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# damascus area community design workshop

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## Revised Goals and Objectives

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# damascus area

Site Area: approx. 17,000 acres

Population: 5,000 + environs

Site Type: *greenfield/rural*



# watershed context

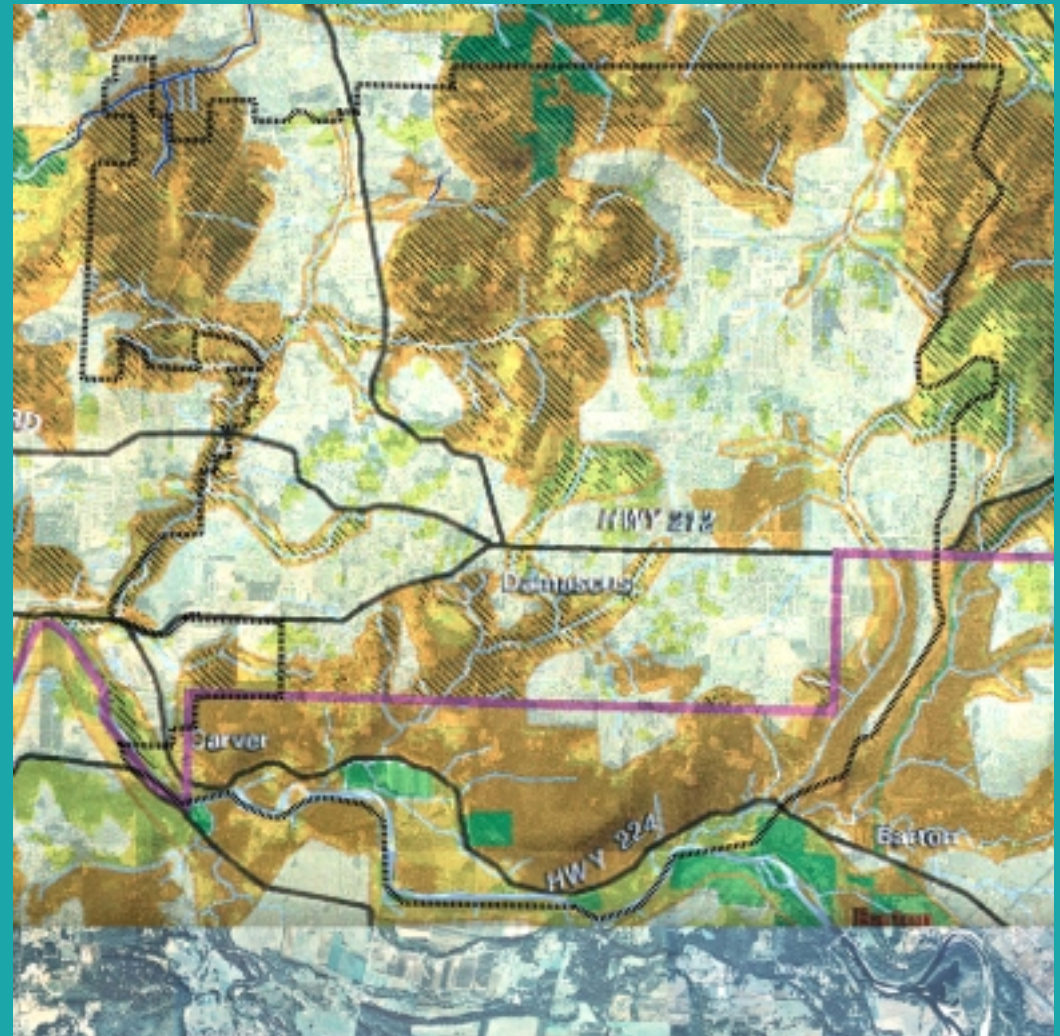
## Four Watersheds

- Rock Creek,
- Richardson Creek
- Johnson Creek
- Deep Creek

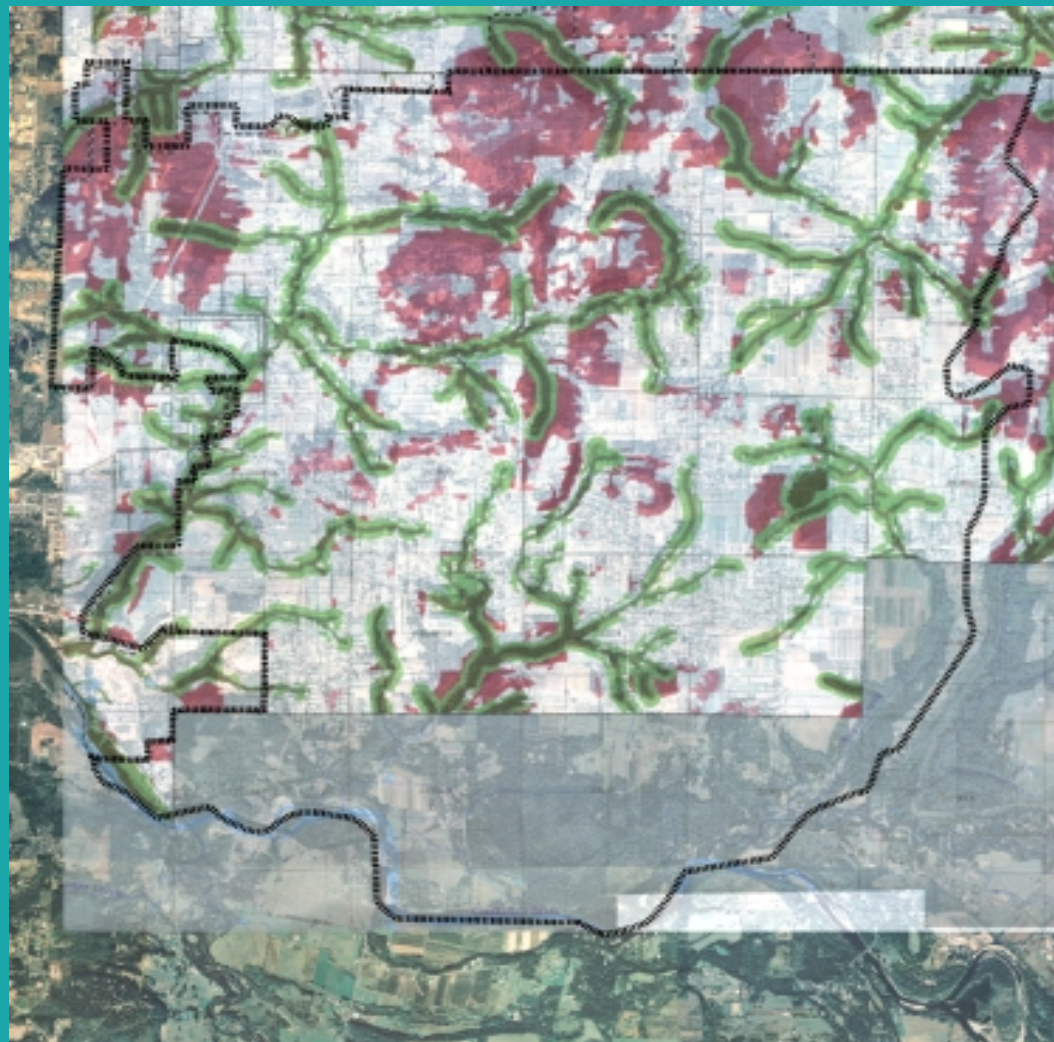


# ESAs

The topography of hills and buttes, coupled with the many streams running through the area, make development a challenge.



