



### Economic Development Element

A strong and diversified economy provides a high quality of life for the citizens of Jefferson County and the region. The purpose of the Economic Development Element is to provide goals and policies that promote economic development and also protect public health and safety, social services and environmental quality.

What about this element is most important or stands out most for you and why?

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### Current Land Use and Rural Goals:

1. **Make Jefferson County the best place to live, work, and conduct business by creating a diverse sustainable economy.**
2. **Encourage programs aimed at providing apprenticeships, mentorships, education, job training and retraining, and skills enhancement that are responsive to the changing needs of local businesses and residents.**
3. **Establish a Targeted Industry Program that promotes Jefferson County's strengths, advantages, and potential in the following industries:**
  - Health Care;
  - Gerontology/Retirement;
  - Marine Trades;
  - Natural Resources;
  - Tourism (including Native, Cultural, and Agricultural); and
  - Local and Native Arts (including fine arts and crafts)
  - Agriculture/Aquaculture;
  - High-Technology;
  - Telecommunications;
  - Value-added products;
4. **Coordinate efforts with federal, state and accountable local economic development groups to promote a healthy and vibrant economic environment within Jefferson County.**
5. **Provide regulatory incentives to encourage and facilitate economic opportunities within the County.**
6. **Encourage and support economic development for rural and urban lands.**
7. **Support human and social services necessary to encourage a strong local economy and a healthy community.**
8. **Promote the development of tourist and tourist-related activities as a provider of employment and business opportunities in Jefferson County.**
9. **Encourage economic development that sustains natural resources and open spaces, protects environmental quality and enhances Jefferson County's overall quality of life.**
10. **Provide, maintain and encourage phased infrastructure development that is adequate to attract and accommodate desired economic growth in areas of Jefferson County consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.**

Which one of these goals is most important or stands out for you and why?

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What would you like to see changed or added and why?

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How might we do that?

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