



# VISION AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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### Countywide Vision Statement

Trinity County is a place where people can experience a fulfilling life in a peaceful, rural, setting while allowing for existing and new development to thrive in appropriate ways and locations. It is a place where employment, housing, world class recreation, and cultural and natural resources opportunities are abundant; where there is a strong sense of community and family, neighbors support neighbors, and residents feel safe and secure.

### Countywide Guiding Principles



**1. Hazards and Safety.** Provide for safe communities through resilient infrastructure, communitywide education and preparation, effective coordination with State and Federal agencies, and hazard planning that includes managing lands to reduce the impacts of climate-related, natural, and human-caused disasters including wildland fires, flooding, and geological events.



**2. Community Health and Health Services.** Promote economic, social, and physical health and wellness by investing in infrastructure and services that promote physical activity and access to local healthy foods; help reduce health disparities; and integrate public health into public policies and the community..



**3. Land Use, Housing, and Zoning.** Identify additional land for future development while ensuring the compatibility of adjoining land uses; incentivizing new development; returning vacant and abandoned properties to active use; increasing affordable housing options; improving resiliency to wildfire through defensible space, home hardening, and fuel management; and emphasizing collaborative approaches to housing challenges.



**4. Mobility and Infrastructure.** Invest in and develop an efficient and safe multimodal transportation network with infrastructure and services that meet the needs of residents and businesses; maintain and enhance law enforcement and fire protection services to protect residents and property; and enhance availability and reliability of communications infrastructure to residents and businesses.



**5. Watersheds and Natural Resources.** Sustainably manage, conserve, and develop the county's open spaces and natural resources with expanded opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the county's heritage and natural setting. Promote the availability and accessibility of recreation sites, entertainment opportunities, waterways, and State and Federal lands to all residents and visitors.



**6. Economic Development.** Maintain a high level of coordination and collaboration within the local business community to incentivize business development and employment opportunities, encourage economic growth, and retain capital within the community; strategically distribute resources for economic development throughout all communities in the county; and expand educational and workforce development opportunities, to provide a broad range of jobs across diverse industries.