# ESAs



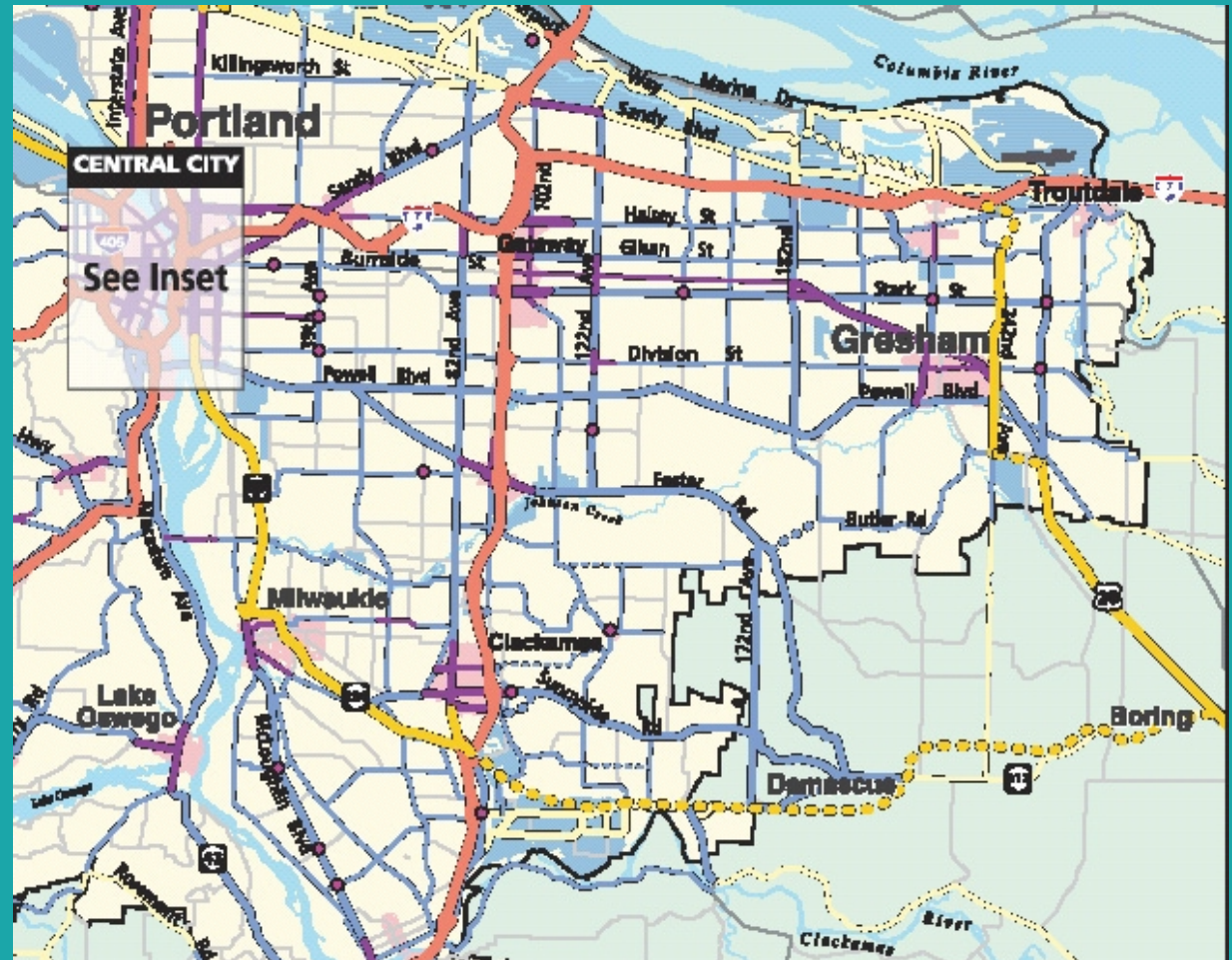
# streets transportation

### Street Design Designations

	Freeway		Regional street
	Highway		Community street
	Regional boulevard		Urban road
	Community boulevard		Rural road
	Possible boulevard intersection	<small>Shaded blue represent proposed projects and are not intended to represent specific alignment.</small>	

