

Land use element

Land in the City of Bayfield is used for housing, commercial and industrial enterprises, public facilities, transportation and recreation. The activities and land uses of Bayfield have evolved over the years into an established pattern. It is this pattern, combined with the City's natural setting that gives Bayfield its unique form and character. The natural setting is also a major reason people love living in Bayfield and why so many visitors flock here. It provides habitat for all denizens of Bayfield, human as well as animal.

Generally, habitat protection is an essential part of land use planning, since quality habitat "is the basis of biological, genetic and functional diversity, the sum of which is the basis of natural wealth and thus economic viability, which in turn equates to long-term community well-being. Habitat is comprised of food, water, shelter and space and the quality of habitat depends on the quality of these four items." Protection of habitat for humans and animals can go hand in hand.

When altering the land to accommodate human necessities and perceived needs, we need not be limited by conventional development practices. Our choices are usually limited only by lack of knowledge and awareness of innovative, creative alternatives.



Lumbering was a major industry in the area from 18XX to XXXX.

Goal 1: Bayfield maintains a land use plan that reflects current community values and provides for future expansion.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: *Determine what the community wants, needs and values regarding land use issues.*

OBJECTIVE 1.2: *Develop good working relationships with surrounding towns and other governmental entities.*

Goal 2: Bayfield's land use plan envisions a diverse community which includes people of varied ages, socio-economic class and family composition, race and cultural heritage.

OBJECTIVE 2.1 & 2.2: *Provide a wide range of housing opportunities. Provide a variety of economic opportunities.*

Goal 3: Bayfield's historical character is preserved and enhanced.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: *Enforce and enhance the Historic Preservation Ordinance.* **OBJECTIVE 3.2:** *Work with the Town of Bayfield to ensure development along Highway 13 approaches to the City are consistent with Bayfield's historic character.* **OBJECTIVE 3.4:** *Encourage quality and character of new development that is consistent with the existing built environment.*

OBJECTIVE 3.5: *Limit impact of loud motorized vehicles in and around the City.*

Goal 4: Bayfield's unique natural environment is preserved and enhanced.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: *Preserve and expand City parks, recreation areas and open space.*

OBJECTIVE 4.2: *Review and revise the City's tree ordinance.*

OBJECTIVE 4.3: *Protect natural watercourses and ravines.*

OBJECTIVE 4.4: *Develop a land protection strategy and process for acquiring property.* **OBJECTIVE 4.5:** *Develop guidelines for creating and maintaining views both of the Lake, from the Lake and of the night sky.*

Goal 5: Bayfield's lakeshore remains a major asset, economically and environmentally.

OBJECTIVE 5.1: *Support marine-related development along the shoreline.*

