

Wildlife

CENTRAL PLAINS PLAN	COMMENTS	CMP COMPARISON
<p>Goal: Enhance, maintain, and manage a balanced wildlife habitat to ensure the continued biological, economic, and aesthetic value of this resource.</p>	<p>Duplicated in the CMP</p>	<p><u>Wildlife & Vegetation</u> <i>Vision</i> Jefferson County: An environment where wildlife and wildlife habitats are managed to ensure the continued biological, economic, and aesthetic value of this natural resource.</p> <p><i>Protection of Wildlife Habitat</i> Goal: Support the preservation and/or protection of wildlife habitats, natural areas and movement corridors to maintain a healthy ecosystem and healthy wildlife populations.</p> <p><i>Management of Wildlife</i> Goal: Support the management of wildlife populations and biological diversity to maintain viable populations and species health.</p>
<p>Development Review Policies</p>		
<p>1. The Wildlife Design Guidelines in this plan should be followed.</p>	<p>Modify CMP.</p>	<p>A Design Guidelines chapter will be added to the CMP. The Wildlife Design Guidelines will be addressed in that chapter.</p>
<p>2. The maximum wildlife quality areas should be preserved in a reasoned way. For instance, the value of maximum wildlife quality areas may diminish if adjacent and surrounding land uses block access or negatively impact the habitat. Each development proposal should be analyzed and evaluated to determine if it will negatively impact maximum wildlife quality areas.</p>	<p>Duplicated in the CMP</p>	<p><u>Wildlife & Vegetation</u> <i>Wildlife and Development</i> Policy: Avoid development in maximum/critical wildlife quality areas. Transfer the density that would have been allowed in these areas to other portions of the site.</p> <p><i>Sustainability</i> (b) Objective: Ensure that proposed land uses shall be compatible with the ecosystem of critical wildlife habitats and not pose immediate and potential detrimental impacts to such habitats. 1. Policy: Land use proposals shall be evaluated taking into account their proximity to critical wildlife habitats, ranges and migration routes.</p>
<p>3. Applications in or near maximum wildlife quality areas should be referred to the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) for identification of appropriate buffers and effective mitigation techniques between human activity and maximum wildlife quality areas. The CDOW should review all development proposals for impacts on wildlife to:</p> <p>a. Ensure the preservation of maximum wildlife quality areas. Open lands which contain diverse food and cover should be consolidated or inter-connected whenever possible. Those habitats not designated as “maximum wildlife quality areas” may nonetheless have important wildlife values that should be considered during evaluation of each proposed development.</p> <p>b. Identify vegetation important to wildlife that should be preserved to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>c. Ensure that water quality in bodies of water used by wildlife are not degraded to a degree that would be detrimental to wildlife.</p> <p>d. Ensure that wildlife populations are managed in relationship to available habitat and to minimize human/wildlife conflicts.</p>	<p>Duplicated in the CMP. The CMP does not say what the CDOW should review a proposal for, but does say what things should be done during a development. The CMP language is better because we can request certain items from the developer, whether or not a comment was made from a referral agency.</p>	<p><u>Wildlife & Vegetation</u> <i>Wildlife and Development</i> Under Objective A 1. Policy: Avoid development in maximum/critical wildlife quality areas. Transfer the density that would have been allowed in these areas to other portions of the site. 7. Policy: Protect vegetation important to wildlife. 9. Policy: Refer development proposals that would impact wildlife critical areas to the Colorado Division of Wildlife for suggestions and mitigation techniques. 12. Policy: Provide for the safety of residents and wildlife by reducing conflicts between wild animals and people, and accommodate the needs of wildlife as development occurs.</p> <p>Under objective B: 2. Policy: Encourage development proposals to protect connective corridors and support the protection of wildlife and their habitat areas. 3. Policy: Locate development outside of important wildlife habitat and movement corridors. 4. Policy: Protect wetlands, riparian areas, natural springs, ponds and drainages.</p> <p><i>Sustainability</i> (b) Objective: Ensure that proposed land uses shall be compatible with the ecosystem of critical wildlife habitats and not pose immediate and potential detrimental impacts to such habitats.</p>

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III. Implementation Strategies		
1. The Colorado Division of Wildlife should map maximum wildlife quality areas to be used by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning in the review of development applications.	Duplicated in the CMP	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation</p> <p><i>Protection of Wildlife Habitat</i></p> <p>1. Policy: Identify important habitat and movement corridors on the Wildlife Resources Map in each community/subarea plan.</p> <p>ii. Implementation: Work with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to regularly revise the Wildlife Resources Map to reflect changes.</p> <p><i>Wildlife and Development</i></p> <p>3. Policy: Locate development outside of important wildlife habitat and movement corridors.</p> <p>i. Implementation: Identify and inventory wildlife habitat and corridors.</p>
2. Jefferson County Planning and Zoning and the Colorado Division of Wildlife should: a. Prepare and distribute educational guides on the needs of wildlife and human/wildlife conflicts; and b. Develop incentives for developers to accommodate wildlife needs in project planning.	Modify CMP to address b. Item a. is redundant.	<p>Modify existing Policy 10 under the Wildlife & Vegetation chapter, Development and Wildlife to discuss incentives beyond a TDR program:</p> <p>10. Policy: Develop incentives, such as a transfer of development rights program, to create an incentive to guide development to the least significant habitat on the site. more desirable locations.</p>

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