



Stewardship of Natural, Scenic, and Environmentally Sensitive Areas



I Agree!

Please write a short explanation if you support statements below.



Guiding Principle:

Teton County's natural and scenic resources are a local and national treasure and the community recognizes a stewardship responsibility for their protection. Future development in Jackson and Teton County will take place in this context. The forested lands and meadows throughout the county are a precious resource that all agree must be preserved and maintained. At the local scale, a compact development pattern can preserve land for open space within the town as well.

I Disagree!

Please write a short explanation if you do not support statements below.



Objectives:

Wildlife habitat protection

- Abundant and diverse wildlife distinguishes the town and county from other regions and this distinction is to be preserved
- Minimize habitat fragmentation and guard against incremental degradation

Scenic resource protection

- Development is to be located to preserve the long views across meadows toward the mountains and buttes as seen from major roads and highways

Open lands preservation

- Target areas of scenic and natural resources for open space preservation
- Pursue multiple techniques and partnerships for open space preservation

Air and water quality

- Protect the rivers, streams and other water bodies from the potential impacts of development
- Protect ground water from the potential impacts of development
- Minimize air pollutants from traffic and wood smoke

Ecologically sensitive lands

- Protect wetlands and other significant habitat areas

Protected Hillside

- Maintain the visual quality of forested hillsides by minimizing the footprint of disturbances and adapting development to fit the topography rather than adapting the topography to accommodate development
- Steer development away from hazardous areas and steep slopes

Access to public lands

- Maximize access to federal lands and to the rivers