

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LA PLATA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The League of Women Voters of La Plata County supports a Comprehensive Plan for Durango and La Plata County - responsive to the will of the people and subject to annual review - which will:

- Allow for orderly development
- Preserve the natural beauty of the area
- Recognize the uniqueness of the natural beauty and encourage good design in relation to the topography.
- Centralize the location of possible new industry into a single area.
- Provide functional (commuter) paths, recreational paths (bicycle, jogging and walking lanes) and trails for non-motorized traffic, especially along new construction areas and improvement projects.
- Provide for the implementation of the plan, with emphasis on increasing multiple family dwellings affordable to low and moderate income families.
- Discourage “leapfrog” or sprawled residential and commercial growth.
- Discourage strip development by concentrating areas of commercial growth and by controlling the size of subdivided lots.
- Encourage cluster development by permitting the landowner to build on a smaller size lot and allow the remainder to become open space.
- Explore ways in which growth can be made to pay its own way.
- Provide well-planned growth centers that would include basic services.
- Create a more viable downtown.
- Address the problem of parking by (1) providing more parking through the development of citywide and privately owned parking facilities both in the core business district and on the outskirts of the city; (2) providing designated parking areas for recreation vehicles; (3) developing an effective mass transit system; and (4) discouraging single passenger cars.
- Ease traffic problems in the county by: (1) encouraging carpools; (2) developing an effective mass transit system; (3) realigning certain roads; (4) repairing existing roads; and (5) building new roads to improve traffic flow.

This position, originally adopted in the 1980s, was reaffirmed at the Annual Meeting, May 11, 2004.