

“Honoring Our Past, While Designing Our Future”

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Introduction: Clear Creek County faces a number of challenges over the coming years. Along with these challenges, come the opportunities to meet them and thereby maintain and improve the quality of life of our citizens. County Government, on its own, cannot solve the problems our communities must work through. We can, however, through thoughtful planning and implementation, design the framework that will allow our citizens the meet these challenges and create these opportunities.

It is the belief of this Board of County Commissioners that the best way to lead our community to the solutions we must find is through detailed planning, setting attainable goals and objectives and reviewing our progress on a regular basis. This document and the direction it sets for Clear Creek County government is the first of what we intend to be annual planning and evaluation mechanisms. We hope, through these plans and evaluations, to create the ‘institutional memory’ that is sometimes difficult to develop and pass on to our successors.

Each Division of County Government has a crucial role to play in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Clear Creek. It is only through focused and coordinated effort that we will successfully meet the challenges we face. Welcome to our guide for the coming year and the years to follow.

The Board of County Commissioners,

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Mission Statement

“To provide effective, efficient services while fostering sustainable economic growth to enhance our mountain lifestyle.”

Motto:

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2006-2007 Goals for Clear Creek County

- **Goal #1:** *To create a county management structure that is responsive to the needs and desires of the Clear Creek County Community*
- **Goal #2:** *To promote the creation of a transportation system that enhances mobility while protecting our mountain environment.*
- **Goal #3:** *In cooperation with all county jurisdictions, we will encourage sustainable economic growth that results in stable revenues to support appropriate service delivery.*
- **Goal #4:** *Preserve and maintain our historic quality of life while providing opportunities to enhance our mountain lifestyle.*

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2006-2007 Objectives for Reaching Each Goal

Goal #1: Management Structure

Objectives:

- **Improve communication internally and externally.**
- **Revise the organizational chart.**
- **Improve accountability and reporting**
 - Strategies: Institute annual reviews; Consider a revised compensation plan; Investigate integrated information technology system.

Goal #2: Transportation:

Objectives:

- **Expand public transit in Clear Creek County.**
 - Strategies: Consider inclusion in RTD; Support continuation of the Clear Creek Rider program.
- **Continue participation in the PEIS, I-70 Coalition, DRCOG and broaden outreach for sustainable I-70 solution.**
- **Create a program to increase lane miles of hardened surfaces.**
 - Strategy: Pursue State and Federal dollars for county road improvements.
- **Pursue mitigation for environmental impacts.**
- **Develop a strategy to challenge the PEIS outcome, if necessary.**
- **Pursue funding for public safety agencies on state highways**

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Goal #3: Economic Development:

Objectives:

- **Reduce dependency on Henderson Mine revenues.**
 - Strategies: Support the Henderson Underground Science and Engineering Project initiative; Develop strategies to replace tax base losses due to Henderson closure.
- **Provide diversified employment opportunities.**
- **Develop infrastructure along the I-70 corridor to encourage economic development and re-development.**
 - Strategy: Support the Greenway Plan.
- **Increase efforts to support tourism.**
 - Strategies: Support historic preservation organization and efforts; Encourage development of heritage tourism.
- **Implement and enhance water supply plan.**
 - Strategies: Obtain water/storage rights; Increase customer base.

Goal #4: Quality of Life:

Objectives:

- **Enhance land use policies that place high value on environmental considerations and discourage development in appropriate remote locations.**
 - Strategy: Support and enhance the County Open Space program.
- **Encourage economic development & re-development in appropriate locations while maintaining buffers between communities.**
 - Strategy: Promote infrastructure development along the I-70 corridor.
- **Foster a collaborative approach to improved public safety & medical service delivery.**
- **Develop/implement a county housing action plan.**

