Central Mountains Economic Development Council, Job Service office and social service agencies to identify the specific needs and opportunities for local employment, and the skills needed for those jobs.
2. Work jointly with city officials in order to encourage specific training programs in the area.
3. Support efforts to increase hobby-related, enrichment-related and interest-related adult education through a community education program.
4. Encourage the school districts and the county extension office to continue to provide, and to assist others who provide, community education programs.
5. Encourage the office of the Valley County Extension Service and all libraries located in the county to maintain an updated set of pamphlets describing local educational programs, continue to provide satellite education services, continue to offer various computer services, and make available the correspondence courses offered by Idaho's colleges and universities.

**Goal II: To maintain or improve the quality of public education facilities.**

**Objectives:**

1. Solicit comments from school districts when new development will impact their district.



2. Encourage the school districts to complete and implement a Capital Improvement Plan.

## **CHAPTER 13: LAND USE**

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**Goal I: Retain the rural atmosphere of Valley County by protecting its natural beauty and open characteristics and preserving its historical and scenic beauty.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage those land use practices that protect and reserve the best agricultural land for agricultural use.
2. Promote the control of despoilers of natural beauty by:
  - a) Promoting rural fire protection.
  - b) Promoting protection and improvement of waters ways.
  - c) Improving aesthetic values by maintaining minimum stream flow and holding lake and reservoir levels high.
  - d) Control particulate, noise, light, and air pollution.
3. Discourage scattered, sprawling, haphazard suburban development by:
  - a) Controlling suburban development on open foothills.
  - b) Continuing to implement land use planning in order to avoid conflicts with non-compatible uses.
  - c) Encouraging development in timbered areas and in compact subdivisions thus facilitating better use of utilities, road maintenance, police, and fire protection.
4. Emphasize natural beauty when designing projects, such as bridges, roadways, commercial buildings, subdivisions, and homes.
5. Promote coordination and communication among the federal, state, and county agencies and private land owners.
6. Relate future county development to natural site advantages and limitations such as soil, slope, water table, view, flood hazards, and wind direction. Recognition of such factors will produce optimum development and prevent hazardous and costly conditions from developing.

**Goal II: Increase the economic value of privately owned land in Valley County.**

**Objectives:**

1. Increase the production of land consistent with recommended BMPs.
2. Guide marginal land and wasteland into more profitable uses depending upon the basic resources and the local situation by:
  - a) Selecting better crops -- plan well-adapted varieties.
  - b) Considering establishment of forestry plantings, wind-breaks, and attractive shrubs and trees.

- c) Developing attractive residential areas in select locations.
- d) Developing more recreational areas.

**Goal III: Develop a policy of clean-up and fix-up.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage roadside beautification and the beautification of existing buildings.
2. Promote the removal of dilapidated, useless buildings, yet preserving those of historical value.
3. Promote the removal of unsightly debris.
4. Encourage the removal of diseased and dying trees.
5. Encourage owners to plant hardy trees, shrubs, and flowers for windbreaks and scenic purposes.
6. Promote spring clean up days in cooperation with the cities.

**Goal IV: Prioritize eradication of noxious weeds.**

**Objectives:**

1. Encourage partnerships with Valley County Weed Department through the permitting processes, including Planning and Zoning and Dept. of Motor Vehicles.
2. Continue to educate landowners and the public on types of weeds, how weeds are transferred, and methods for eradication.
3. Make the public aware that IC 22-2407 states that it shall be the duty and responsibility of all landowners to control noxious weeds on their land and property.