

Wildlife		
South Jefferson County Community Plan		Comprehensive Master Plan
<p>Wildlife is a unique resource that draws people to the Front Range area. Wildlife needs should be considered in land use decisions. While some species can adapt to human encroachment on their habitat, careful planning is needed to ensure that important wildlife habitats are not adversely impacted, degraded, or destroyed, and that wildlife/human conflicts are minimized.</p> <p>The following wildlife habitats should be protected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threatened or endangered species habitat • Riparian habitat • Wetlands • Raptor nesting sites • Critical wildlife movement corridors • Elk and deer severe winter range (see Glossary) • Elk calving areas • The Hogback and Mountain Backdrop/Foreground 	Duplicative.	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation The vision statement greatly exceeds the standards of the S. Jeffco introduction.</p> <p>1) 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. (b) Objective: Promote and protect threatened and endangered wildlife and vegetative species.</p> <p>2. Policy: Protect the habitats and hunting and nesting areas of threatened and endangered species, primarily birds of prey.</p> <p>6. Policy: Restrict development in and establish setbacks for riparian areas.</p> <p>3. Policy: Locate development outside of important wildlife habitat and movement corridors. i. Implementation: Identify and inventory wildlife habitat and corridors.</p> <p>4. Policy: Protect wetlands, riparian areas, natural springs, ponds and drainages.</p>
<p>Goal Enhance, maintain, and manage a balanced wildlife habitat to ensure the continued biological, economic, and aesthetic value of this resource.</p>	Duplicative	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation 1) 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>Policies</p>		
<p>A. General 1. Wildlife habitats should be protected to ensure that these valued areas continue to be community amenities. Development should not block access or negatively impact wildlife habitat. Each development proposal should be analyzed, evaluated, and specifics documented, to determine if it would negatively impact wildlife habitat.</p>	Duplicative	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation 3) Wildlife and Development i) Goal: Minimize and/or mitigate impacts to wildlife and their habitats as development occurs. 5. Policy: Require wildlife management, habitat conservation, and land maintenance plans for new development, in consultation with professional agencies, as appropriate.</p>
<p>2. Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) should review all proposals in or near wildlife areas.</p>	Duplicative	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation 3) Wildlife and Development 9. Policy: Refer development proposals that would impact wildlife critical areas to the Colorado Division of Wildlife for suggestions and mitigation techniques.</p>
<p>3. The Design Guidelines (in this Plan) pertaining to wildlife should be followed.</p> <p>4. See the Appendix for additional information.</p>	Will be addressed at time of Design Guidelines drafting	
<p>Implementation</p>		
<p>1. CDOW should continue to update maps of wildlife areas to be used by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division in the review of development applications.</p>	Duplicative	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation 1) Protection of Wildlife Habitat (1. Policy: Identify important habitat and movement corridors on the Wildlife Resources Map in each community/subarea plan. 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>2. Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division and CDOW should: a. Prepare and distribute educational guides on the needs of wildlife and human/wildlife conflicts; and b. Develop incentive programs for developers who accommodate wildlife needs in project planning. Examples of programs include conservation easements (see the Open Space, Trails, Parks, & Recreation section for details) and other programs that could protect wildlife needs and assist in project planning.</p>	Duplicative	<p>Wildlife & Vegetation 4) Education i) Goal: Educate the public on ways to coexist with wildlife. 1. Policy: Utilize County publications to educate residents about the dangers posed to wildlife by roaming pets, unsecured trash, unsafe fires, fireworks and unlawful discharge of firearms. 3) Wildlife and Development 4. Policy: Encourage the use of conservation design, creative planning, supportive zoning, and other land use strategies to protect and conserve important wildlife habitat. 10. Policy: Develop a transfer of development rights program to create an incentive to guide development to more desirable locations.</p>

