

City of Castle Rock
Comprehensive Plan
Goals, Objectives, Policies

Goals: Broad statements of purpose that reflect the communities collective vision of the future.

Objectives: Are the “yardstick” by which the goals can be measured. They describe specific conditions that are desirable in order to attain a given goal.

Policies: Are specific statements that guide decision-making and suggest action to be taken to meet objectives and attain goals.

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Economic Development/Tourism

- A. To ensure sustained economic growth, increase employment opportunities, and develop an industrial base within Castle Rock.
- B. To ensure that the public facilities and services necessary to attract and support economic development are available and adequate.
- C. To develop and secure Castle Rock’s position as the commercial center serving Northern Cowlitz County.
- D. To develop Castle Rock as the “gateway” staging area or shopping and supply base for tourist embarking up the spirit Lake Highway corridor to Mount St. Helens related attraction.
- E. To bring about redevelopment of downtown Castle Rock in a partnership of the City, Downtown Business and property owners, and community interest groups.

Public Facilities and Services

- A. To ensure that public facilities and services are provided, operated, and maintained in an effective and efficient manner.
- B. To maintain a high standard of sewer and water service, storm drainage collection, and flood protection in the city.
- C. To maximize efficient use of all public resources.
- D. To further citizen participation in city government.

Land Use

- A. To provide for safe, logical, and orderly patterns of land use throughout the city and adjacent urban growth area.
- B. To ensure that new development is appropriate in type, density, and intensity considering existing land use patterns, availability and capacity of public facilities and services, natural characteristics of the land, and the general public interest.
- C. To ensure adequate light, air, privacy, space, and safety in the use of land.
- D. To provide adequate space for residential, commercial, industrial, public, quasi-public, and other land uses while at the same time maintaining and enhancing the integrity of neighborhoods and districts; separation of incompatible uses; the security, value, and stability of the land and improvements thereon; and the public's general health, safety, and welfare.
- E. To maintain and enhance the position of the downtown area as the principal retail trade, service, professional office, financial office, governmental office, and cultural center for the city.

Land Development and Subdivision

- A. To protect and enhance the character and long-term stability of the city through up-to-date standards for land development and subdivision.
- B. To ensure adequate provision of public utilities and transportation facilities as an integral part of the land subdivision and development process.
- C. To ensure that subdivision or other development improvements are designed and constructed to meet forecasted future as well as immediate needs.
- D. To encourage orderly, efficient, and beneficial development of land and a variety of living environments within a city while preventing overcrowding and undue congestion of population.
- E. To ensure that in the siting and design of subdivisions and other development the public safety, health, and welfare will not be endangered.
- F. To ensure that developers and land owners in the Cowltiz River floodplain are aware of special flood and erosion hazards created by the Mount St. Helens eruption
- G. To insure that the floodplain is protected from further erosion prior to development

- H. To ensure that the siting, design, and development of hillside subdivision will not create unstable earth conditions.
- I. To utilize environmental information in the review of subdivision proposals
- J. To minimize pollution of streams, ponds, and ground-water during and after land clearing and development
- K. To ensure that storm drainage is appropriately managed in new developments in the city and adjacent urban growth area.

Urban Growth Management

- A. To achieve orderly and efficient patterns of growth within the city of Castle Rock and adjacent unincorporated area.
- B. To ensure cost-effective use of existing public service investments and guiding development to the Castle Rock Urban Area where urban-level services and facilities are available or planned.
- C. To ensure that new or extended public facilities and services within the Castle Rock vicinity are made available in logical, timely, and equitable manner consistent with the Castle Rock Urban Growth Management Program.
- D. To ensure coordinated planning and decision-making among general-purpose governments within the Castle Rock Urban Area with respect to urban services and development.
- E. To encourage annexations to the city of Castle Rock that meet the development objectives of the City, create reasonable service areas for city services, form logical extensions of city boundaries, and are consistent with the Urban Growth Management Program.

Transportation/Circulation

- A. To provide for a convenient, safe, and efficient transportation/circulation network and free flow of traffic between major areas of trip origin and destination in the Castle Rock urban Area.
- B. To provide for a convenient, safe, and efficient transportation/circulation network within neighborhoods and local areas.
- C. To ensure pedestrian safety and convenience in the transportation/circulation system and to further the use of alternative travel modes.

Housing Opportunity and Conditions

- A. To ensure provisions of a decent, safe, and sanitary home and living environment for all residents of the city.
- B. To ensure fair and equal access to housing for all people throughout the city regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, creed, age, sex, marital status, or disability
- C. To achieve diversity in the location choice, price ranges, and types of housing (single family, duplex, multifamily, mobile home).
- D. To foster the maintenance and improvement of the physical condition of the existing housing stock and neighborhoods in the city.

Historic Preservation

- A. To preserve and enhance building, objects, sites, and other properties of historic significant or of architecture or archeological important in Castle Rock.
- B. To further awareness and interest among residents and visitors in the origins and historical development of Castle Rock.

Energy

- A. To encourage and bring about the conservation and efficient use of nonrenewable energy resources in the Castle Rock area.
- B. To encourage and bring about application of renewable energy resources, in the Castle Rock area.
- C. To perform or undertake visible city actions and examples that will further public perception or opportunities for energy conservation and renewable resource use.