### Land-use Key

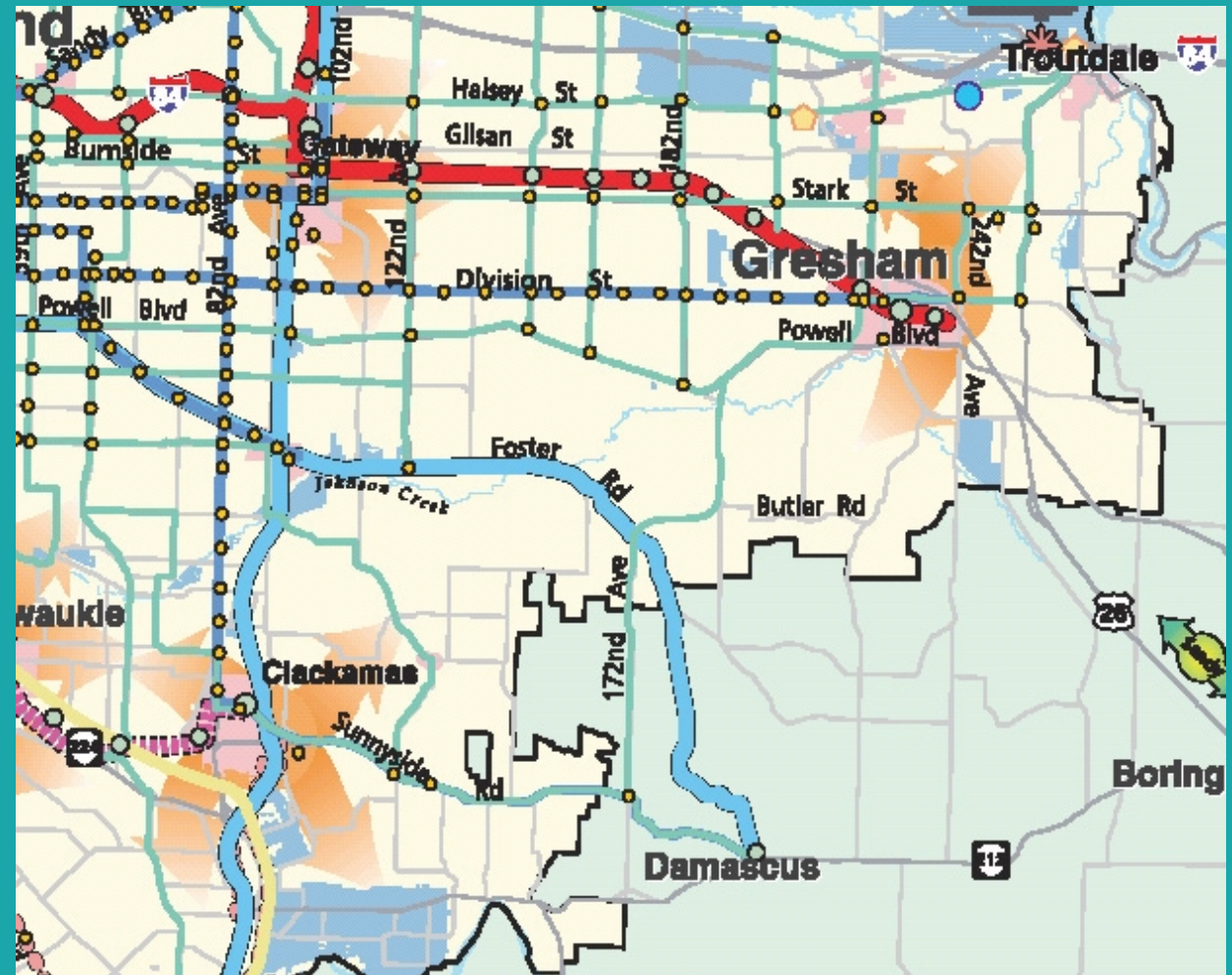
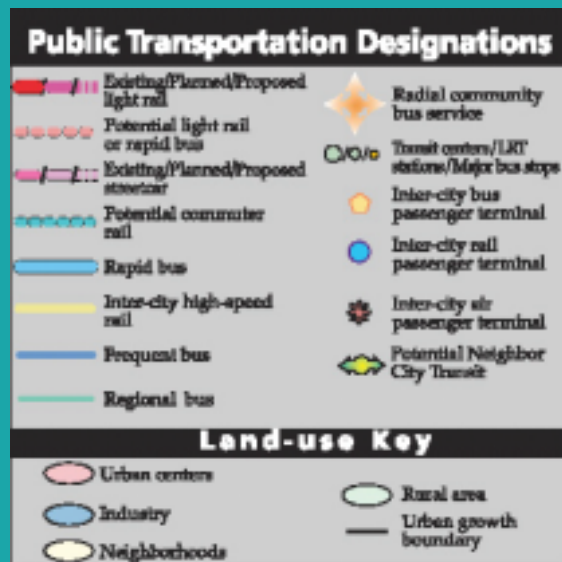
	Urban centers		Rural area
	Industry		Urban growth boundary
	Neighborhoods		



Source: Metro



# public transportation transportation



# design workshop goal



The greater Damascus Area Community Design Workshop is an effort to create a regional model for the potential urban growth boundary expansion area that is environmentally sound, that provides a variety of housing and job choices for current and future residents, and fairly distributes the benefits and burdens of development among current and future residents of all incomes and backgrounds. This effort involves residents of the local area and region with a variety of interests and perspectives.

