

## Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan 2037 Draft Community Vision Statement

Kittitas County is a region with a distinct sense of place based on the quality and diversity of our natural and built environment, valued recreational opportunities, respected rural working lands, unique regional character, and commitment to a high quality of life.

Kittitas County addresses challenges of future growth in a direct manner. Coordinated planning and suitable density patterns ensure that rural areas, natural areas, and working lands are sustained for the benefit of current and future generations. An important factor in the County's growth is fostering a diverse economy with a variety of employment opportunities achieved through a balance of commercial, industrial, and manufacturing areas located and sized to ensure opportunities for rural-based employment. The diverse housing needs of current and future residents is met by providing a range of housing types that ensure adequate and affordable housing options.

Kittitas County enhances its regional character by preserving the diversity of existing resource tourism and promoting future opportunities for expansion and establishment of new resource tourism opportunities. The County protects, conserves, and responsibly manages natural resources through education, coordination, facilitation, and long term planning.

The cornerstone of the County's approach to planning is conducting activities in a manner that encourages citizen involvement, enhances public trust, and promotes mutual understanding.

\*Preservation of rural character