

Boulder County Comprehensive Plan Update
Guiding Principles
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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.