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THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

This Comprehensive Plan was prepared under the direction of the **Frontier County Planning Commission** as a guide for future development of the County.

The **Frontier County Comprehensive Plan** is designed to provide policy guidance which will enable the citizens and elected officials of the County to make informed judgments and decisions about the future of the County and communities. Many issues regarding the future of the County are addressed in this Plan.

This Comprehensive Plan is intended to identify goals, policies and procedures leading to the attainment of quality of life in Frontier County and provide a general guide for future decisions and developments within the rural County. The Comprehensive Plan is also intended to encourage a strong economic base for the County, so the desires of the citizens can realistically be met.

Planning begins with the collection of data to provide a comprehensive picture of the existing area. Analysis of the data provides a basis for the development of forecasts into what the future will be within the County planning area.

Secondly, planning is the **development of a general plan** which establishes specific and practical guidelines for improving existing conditions and controlling future growth. The Comprehensive Plan is presented in narrative, maps and charts, describing what residents want their County to become.

The Plan presents a program designed to identify, assess and develop actions and policies in the areas of land use, circulation, housing, public facilities and utilities. The Plan contains proposals and recommendations which need to be implemented in order to be of value to the County and its residents.

Implementation is the **third phase** of the comprehensive planing process. A broad range of development policies and programs is needed to implement the Plan. The Plan identifies the goals, programs and methods of carrying out proposals and recommendations and providing a framework for protecting the overall health, safety and general welfare of the Frontier County citizenry, as well as the natural environment. Frontier County faces many of the needs associated with implementation of a comprehensive plan. These include, the need to plan, design, finance and implement public improvements and the need to establish and enforce standards for the use of land.

Implementation methods include, incentive measures to stimulate private actions consistent with the Plan and the use of federal and state aid programs for community and economic development activities.

Each method has its role in helping to achieve the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. No one method can accomplish all the goals and policies established in the Plan and results are best achieved when using several or all for each element of the Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is composed of the following six elements:

- **Frontier County Planning Process**
- **Goals and Policies**
- **Population, Economics and Housing**
- **Land Use Profile and Plan**
- **Public Facilities and Utilities**
- **Transportation**

Each of these elements are interrelated and dependent upon the others. This relationship provides a framework which will translate them into workable programs to assist in achieving the physical, social and economic goals and policies of County residents.

The system embodied in this framework is a process which relies upon continuous feedback as goals change and objectives become more clearly defined. Planning is an ongoing process that requires monitoring and revision throughout the planning period.

Planning Period

The planning time period for achieving the goals, programs and developments identified in the **Frontier County Comprehensive Plan is 10 years, 1999 through 2009.**

Authority to Plan

The Comprehensive Plan for Frontier County is prepared under the Authority of Section 23-114, Nebraska State Statutes, 1943, as amended.

Amendment

The Comprehensive Plan may be amended or updated as the need arises as provided in Nebraska Statutes.