The goal is to apply design principles for urbanization that respect the unique visual quality and rural history of the area; use land efficiently; protect and restore natural areas and ecological processes important to people, fish and wildlife; preserve clean and natural flow in area streams; improve air quality; protect and create opportunities to grow food; provide for a fair share of the region's new jobs; include ample housing, schools, public infrastructure and facilities and transportation choices in every neighborhood; and preserve and create cultural opportunities throughout the community.





# process objectives



1. To provide an independent, community-based design and planning process to inform UGB expansion deliberations and provide a positive model for growth for other parts of the region, the state, and the west.



2. To illustrate the results of applying community design best practices that satisfy local, regional, state and national policies and laws intended to protect land, water, species at risk and air resources.

3. To ensure the incorporation of local knowledge into design proposals.



4. To use the integrated process of a design workshop to maximize interaction and communication between government, citizens, and community design professionals, and other interested groups.

5. To create opportunities for interchange between Portland area community advocates and design professionals, and their peers from across the west and from other parts of North America.



6. To disseminate the results of the design workshop to as wide an audience as possible.



# design objectives

- 1 Provide transportation choices for both residents who own cars and those who do not. <sup>[1]</sup>
- 2 Integrate land use and transportation design in order to decrease average trip length and vehicle miles traveled. <sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>1</sup> OHP, Policy 1B (Action 1B.1, 1B.6, 1B.7, 1B.14), Policy 4B (Action 4B.1-6); RFP, 2.11- 2.15; RTP 3.a.b.c, 9.a; UGMFP Title 6, 3.07.620, 630, A.1a, 1b, 2.a. - h.

<sup>2</sup> RFP, 2.6.4, 2.18.2; RTP, 3.a.d.e.



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# design objectives

- 3 Ensure that job sites, schools, shopping, recreation, have efficient connections to the new communities as well as to the rest of the region.<sup>[3]</sup>
- 4 Develop an interconnected local street and pathway system that makes it easy to get around but respects the character, identity and landscape of the Damascus area.<sup>[4]</sup>

3 OHP, Policy 1F (Action 1F.3, 1F.5); RFP, 2.18; RTP, 3.d.e, 4.0; SPG # 9.

4 CCTSP - Roadways: 19.0; 20.0; 28.0; Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities: 1.0; 2.0; 3.0; 4.0; 5.0;9.0; 10; RTP - 14.0 Regional Motor Vehicle System



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# design objectives

- 5 Design a regional transportation system that accommodates freight and recreational traffic and that respects the visual/aural quality and ecological integrity of the Damascus area.<sup>[5]</sup>
- 6 Ensure that the transportation system is compatible with and/or strengthens local and regional economic development and other design objectives.

5 OHP, Policy 5A (5A.1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17); RFP, 2.24; SPG #6, #10; RTP, 7.0, 8.0; UGMFP Title 3, Title 6; CCTSP - Scenic Roads: 32.0; CCTSP - Freight Trucking: 1.0; Rail: 2.0; Water Transportation: 4.0; RTP - Protecting the Environment: 7.0, The Natural Environment; 8.0, Water quality; 9.0, Clean Air; 11.0, Regional Street Design; 13.0, Regional Motor Vehicle System



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# design objectives

- 7 Ensure that every neighborhood includes well-designed, energy efficient homes for people of all income levels, meeting or exceeding Damascus area target for affordable housing. Suggest ways to insure that those communities remain mixed-income over the long term [6]**
  
- 8 Preserve, to the maximum extent possible, existing housing types and tenures, particularly affordable homes, seeking ways to grow the new community incrementally.**

6 SPG #9, #10; RFP, UGMFP Title 1, 3.07.120, Title 7, 3.07.710, 3.07.730; MHR - 660-007-0022 "Restrictions on Housing Tenure; 660 007 0030 "New Construction Mix"



# design objectives

- 9 Ensure that there is a balance of jobs to housing in the area such that sufficient housing opportunities are available to households of all income levels that have a family member working in the area. [7]
  
- 10 Ensure that housing units at each range of cost are integrated into all neighborhoods in the area (to minimize exaggerated concentrations of poverty and wealth). [8]

