

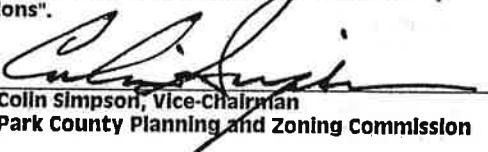
CLARK AREA COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT

FEBRUARY 20, 1996

CERTIFICATION

The Park County Planning and Zoning Commission, hereby certifies the Clark Area Comprehensive Policy Statement to the Board of Park County Commissioners, City of Cody, City of Powell, Town of Meeteetse, Town of Frannie, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service.

The Clark Area Comprehensive Policy Statement shall be used as guidance in the development of other elements of the Comprehensive Plan for Park County and shall not be used to review land use classifications, reclassifications, planned unit developments, and subdivisions unless the Clark Area Comprehensive Policy Statement is endorsed by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the "Park County Development Standards and Regulations".



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Park County Planning and Zoning Commission

Date: February 20, 1996

INTRODUCTION

Planning is essential to the efficient operations of both government and private enterprises. It is especially important in Park County to manage change through planning. Recognizing the changes and choices confronting Park County, the Park County Planning and Zoning Commission has adopted these principles to guide planning within the Clark Area.

The Comprehensive Policy Statement (CPS) is advisory in nature. When used in evaluating specific actions or proposals, the CPS is intended to provide guidance. The CPS does not exclude consideration of actions or proposals which were not anticipated by the CPS.

The Local Area CPS is intended to do the following:

- (1) Provide direction for elected and appointed officials as to the community's desires.
- (2) Enable the county and others to anticipate the community's desires for public services and facilities, type and intensity of development, and public participation in the decision-making process.
- (3) Make the best use of the community's natural resources.
- (4) Encourage a well-balanced, prosperous economy.
- (5) Enhance the community's unique character, customs, culture, traditions, and quality of life, and protect the community's natural environment pursuant to their stated goals and objectives.
- (6) Act as a guide to decision makers in reviewing development proposals and actions concerning the community.
- (7) Provide coordination of the use of resources in areas of diverse ownership.

This CPS applies to the unincorporated areas of Park County within the Clark Planning Area, and includes a number of components which address particular issues such as land use, the economy, public facilities, natural resources, and the local customs and culture.

At times, the CPS may need to be amended as the Clark Area's desires or factors affecting the Clark Planning Area change. Park County anticipates using Local Citizen Advisory Committees to recommend changes to the CPS as needs are identified by citizens of the Clark Area or elected and appointed officials.

AUTHORITY

Title 18, Chapter 5 and Title 9, Chapter 3 of the Wyoming State Statute provide the authority for and detail the scope and purpose of plans for counties or portions of counties.

THE CLARK PLANNING AREA

Starting at the S.E. cor., Sec. 1, T.52N., R103W., thence W. to the ridge line of Rattlesnake Mtn., thence northwest following the ridge line to the S. line, Sec. 21, T.54N., R.104W., thence W. To the S.W. cor., Sec. 19, thence north to the N.W. cor. Sec. 6, thence east to the N.E. cor., Sec. 1, thence north to the N.W. cor., Sec. 6, T.56N., R.103W., thence east to the N.W. cor., Sec. 3, thence north to the Montana border, thence east to the N.E. cor., Sec. 23, T.58N., R.101W., thence south to the S.E. cor., Sec. 35, T.57N., R.101W., thence west to the N.W. cor., Sec. 6, T.56N., R.101W., thence south to the N.E. cor., Sec. 1, T.53N., R.102W., thence west to the State Hwy. 120, thence southeast following said road to the N. line, Sec. 23, T.53N., R.102W., thence west to the N.W. cor., Sec. 23, thence south to the N.E. cor., Sec. 27, thence west to the N.W. cor., Sec. 28, thence south to the S.E. cor., Sec. 32, T.52N., R.102W., thence west to the N.W. cor. of Sec. 6, T.52N., R.102W., thence south to the point of beginning.

ECONOMICS

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFEC:

Create and maintain a stable economy and a solid tax base to provide jobs and needed services for the residents, and still preserve the character of the area.

OBJECTIVE #1CFEC:

Allow home-based businesses in the area.

OBJECTIVE #2CFEC:

Protect and encourage the agricultural-related industries and community service-oriented businesses.

OBJECTIVE #3CFEC:

Protect the clean, uncluttered environment we now enjoy.

Recommended Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Economics

POLICY #1CFEC:

Implement land use tools that support home-based, agriculturally-related and community service-oriented businesses.

ENVIRONMENT

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFEN:

Maintain the biotic environment to sustain the current plant and animal life which are native to the area with minimal affect on local residents and businesses.

GOAL #2CFEN:

Balance the use and enjoyment of biotic and physical environment in such a way as to allow people to earn a livelihood and still protect the quality of the environment.

