

## **Goal 1: Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Dallas County has significant natural resources that include: Land suitable for agricultural production, the Raccoon River Greenbelt, diverse wildlife and plant life, and cultural/historical features. These lands should be protected from urban-type development in order to: 1) Preserve the availability of agricultural land for food production; 2) Preserve natural areas for recreation, floodplain, open space and wildlife; 3) Prevent water and soil erosion and improve water quality.

- Policy 1.1 Encourage contiguous agriculture land holdings and minimize parcelization of agricultural lands through the implementation of the 35 acre minimum lot size.
- Policy 1.2 Guide non-agricultural uses to areas with lower quality (CSR 5-60) agricultural land, or into incorporated areas.
- Policy 1.3 Development should be directed in and near incorporated areas and away from prime agricultural areas and greenbelt areas.
- Policy 1.4 Encourage cities to utilize existing land within their corporate limits before annexing additional land. Recommend intergovernmental agreements to limit or control annexation.
- Policy 1.5 Protect prime agricultural land (CSR 71+) from development by not approving the re-zoning of agricultural land.
- Policy 1.6 Land zoned agricultural should be exclusively intended for agriculture, conservation, recreation, floodplain and open space.

## **Goal 2: Transportation**

Provide a convenient, efficient and economical transportation system for the citizens of Dallas County. Lessen congestion and preserve safety on public roads through access control. Plan for future growth, while maintaining our existing transportation system, through collaboration and coordination with municipal, regional and state agencies.

- Policy 2.1 Require metropolitan standards be met for all new streets on any development within 2 miles of any corporate limits.
- Policy 2.2 Adopt a minimum design standard for private roads to encourage a higher quality development and to ensure E911 vehicular accessibility.

- Policy 2.3 Adopt access controls on arterials and collector roads.
- Policy 2.4 Require new developments to have access to paved roads and discourage any development on existing non-paved roads.
- Policy 2.5 Plan for diverse modes of transportation.

**Goal 3: Community Character**

Promote, preserve and improve the quality of life that has made Dallas County an attractive place to live and work.

- Policy 3.1 Encourage efficient urban development patterns.
- Policy 3.2 Promote conservation of energy resources by encouraging development near existing cities and existing transportation corridors.
- Policy 3.4 Encourage central water and central sewer systems for all new development.
- Policy 3.5 Ensure new developments provide adequate lot size, roads, water, sewerage and open space, while minimizing environmental impact.