

Chapter 6:

VISION, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The development of an efficient outdoor recreation plan depends upon establishing specific recreation and open-space goals and objectives from public participation and Highway, Infrastructure, & Recreation Committee revision and refinement. These goals and objectives are meant to guide County and local officials as they work towards providing a recreation system to meet the needs of Wood County's residents and visitors to the area.



Goal 1 – Provide and maintain a high-quality recreation system that is available to ALL Wood County residents and visitors.

Objectives

1. Ensure that outdoor recreation facilities serve people of all ages and physical abilities.
2. Encourage municipal cooperation and communication to reduce redundancy and duplication of recreation facilities and services.
3. Upgrade existing facilities and design future improvements so they are accessible to the greatest extent possible per the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines.
4. Protect the County's open space and recreational resources from visual blight and loss of environmental quality.

Goal 2 – Protect, restore, and enhance the natural and historical resources in Wood County for outdoor recreation.

Objective

1. Support wildlife management and adequate wildlife habitat through the conservation of wetlands and county forests.
2. Continue implementing the County's 15-year County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
3. Manage County lands for the broadest possible recreation benefit consistent with other essential uses.
4. Follow Best Management Practices for water quality and for invasive species control in development of outdoor recreation facilities. This will maintain forest certification.
5. Identify and preserve sites that have scientific, historic, or archeological significance. Cooperating with DNR to establish state natural areas is one way to preserve such sites.

Goal 3 – Continue developing Wood County as a trail friendly community and destination.

Objective

1. Support walking and biking trail development countywide.
2. Work on implementing the Wood County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, 2025.
3. Establish a permanent forum for evaluating bicycling and walking infrastructure across Wood County; either the County's Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee or establishing a new committee or ad-hoc committee that answers to the County's Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee.
4. Support ATV/UTV trail development countywide.
5. Support snowmobile trail development countywide.
6. Support local government and local group development of trails for hiking, biking, walking, birding, ATV/UTVing, and snowmobiling.