GOAL #3CFEN:

Maintain managed multiple use of the natural resources in the physical environment with emphasis on sustaining or restoring the balance of scenic and productive value.

OBJECTIVE #1CFEN:

Maintain wildlife species with emphasis on management to sustain appropriate numbers of each species.

OBJECTIVE #2CFEN:

Protect the environment from harmful plants.

OBJECTIVE #3CFEN:

Guard against introduction of foreign or harmful diseases or microorganisms that would adversely affect the biotic environment.

OBJECTIVE #4CFEN:

Protect agricultural lands for agricultural uses.

OBJECTIVE #5CFEN:

Limit the creation of hazards or nuisances.

OBJECTIVE #6CFEN:

Allow managed grazing.

OBJECTIVE #7CFEN:

Maintain common sense approaches to air and water quality protection.

OBJECTIVE #8CFEN:

Balance environmental values with economic needs.

OBJECTIVE #9CFEN:

Allow harvest of renewable resources and concentrate more on methods that enhance the environment.

Recommended Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Environment

POLICY #1CFEN:

Manage wildlife species through hunting and habitat improvement.

POLICY #2CFEN:

Protect environment from invading foreign plants such as Canada thistle, spotted knapweed, leafy spurge, toadflax, etc.

POLICY #3CFEN:

Continue multiple use concept on public lands.

POLICY #4CFEN:

Establish partnership concept of grazing on public lands by domestic livestock that recognizes grazing on private lands by public wildlife.

POLICY #5CFEN:

Develop local policies with regard to the physical environment to inject realism into federal mandates.

POLICY #6CFEN:

Enforce environmental policies already in place in order to protect our clean environment.

POLICY #7CFEN:

Need enforcement of rules on junk, roaming animals, hazardous materials, and noxious weeds.

WATER

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFWA:

Protect the quality and quantity of surface stream flows and the quantity of underground water so that they will be used to domestic purposes and not for large irrigation operations or for any other operations that would require large quantities of water.

OBJECTIVE #1CFWA:

Recommend Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Water

Keep lot sizes large (e.g. 20 acres) to limit depletion of groundwater.

POLICY #1CFWA:

Protect the rights of private land owners to use flows and the land while minimizing detrimental effects to the community.

Recommend Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Private Land Use

Use educational means or incentives of some kind to encourage private landowners to keep their property clean and well kept.

POLICY #1CFPV:

Natural resources should be used and managed in a way that benefits the economic growth of our nation and the welfare of the citizens and yet does not destroy those resources.

GOAL #1CFNR:

State of Wyoming should support the acquisition of appropriate federal lands within the state, if possible.

OBJECTIVE #1CFNR:

Recommend Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Natural Resources

Keep lot sizes large (e.g. 20 acres) to limit depletion of groundwater.

POLICY #1CFNR:

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

PRIVATE LAND USE

GOAL #1CFPV:

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

POPULATION

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFPO:

Manage population density so as to retain the values of open space, wildlife habitat, access to ranches, and our Western rural culture.

CLARK AREA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL #1CFGV:

Community government should be limited in size, be responsive to citizens' wishes, encourage private enterprise, and promote the general welfare of the public lands, the continued operation of farms and ranches, and our Western rural culture.

CLARK AREA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL #1CFWW:

Require property installed and inspected septic systems. Enforce current regulations for installation of new septic systems.

WASTEWATER

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

OBJECTIVE #1CFWW:

Objectives #1CFGV:
Citizens should have a part in deciding what is done in their community. Community government should protect the safety of its citizens.

OBJECTIVE #2CFGV:

Recommendations or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Government
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR GOVERNMENT

POLICY #1CFGV:

Each district should have representation on the planning board.
POLICY #2CFGV:

Establish an advisory board.

RECREATION

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFRE:

Manage recreation in such a manner as to protect the ecological balance of the area, but not discourage use and enjoyment of recreation activities of an area.

GOAL #1CFHI:

Identify historic sites and provide information about locations to the public.

GOAL #1CFHG:

Encourage low density, good quality, safe, available, and attractive housing.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR HOUSING

Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Housing

Should be safe; should be UBC inspected; should be affordable to all levels of income.

POLICY #1CFHG:

Maintain rural atmosphere and allow area residents to help decide how future development in the area will occur.

POLICY #2CFHG:

Require easy access to all new developments for emergency vehicles and equipment.

POLICY #3CFHG:

Encourage all developers to build and maintain roads to county standards and specifications.

POLICY #1CFHI:
Recommend actions or policies to help achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Historic Preservation

Preserve historic sites for future generations for recreation and educational purposes.

POLICY #1CFHG:
Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Housing

Preserve historic sites to all levels of income.

POLICY #2CFHI:
Preserve historic resources should be managed in a manner to preserve and protect the quality of these historic resources.

