

Future Master Plans

*“A good plan is like a road map: it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there.”
- H. Stanelly Judd*

The Countywide Comprehensive Plan provides the vision of overall community character for the County and provides direction for planning efforts within the County, dictating the shape of future regulatory revisions, programmatic efforts, and the basic framework for basin and subbasin plans. It is the general intent that countywide issues of broad community interest are to be addressed in the Countywide Comprehensive Plan.

Basin and subbasin plans are intended to better define the unique character of specific geographic locations. Issues specific to basins should be addressed in basin master plans and subbasin specific issues should be addressed in subbasin plans (also sometimes referenced as neighborhood plans). Overall, the intent is to eliminate redundancy and duplication of policies in different master plans. Master plans should be presented in a clear, concise, and easily understood manner.

Land Use and Development Code

In the 2003 edition of the Plan, this element was titled “Template for Future Master Plans”. The element included policies/actions, which put forth a template to follow in developing future master plans. The template and policies/actions were incorporated into Chapter 2 (Master Plan Procedures) of the Land Use and Development Code through two separate amendments in December 2003 and May 2007. Chapter 2 should be referenced regarding the required procedures and preparation to adopt master plans, and content of master plans. For example, Chapter 2 identifies the requirements regarding:

- Countywide Comprehensive Plan contents.
- Basin master plan contents (required and optional contents).
- Contents not to be included in basin master plans.
- Subbasin master plans.

Goal A. Develop master plans to provide guidance for future decisions in Summit County.

Policy/Action 1. Strive to update master plans adopted by the Countywide Planning Commission or a basin planning commission on a periodic basis (i.e. every 2 to 5 years). The Countywide Planning Commission or basin planning commission shall determine if revisions are needed because of changing conditions and circumstances or modifications in the County's overall development policies.

Policy/Action 2. All County master plans and plan updates shall be undertaken with an emphasis on extensive public participation.

- a. Afford opportunities for residents to effectively shape the future of their community through participation in the master planning process.
- b. Involve landowners in the planning process and emphasize respect for private property rights in planning decisions.