



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A Plan For Our Future, Rooted In Our Past

Gem County is planning for the future and developing a new Comprehensive Plan!

This plan will address the significant changes in population, growth, economic condition, and demographics that the County has recently seen. In addition to growth and land use pressures, Gem County's new Comprehensive Plan will establish a 20-year vision and address topics like housing, economic development, community and cultural resources, natural resources and hazards, recreation and open space, and transportation and utilities.

How To Get Involved?

What do you love about Gem County? What needs work? What do you wish to see in the future? Share your ideas, thoughts, input, and desires throughout the process.

1. **GET INFORMED:** Read up on important information about Gem so you can make informed decisions! This page will be updated with all the resources you need.
2. **ATTEND A MEETING:** Stay tuned for upcoming meetings later this winter.
3. **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS:** There will be opportunities to share your thoughts through online activities and questionnaires throughout the process.

There will be many ways to share your ideas over the next ten months, at different levels of engagement to meet you where you are most comfortable.





What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is the primary planning and advisory document for the County. It serves as a long-term, strategic plan with a guiding vision, clear goals, and implementation strategies. The Comprehensive Plan shapes decisions related to new development, redevelopment, County programs and services, and focuses on enhancing the County's values and quality of life.

Why Develop a Plan Now?

Gem County has changed and continues to change since the current [Comprehensive Plan](#) was originally adopted in 2007. It is critical to identify the attributes and character of the County that residents and businesses value most. This new Comprehensive Plan will provide the vision and the tools to anticipate and guide change in ways that preserve the character of Gem, and to ensure quality development, effective multi-modal transportation, and economic development, while protecting the community's heritage and sensitive landscapes.

The City of Emmett is also in the process of developing their own Comprehensive Plan. For more information on that process go to www.ElevateEmmett.com.

Other concurrent planning initiatives include a Transportation Master Plan lead by Gem County's Road and Bridge Department.