

Butte Silver Bow County Growth Policy 2008 – Vision Statement

Butte-Silver Bow County has a unique character that combines urban, rural, semi-rural and industrial qualities within an extraordinarily beautiful setting. A century of mining copper helped to shape land use patterns, architecture, landscape, attitudes and lifestyle. As the county transitions away from a dependence on mining, Butte-Silver Bow is emerging as a more modern and economically diverse community with the potential for growth. As we move into the future, we will manage growth and land use in a way that:

- *preserves the unique character found in our history, architecture and neighborhoods,*
- *provides for a safe and clean environment through environmental clean-up, renewal of decaying neighborhoods and prudent growth management that encourages resource efficiency and low carbon emissions,*
- *strives for a strong and diversified economic base that improves lives for all our citizens,*
- *encourages decent and affordable housing for all in economically diverse neighborhoods,*
- *preserves open spaces that allow our ranch heritage to continue, facilitates our desire for outdoor recreation and maintains the beauty of our natural setting, and*
- *provides public services that make our communities safe and livable.*