

## APPENDIX E

### REGIONAL GOALS AND POLICIES – GPCOG 1990

The following reflects the goals, policies and implementation strategies developed by GPCOG during its 1990 regional planning process:

#### ISSUE: ORDERLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

##### GOALS:

- Support regional growth and development in an orderly and planned fashion which will avoid placing unnecessary burdens on resources and infrastructure.
- Preserve the remaining rural character in the region by influencing the location and intensity of future development.

##### POLICIES:

- Develop a program that integrates the development of a GPCOG regional plan with local land use strategies and other areawide growth management initiatives, recognizing the concern for cumulative impacts.
- In coordinating interlocal discussions, point to the need to have a balance between the rates and patterns of development that is cost effective and recognizes urban, village and rural land use schemes across municipal boundaries.
- Establish a land suitability planning system that helps communities relate development patterns to the region's capacity to absorb growth.
- Encourage and assist in the coordination of a system of leadership training that provides personal growth and development and expands upon the cultural development into the future.

#### ISSUE: FINANCE

##### GOALS:

- Address new infrastructure financing methods for the region which will reduce the burden on the local property tax and consider, where appropriate, regional cooperation.

##### POLICIES:

- Promote cooperative relations and coalition activities between the private and public sector in the GPCOG region.
- Educate those in the private and public sector in the critical financial issues related to growth and development in this region.
- Identify and support initiatives which reduce the reliance on property tax to finance municipal services and community development.

#### ISSUE: PUBLIC SERVICES

##### GOALS:

- Promote the effective and efficient delivery of quality services for the region in a cost-effective manner consistent with regional needs.

##### POLICIES:

- Focus GPCOG efforts on State support for all forms of public education, working to maintain equity among all communities in providing for education quality.
- Focus regional attention on the need to maintain a balance between property tax reform issues and infrastructure and municipal service needs.
- Inventory and analyze factors that impact upon the delivery of public services across the region.

ISSUE: ECONOMY AND JOBS

GOAL:

- Encourage organized and balanced economic development throughout the Greater Portland region in a way that is stable and consistent with the carrying capacity of the area.

POLICIES:

- Continue to assist and support in the development of a sound regional economic base; mitigating potential problems of competition for resources, jobs and infrastructure support through consistent communication networks.
- Working with communities and multiple agencies, develop a program that will assist in the provision of a wide range of employment opportunities.
- Address and provide solutions related to tourism impacts and the conflicts of a “four season” industry.

ISSUE: HOUSING

GOAL:

- Work with regional organizations to solve housing problems and provide decent homes in a suitable living environment for every family in the region.

POLICIES:

- Support the continued elimination of substandard housing and its replacement with upgraded housing stock for all income groups.
- Develop a regional housing strategy that addresses local and regional conflicts and provide direction for housing strategy issues.
- Develop a program that links housing agencies and other local boards in order to provide a mechanism for regional housing coordination.

ISSUE: WATER QUALITY

GOAL:

- To enhance and upgrade the ability of policy-making bodies to deal with water quality management issues on a short and long-term basis.

POLICIES:

- Foster public education and awareness of water quality issues.
- Develop a regional strategy for addressing the region’s water quality problems.
- Delineate and assess the quality and interrelationship of the region’s potable, commercial and recreational water supplies for decision makers in the GPCOG regions.
- Continue to work with the Portland Water District to coordinate local and region initiatives.

ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT

GOAL:

- Promote a safe, healthy, and protected environment in which to work, live and recreate in.

POLICIES:

- Assist municipalities in addressing environmental issues of local or regional significance as identified by local, State, or Federal decision makers.
- Evaluate environmental issues, anticipate their impact, and develop and recommend regional strategies which will mitigate anticipated problems.

ISSUE: NATURAL RESOURCES

GOAL:

- Assist in the preservation and efficient use of the region's natural resources so as to ensure their availability for future generations.

POLICIES:

- Assist local and regional entities in regulating nonrenewable resources to ensure maximum benefit with minimum disturbance to the environment.
- Encourage and promote cooperation and coordination among communities to protect critical natural resources and their industries.
- Quantify and assess the critical relationships among the region's natural resources.
- Identify and set priorities related to the preservation of critical open space areas.
- Develop and implement public and private initiatives in the area of open space/natural resource acquisition.

ISSUE: MARINE RESOURCES

GOAL:

- Facilitate and promote the protection of the region's marine resources and the development of related industries.

POLICIES:

- Provide technical assistance to municipalities to assist them in protecting important resources that have been identified throughout the growth management process.
- Assess the availability of port facilities in the GPCOG coastal area and provide for orderly and successful development and use of coastal industries and resources.
- Assist the region in meeting the requirements of the State Goals and Objectives as they relate to marine resource protection and development.

ISSUE: TRANSPORTATION

GOALS:

- Work to improve the condition of the region's highways and transportation facilities, in terms of safety and capacity.
- Continue to improve the adequacy and efficiency of public transportation and other alternative forms of transportation.

POLICIES:

- Implement an infrastructure and financial plan for the region's highways, focusing on critical corridors.
- Coordinate the development of alternative financial resources to help municipalities deal with highway and public transportation services without further burdening the property tax.

- Study the entire transportation system and how it relates to the economic and community needs of this region.
- Continue to work with PACTS on the planning and implementation of critical regional transportation projects in rural and urban areas.
- Improve transportation planning practices by placing a greater emphasis on the long range planning relationship between land use and transportation planning.

ISSUE: OUTDOOR RECREATION

GOAL:

- Work towards the provision of a combination of passive and active recreational facilities, scenic vistas, and open space in order to serve a wide variety of needs simultaneously and be easily accessible to a large part of the metropolitan area.

POLICIES:

- Preserve valuable natural areas critical to both wildlife and open space recreation needs.
- Expand the use of existing recreational facilities through redevelopment and rehabilitation, advertising and promotion, and expanding the availability of recreational programs.
- Encourage and support the idea of interlocal cooperative agreements or the notion of a coordinating authority for recreation potential on a regional basis.