

Draft Conservation Element **Goals and Objectives**

GOAL CON 1

Preserve, properly manage and, where possible, enhance the quantity, quality and function of Lake County's natural resources for existing and future generations; to include, but not be limited to the following natural resources: air, surface waters, groundwater supplies, soils/minerals, wetlands, native habitat and wildlife, floodplain, endangered, threatened and species of special concern, open spaces, aquifer recharge areas, and historic and archaeological resources.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.1: GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

Build upon existing studies to establish a program to protect both the quantity and quality of groundwater resources and recharge areas.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.2: SURFACE WATER PROTECTION

Lake County shall continue to evaluate and identify major sources of surface water pollution within the County and coordinate the development and implementation of pollution abatement methods and programs with local governments, State, and Federal agencies.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.3: FLOODPLAIN, WETLANDS AND UPLAND COMMUNITIES

The County shall protect ecological systems including wetlands and uplands, which are sensitive to development impacts and provide important natural functions for maintenance of environmental quality and wildlife habitats.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.4: SOILS/MINERALS/BORROW PITS

The County shall minimize adverse impacts to the natural resource functions of soils prior to development.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.5: AIR QUALITY

Lake County shall implement State and Federal guidelines to improve and protect air quality, and ensure that the County meet or exceed all applicable air quality standards.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.6: ENERGY CONSERVATION

The County shall, with each Evaluation and Appraisal Report, provide an analysis of existing Countywide energy conservation measures and produce if necessary, new

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Comprehensive Plan policies and/or elements that will further the goal of measurable results in energy conservation.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.7: COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION OF WETLANDS

The County shall protect the functions provided by wetlands. These functions vary depending upon the type, location, and classification, but could be affected by the degree of historic alteration. For purposes of fulfilling this objective, Lake County shall continue to adopt regulations which protect and conserve wetlands. Such regulations shall include criteria for identifying the significance of wetlands.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.8: SILVICULTURE ACTIVITIES

Silviculture activities are to be conducted in a manner compatible with the need to protect, conserve and appropriately use natural resources associated with wetlands and surface waters.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.9: LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM

Lake County shall purchase environmentally sensitive lands through the Land Acquisition Program.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.10: PROTECT PROPERTY RIGHTS

Lake County shall protect property rights in its regulation and acquisition programs regarding preservation and conservation.

OBJECTIVE CON 1.11: LAND MANAGEMENT AND USE

Lake County shall develop the land use regulations that are most appropriate and capable of accommodating growth without significant adverse impact to the County's natural resources.