



## Open Space, Parks and Recreation, and Historic Preservation Element

The purpose of the Open Space, Parks and Recreation component of this element is to classify, protect, and enhance open space lands and parks and to link them into a Countywide network. Because open space is essential to the rural character of Jefferson County, this element proposes strategies to achieve a balance between open space preservation and land development and use activities, consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.

Recognizing the significance of parks and recreation to the quality of life in Jefferson County, this element develops strategies to meet the demand for these facilities and services, consistent with capital planning goals and policies and the Jefferson County Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.

The purpose of the Historic Preservation component of this element is to encourage the preservation of historic and prehistoric sites, structures and artifacts through designation criteria and review processes.

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

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### Current Open Space and Recreation:

1. Preserve and enhance the existing open space lands.
2. Identify and develop an interconnected County-wide network of naturally occurring and planned open spaces.
3. Encourage the multiple use of open spaces and wildlife corridors. Develop and maintain public park and recreational facilities that are responsive to the needs and interests of Jefferson County residents and visitors.
4. Establish and maintain a public County-wide trail system that meets the population needs and open space objectives of Jefferson County.
5. Identify and preserve historic and prehistoric sites, structures, Native American settlements, and artifacts that have value as significant cultural resources.

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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