POLICY #2CFHG:
Maintain rural atmosphere and allow area residents to help decide how future development in the area will occur.

POLICY #3CFHG:
Require easy access to all new developments for emergency vehicles and equipment.

POLICY #4CFHG:
Encourage all developers to build and maintain roads to county standards and specifications.

EMERGENCY PLANNING	
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GOAL #1CFCP:	GOAL #1CFAH:

ARTS AND HUMANITIES	
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GOAL #1CFAH:	GOAL #1CFCP:
Support the arts and humanities by private, not public, means.	Arts and Humanities should be self-supported.
Recognized that a natural or man-made disaster could occur and a plan needs to be in place to care for those involved.	Volunteer groups raise money needed and do whatever work has to be done.
OBJECTIVE #1CFCP:	OBJECTIVE #1CFAH:
Establish and maintain a plan to follow in case of a natural or man-made disaster.	Recommending Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR CULTURAL IDENTITY
OBJECTIVE #1CFCP:	OBJECTIVE #1CFCI:
Encourage citizens to have significant input into plans for developments.	Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Cultural Identity
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING	POLICY #1CFCI:
Establish and maintain a plan to follow in case of a natural or man-made disaster.	Each community must be allowed to develop and retain its own cultural identity.
POLICY #1CFCP:	POLICY #1CFCI:
Utilize members of the community who have expertise in handling emergency situations and incident command.	Utilize members of the community who have expertise in handling emergency situations and incident command.
POLICY #2CFCP:	POLICY #2CFCI:
Work through the Clark Fire and Emergency Services to put the plan into action.	Work through the Clark Fire and Emergency Services to put the plan into action.

POLICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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GOAL #1CFPC:

Ensure adequate law enforcement.

OBJECTIVE #1CFPC:

Provide some plan for law enforcement basis in rural areas.

Recommended Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Police and Criminal Justice

POLICY #1CFPC:

Have a law enforcement officer in our area on a more regular basis.

POLICY #2CFPC:

Implement Community Watch.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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GOAL #1CFHH:

Maintain services at current levels or better

OBJECTIVE #1CFHH:

Improve communications with public health nurse in order to know what services are available, and to develop a system of communications within the community so all citizens have an opportunity to be served.

Recommended Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Health and Human Services

POLICY #1CFHH:

Develop a plan using local contact persons to organize the community for public health activities (phone trees, posted notices).

POLICY #2CFHH:

Public health nurse should visit at least once a year to administer vaccinations.

POLICY #4CFPP:

Upgrade and increase equipment as need arises and funds allow.

Schedule regular monthly training sessions.

POLICY #2CFPP:

Utilize fire fighter training held in neighboring communities.

POLICY #1CFPP:

Train and equip volunteers to provide fire protection for the community.

Recommended Actions or Policies to Help Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives for Fire Protection

POLICY #1CFPP:

Utilize fire fighter training held in neighboring communities.

POLICY #2CFPP:

Schedule regular monthly training sessions.

POLICY #4CFPP:

Educate school children and how to call for help in an emergency.

TRANSPORTATION

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFTR:
Maintain highways and roads to ensure safe travel
for citizens.

OBJECTIVE #1CFTR:
Make inquiries in rural communities to find out which
vehicles or school buses, and maintain those roads more
often.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP
ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR TRANSPORTATION

POLICY #1CFTR:
Blade gravel roads that are prone to washboarding and
prioritize traffic on a monthly basis.

POLICY #1CFSW:
Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP
ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR SOLID WASTE

POLICY #1CFSW:
Allow citizens to retrieve usable items from the landfill as a
means of recycling.

POLICY #1CFSW:
Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP
ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR SOLID WASTE

POLICY #1CFSW:
Require all students to obtain a minimum knowledge
of basic subjects of reading, writing,
mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science in
order to graduate from high school.

POLICY #1CFSW:
Encourage State of Wyoming to allow school districts to
count home educated students in their ADM for
funding.

POLICY #1CFSW:
Allow and encourage parents to become actively involved
in the education of their children.

EDUCATION

Clark Area Goals and Objectives

GOAL #1CFED:
Provide students with a balanced well-rounded
education that will equip them to be moral,
conscious citizens, and to do so in a manner that
uses available funds in the most efficient way
possible so as not to be tax burdensome.

OBJECTIVE #1CFED:
Educate students by encouraging diverse educational
experiences and methods of teaching.

OBJECTIVE #1CFED:
Achieve the Clark Area's Goals and Objectives
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS OR POLICIES TO HELP
ACHIEVE THE CLARK AREA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR EDUCATION

POLICY #1CFED:
Increase accountability and teaching excellence by
eliminating tenure for teachers.

POLICY #1CFED:
Encourage State of Wyoming to allow school districts to
count home educated students in their ADM for
funding.

POLICY #1CFED:
Allow and encourage parents to become actively involved
in the education of their children.

CLARK'S FORK AREA

