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II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In shaping and navigating our future, Boulder County supports the following Guiding Principles:

- 1 Consider and weigh the **interconnections** among **social, environmental, and economic** areas in all decisions.
- 2 Encourage and promote the respectful **stewardship** and **preservation** of our **natural systems and environment** by pursuing goals and policies that achieve significant reductions in our environmental footprint.
- 3 Create policies and make decisions that are responsive to issues of **social equity, fairness, and access to community resources** for all county residents.
- 4 Encourage and support a **dynamic, stable, and flexible local economy** that distinguishes between urban and rural economies and directs uses to appropriate locations.
- 5 Maintain the **rural character and function of the unincorporated area of Boulder County** by protecting environmental resources, agricultural uses, open spaces, vistas, and the distinction between urban and rural areas of the county.
- 6 Encourage and promote **regional cooperation and coordination** in working with other entities and jurisdictions.
- 7 Actively engage the **public** in the planning process.