

Pend Oreille County
Cusick/Usk Urban Growth Area Plan
Preliminary Working Draft Goals and Policies
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The following is a preliminary working draft list of Goals and Policies for discussion and possible inclusion in the Cusick/Usk Urban Growth Area Plan:

Draft Goal #1: Protect the environment, especially air and water quality.

Draft Goal #2: Maximize the use and the return on the investment in public infrastructure.

Draft Goal #3: Identify those areas most suitable for development and make sure they are ready for development.

Draft Goal#4: Identify those areas that are not suitable for development and make sure they are protected.

Draft Goal #5: Prepare a plan for the Cusick/Usk Urban Growth Area that can be adopted and jointly implemented by the County, the Kalispel Tribe and the Town of Cusick.

Draft Policy #1: Avoid and minimize to the greatest extent possible through planning, engineering, and design, potential adverse impacts on the environment and cultural resources.

Draft Policy #2: Vacant or underutilized lands not suitable for development should be protected. This may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Donation to or acquisition by a public agency(s);
- b. The establishment or strengthening of conservation easements;
- c. Open Space zoning designations;
- d. Preparation of Cultural Resource Management Plans; and/or
- e. Establishment of a coordinated stewardship plan for designated environmentally sensitive areas.

Draft Policy #3: Vacant or underutilized lands most suitable for development should be prepared for development and actively marketed. This may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Donation to or acquisition by a public agency(s);
- b. Establishment of an appropriate zoning designation and development standards, such as an economic development or business park zone;

- c. Identification and prioritization of public improvements that could increase the development potential of the properties; and/or
- d. Execution of a joint marketing agreement.

Draft Policy #4: Residential areas in Usk should have zoning comparable to the residential zoning in Cusick.

Draft Policy #5: Commercial areas in Usk should have zoning comparable to the commercial zoning in Cusick.

Draft Policy #6: Actively seek, in partnership with WSDOT, the Kalispel Tribe, Stevens County, Chewelah and Cusick, the designation of the Flowery Trail Road including the bridge in Usk, as a State Highway. This may include, but is not limited to:

- a. Developing and successfully implementing a funding strategy for replacement of the bridge.
- b. Exploring the feasibility of possibly realigning the Flowery Trail Road corridor to connect with a potential new intersection of SR 20 and SR 211.

Draft Policy #7: Encourage all properties in the Urban Growth Area to connect to the Cusick Water and Sewer system if feasible.