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APPENDIX A

Status of 2002 Big Horn County Growth Policy Implementation Strategies

**2013 Status Report on Implementation of
2002 Big Horn County Growth Policy
Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Measures
(Actions that have been completed are highlighted in orange)**

Strategy	Status
Goal 1: Land Use and Development	
1a. Support Voluntary Conservation Easements	Not completed. No written policy adopted but the Planning Board has reviewed several conservation easements in past 10 years.
2a. Compatibility of use measures	No Action.
2b. Information to citizens wishing to conduct neighborhood planning and/or citizen-initiated zoning districts	No Action; no citizen interest
2c. Track statistics annually on acres of land approved for subdivision, #lots, etc.	Not completed, but the county clerk and recorder has initiated a system that would facilitate this review.
2d. Cluster Development	Completed. The Subdivision Regulations now include provision for Cluster Development. ¹
3a. Continue to notify ditch/canal companies of subdivision applications	Ongoing.
3b. Subdividers to clarify irrigation water rights	Completed. ²
4a. Continue to implement county weed plan	Ongoing with regard to subdivision review, but the county weed board has not been active in years.
4b. Ensure new subdivision and new development does not increase weed spread	Ongoing
4c. Coordinate with other governments on mapping weeds, etc.	Not completed.
5a. "Way of the West" Publication	Completed
6a. County comment on state and federal proposals	As opportunity has arisen
6b. County to advocate balance between energy development and long-term land use	Ongoing.
Goal 2: Water Resources and Development Along Rivers and Streams	
1a. Keep development out of floodplain, wetlands, and riparian areas	Partially completed. ³ Floodplain regulations and waste-water treatment requirements followed.
1b. Riverbank setback guidelines	Partially completed. Planning Board drafted regulations which were not adopted by the County Commissioners.

¹ Cluster Development is now in the subdivision regulations, but the incentives for preserving open space are negligible.

² Irrigation Water Rights: Subdivision regulations revised in 2010 to require all subdividers to indicate how existing water rights will be appropriated among subdivision property owners.

³ Floodplain Development. The county does have floodplain regulations but these do not preclude structures in the floodplain nor do they specifically address wetlands or riparian areas.

Strategy	Status
1c. Work with Crow and Northern Cheyenne on floodplain maps	Ongoing
2a1. Viewshed setbacks for Big Horn River south of Hardin	Partially completed. Planning Board drafted regulations which were not adopted by the County Commission.
2a2. Design guidelines for new construction to retain viewsheds along Big Horn River south of Hardin	Partially completed. Planning Board drafted regulations which were not adopted by the County Commission.
2b. Work with state on river water quality education for fisherman, guides and outfitters	Ongoing. Brochures, booklets, workshops available.
3a. Work with state and tribes on public education regarding water quality and enforcement of existing laws	Ongoing. Same as 2.b.
3b. Work with public water and sewage districts and assist in providing resources	Ongoing
3c. Support and coordinate training for water and sewer operators – apply for grant funds to assist	Partially completed. Crow Agency operators now trained and others in county being trained.
4a. Subdividers provide information on groundwater and surface water impacts	Completed
4b. Be supportive of studies on water quality	Ongoing
Goal 3: Local Services	
1a. Encourage development in areas easily accessed by public services	Ongoing, but hasn't been an issue as there has been little development over the past 10 years.
1b. Support community infrastructure improvements	Ongoing. County provides assistance where it can for grants, etc. for water/sewer, etc.
2a- Establish requirements for fire facilities for new development	Partially Complete. Basic standards in Subdivision regulations.
2b. Work with NRCS and others to provide wildland fire mitigation measures.	Ongoing. County updated their Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan in 2013
2c. Capital improvements plan for firefighting equipment and capability	No action.
3a. Better coordination among law enforcement jurisdictions	Incomplete. This appears to be an ongoing issue.
3b. Inform residents about how laws apply on Indian Reservations, including emergency contact info for law enforcement.	No Action
3c. Better record-keeping on law enforcement statistics	Incomplete
3d. Provide for law enforcement in underserved areas.	Incomplete
4a. Inventory of county's capital assets, develop annualized life cycle costs	Incomplete
4b. Continue road and bridge inventory and develop 5 year plan	Incomplete
4c. Road development policy for not accepting private roads into county system	Incomplete

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4d. Improve and maintain road signs. Place roads signs at all intersections	Ongoing
4e. Rural addressing – Inform public	Complete but ongoing
4f. Policy on frequency and distribution of new accesses onto county roads	Incomplete
5a. Solid waste collection system review –	Ongoing
5b. Solid waste sites clean, avoid over-filling and wrong materials	Ongoing
5c. Developers to estimate impacts	Partially complete. ⁴
6b. Determine financial impacts of new development – assess need to develop impact fees	Partially complete. Addressed somewhat in subdivision regulations. No assessment to date for impact fees.
6c. Annual review of subdivision fees	No Action, but has been little subdivision activity in past 10 years.
7a. Study feasibility of model building code standards	Incomplete
Goal 4: Economy	
1. Update and implement Big Horn county Economic Development Master Plan	Partially complete. Only as part of the multi-county RC&D CEDs 5 year update.
2a. Economic Task Force	Incomplete
3a. Work with Hardin to identify location for new airport.	Complete
3b. Support efforts to bring passenger rail to county	Ongoing
Goal 5: Cultural Resources	
1a. Develop criteria for determining development effects on cultural resources and incorporate into subdivision regulations.	Incomplete
1b. Written policy for County to submit subdivision applications to Crow, Northern Cheyenne, and county Historic Preservation Officer.	Partially complete. Policy in place but not written.
2a. Improve landowner awareness of need to record historic sites	Incomplete
2b. Identify methods to retain integrity of historic sites	No Action
Coordination with Other Jurisdictions	
a. County to host an annual session for all communities to identify issues and receive land use planning info	No action
b. Sponsor annual discussion of community infrastructure needs	No action
c. Obtain facilitation and technical support to address areas of jurisdictional overlap – with focus on law enforcement	No action

⁴ Solid waste: Addressed as requirement in subdivision regulations, but not for other types of development.

Strategy	Status
d. Meet regularly with tribal, state, federal land managers to discuss respective land use plans, projects, etc.	As need arises, no regular meetings
Coordination with Hardin City-County Planning Board	
a. Host a workshop for city-county and county planning boards for better understanding of their roles	No Action
b. Assess need for staffing City-county planning board	Continue with contracted staff
Coordination with Crow and Northern Cheyenne	
a. Work with tribes to identify how best to contact adjoining landowners on subdivisions when lands	Incomplete
b. Work toward similar shared land use planning, subdivision and sanitation review	No action
c. Work with Northern Cheyenne to identify how Northern Cheyenne development near Tongue River Reservoir would affect or be affected by County emergency and other services	No action. Appears development is on hold for now.
Implementation	
Planning Board annual review of growth policy, implementation status, and need to update growth policy	Initially was done, but was not continued