7 UGMFP 3.07.210, RFP 1.3)

8 UGMFP 3.07.710; RFP 1.10, CLF principles



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# design objectives

- 11 **Create designs that lend themselves to ownership and financing strategies that will protect the affordability of the housing created for low and moderate-income people in perpetuity, ensuring that the area will include a full range of housing choices over the long term. Suggest policy tools to insure this. <sup>[9]</sup>**
  
- 12 **Create complete communities where homes, businesses, industries, schools, public facilities, agricultural and natural areas are designed together to magnify and reinforce community quality, identity, and value. <sup>[10]</sup>**

<sup>9</sup> RFP 1.10

<sup>10</sup> SPG #5, #6, #9, #10; MHR - 660-007-0035 "Minimum Residential Density Allocation for New Construction"



# design objectives

- 13 Incorporate recreation, stormwater management, and environmental and cultural education into public spaces.
- 14 Layer multiple public uses into community spaces and facilities (such as schools).
- 15 Foster local economic development and community activities that regenerate and support natural systems, strengthen the local economy, enrich neighborhood development patterns, prevent residential displacement, support the regional food system, and ensure access by all community members.





# design objectives

- 16 Identify, preserve and celebrate local historical, cultural and archeological heritage.
- 17 Provide an efficient distribution of services throughout the area. <sup>[11]</sup>
- 18 Suggest creative, economically feasible phasing and financing strategies for public service and facilities, including schools.



# design objectives

- 19 **Identify and ensure that natural areas and fish and wildlife habitat are protected, restored, and enhanced.**  
[12]
  
- 20 **Support biological diversity by protecting and restoring ecological processes and functions that sustain them.**

12 RFP 2.24.1, 2.24.2, 2.24.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 4; SPG #5, #6, #14; UGMFP Title 3.



## design objectives

- 21 **Preserve, create, maintain, and link the publicly owned parks, natural areas, farmland and open spaces that are recreational assets and natural resource treasures. [13]**
- 22 **Preserve and restore natural stream systems to achieve clean water, natural flows and healthy watershed function. [14]**
- 23 **Conserve a network of natural patches and corridors, and suggest sustainable development and land management strategies for these areas that will support and enhance native fish, wildlife, and plant communities over time.**

13 UGMFP Title 5, 3.07.520.

14 CCS "Water Concurrency: Policy Recommendations



## design objectives

- 24 Provide ecological links for habitat and recreation movement both within the Damascus area and between the Damascus area and the wider region.**
- 25 Restrict urban development on all natural hazard areas (for example, earthquake, floodplain, riparian zones and wetlands, steep slopes and debris flow). [15]**
- 26 Suggest acquisition and long-term maintenance strategies that use an integrated “systems” approach to achieve fairness among landowners.**

15 FV P-3, RFP, 4.13-4.18; UGMFP Title 3.



## design objectives

- 27 Use the best available science for sustainable development; suggest strategies for environmental monitoring to advance our understanding of best sustainable development practices and adaptive management strategies for the Damascus area and elsewhere.**
- 28 Use vegetation and urban forest canopy in developed areas to address urban heat island, air quality and stormwater management objectives.**
- 29 Protect important views, trees and key cultural heritage resources.**



# design objectives

- 30 Design natural areas to promote environmental education.**
  
- 31 Promote taking action today to preserve opportunities to meet the above objectives now and into the future.**



## design objectives

- 32 Devise regionally fair and realistic funding approaches to providing and maintaining parks, schools, affordable housing, roads and other public facilities.**
- 33 Ensure that plans and designs are feasible, marketable, and that public investments and amenities also lead or encourage market development of the type desired by the community.**
- 34 Explore ways of reducing the immediate and life-cycle costs of roads and other infrastructure improvements.**



# design objectives

- 35 Encourage compact growth through appropriate financing strategies, ensuring that this development pattern supports small, local business.**
- 36 Provide the area with its fair share of living wage jobs balanced to affordable housing stock. <sup>[16]</sup>**
- 37 Encourage a land ownership pattern that maximizes opportunities for small scale and locally owned enterprise, including agriculture.**

16 RFP, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5; RTP, 4.0; SPG # 9, #14.





# design workshop process

January

February

April

June

