

McGregor, Travers and Little Bow Reservoirs Area Structure Plan

Managing our Reservoir Lands



Area Resident Survey

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An Area Structure Plan (or ASP) is a statutory planning document (meaning that it is adopted by Council by bylaw) used to establish a clear vision for a specific area of the County. ASPs contain specific policies regarding land use (including development and subdivision) to help that vision become reality.

The purpose of the McGregor, Travers and Little Bow Reservoirs ASP is to turn the values of local area residents and other stakeholders into policy that will ensure existing and future land uses are compatible. This ASP will initially study parcels of land within approximately 1.5 miles of the three reservoirs (the **Study Area**; see attached map). The Plan Area (the lands that will be considered by the ASP policies, will be determined based on your feedback.

Vulcan County is looking for your input as a local area resident to help define the values and vision for this important area. Your feedback will help shape this ASP as well as the specific policies adopted by Vulcan County Council. **All responses are anonymous.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RESERVOIRS ARE NOT MANAGED BY VULCAN COUNTY. THE ASP WILL ONLY ADDRESS LANDS AND LAND USES ADJACENT TO THE RESERVOIRS WITHIN THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION. THE VILLAGE OF MILO WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN.

Values

The first set of questions is designed to understand the values of residents who live within the Plan Area. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements below:

1. *Vulcan County should allow additional development to take place within the Plan Area.*

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. *There is enough room for all users of the reservoirs (recreational users, residents, irrigators, wildlife and fish).*

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. *The functioning of the Reservoir as a source of irrigation and potable waters is more important than the recreational use of the water.*

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. *Environmentally significant areas should be protected from development.*

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

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5. *Vulcan County should do more to protect the wetlands and other environmental functions of the reservoir.*

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

6. *Vulcan County should actively encourage development along the Reservoirs.*

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

7. *When development takes place around the reservoirs, Vulcan County should ensure it has a limited environmental footprint.*

Strongly Agree *Agree* *Neutral* *Disagree* *Strongly Disagree*

Thinking of question 7 above, if you agree that steps should be taken to limit the environmental footprint of development, do you agree that the County should take any of the following steps (mark with an "X" if you agree with the statement, and circle either REQUIRE or ENCOURAGE):

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE a portion of land to be dedicated as Municipal Reserve along the Reservoir whenever parcels adjacent to the Reservoir are subdivided. Municipal Reserve is land transferred to the County at the time of subdivision. Municipal Reserve is intended to set aside land for the future use of all ratepayers. In this case it could be used to ensure development is sufficiently set back from the reservoirs.

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE resort-style developments to incorporate natural features that clean surface water runoff (e.g., from streets and driveways) before entering the reservoir.

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE resort-style developments to incorporate native plant species to reduce domestic water consumption.

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE communal wastewater treatment.

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE multi-unit subdivisions to incorporate features that limit water usage.

REQUIRE / ENCOURAGE multi-unit subdivisions to incorporate alternative energy technologies.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments?

Compatibility

This section is designed to understand what type(s) of development you, as a residents within the Plan Area see as suitable or compatible to the area. Please mark with an “X” those types of development you feel **are suitable** to the area and/or which are **compatible** with existing land use.

Bareland Condo Developments (condo style development where unit boundaries are defined by boundaries on the land)

Fee Simple Multi-unit Developments (units are individually owned, no common property)

Recreational Developments (e.g., golf courses, marinas)

Campgrounds

Bed and Breakfasts

Individual acreages

Grouped acreages

Commercial development

Industrial development

Are there other types of development you feel are **suitable** or **compatible**?

Are there types of development you feel are **not suitable** or **incompatible**?

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Priorities

Thinking about the future of the area, what criteria do you feel should guide decisions on subdivision and development (mark with an "X")?

- Suitability/compatibility with surrounding land use.
- Functioning of the reservoirs (providing irrigation and potable waters).
- Impact on recreational activities (e.g., boating, fishing, camping).
- Impact on wildlife and fish.
- Impact on the local environment (e.g., wetlands and other environmentally significant areas).
- History of the area (e.g., the Blackfoot Trail)
- Recreation opportunities created
- Slope stability (erosion and subsidence)
- Air and water quality
- Dust
- Traffic
- Noise and light pollution
- Economic benefit to the County (e.g., property tax revenue)
- Economic cost to the County (e.g., costs of maintaining)
- Economic impact on nearby communities such as Champion and Milo

Are there other criteria?

Plan Area

The Plan Area is the extent of lands that will be subject to the regulations contained in this Area Structure Plan. We are looking for your feedback on the extent of the Plan Area. Keep in mind that the intention of this Area Structure Plan is to manage the lands around the Reservoirs in line with the vision of local area residents and other stakeholders.

The policies of the ASP should consider parcels of land:

- Immediately adjacent to the Reservoirs
- Within one Quarter Section (approximately 0.5 miles) from the Reservoirs
- Within two Quarter Sections (approximately 1 mile) from the Reservoirs
- Within three Quarter Sections (approximately 1.5 miles) from the Reservoirs
- Other, please describe:

Comments

Are there any issues that haven't been addressed in this survey that you feel should be?

Do you have any additional comments?

To thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. As a thank you we will enter your name in a draw to win a gift card to Center Street Eatery in Arrowwood. Please fill your name and phone number on the bottom of this page. It will be removed from your survey to keep your answers anonymous.

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED SURVEY BY OCTOBER 14, 2014.

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