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## County 2016 Community Master Plan Gets Final Approval

Jan. 26, 2017 – **Clear Creek County Communications, Colo.** – The Clear Creek County Planning Commission adopted a revised Master Plan on Jan. 18, 2017, at their regularly scheduled monthly commission meeting. Building upon the last master plan approved in 2004, this plan expands the scope and vision of its policy framework. And, one of the major shifts is prioritizing quality of life—which encompasses the other vision elements of: economic diversity, protection of natural and cultural resources, community resiliency, recreational emphasis, and distinct areas.

“After a year and a half of hard work by our team, and conducting a robust public participation process, I am really excited for the Planning Commission to present this master plan to Clear Creek County and its citizens,” said Fred Rollenhagen, County Community Development Director. “The Master Plan is not a regulation. Rather, it is a policy guide to help inform the decision-makers on land use decisions related to new development, resource protection, and economic diversification, among other things. And by doing that, it helps us build a better future for generations of County residents and visitors,” Rollenhagen added.

According to the policy framework and visioning, some of the ideas include: 1) Seeking a greater economic diversity within the County; 2) Enabling and encouraging individual communities in the County to actively participate in the planning of their future; 3) Identify and implement strategies to strengthen and increase resiliency to both natural and human-made disasters/hazards; 4) Continue to preserve and protect mineral resources for the benefit of future generations; and, 5) Explore how local and regional initiatives within the County can improve access to health care services. There are a total of 11 policy statements that make up the policy framework.

“Now is really a critical time for our County to do one of its most important things—Plan,” said Keith Montag, Clear Creek County Manager. “Integrating this next version of the master plan helps Senior Staff, County Commissioners and key decision makers see what matters most to the community, where those priorities lie, and where we need to go next in terms of directions and decisions,” he added.

For more information on the master plan, go to: <http://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/index.aspx?nid=760> .

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