

**DRAFT**  
**DEFINING FEATURES OF RURAL CHARACTER AND**  
**LINKAGES TO RURAL POLICIES IN THE GENERAL POLICY PLAN**

<b>Defining features of “rural character”</b> <i>Based On Public Comments Received Summer 2008</i>	<b>Related rural policies</b> <i>Note: Some subject areas are linked to non-rural policies as well.</i>
<b>1. Rural farms and agriculture</b>	
• retain large tracts of ag lands	6.C.4; 6.D.1;
• support ag uses	6.B.1(2)(b); 6.B.2; 6.C.7
• sustainable food supply	
• provisions for livestock and equestrian facilities	6.B.2
<b>2. Rural development standards and lot sizes</b>	
• lot size and development density * – space between neighbors (includes rural clusters)	6.A.1; 6.B.1(1)(b),(d),(f),(g); 6.B.8; 6.B.9; 6.C.1; 6.C.6; 6.C.7
• housing type and style (compatible with surroundings, affordability)	6.B.1(1)(h)
• preservation of open space	6.B.1(1)(a),(b),(c),(e)
• transition between uses – use compatibility	6.B.1(1)(h); 6.B.1(2)(b); 6.C.2; 6.C.3; 6.C.5; 6.C.6; 6.C.7; 6.E.2; 6.E.8(a),(e),(i); 6.F.4; 6.F.8(a),(f),(g),(k); 6.G.6.(b); 6.G.7(e),(f),(g),(j); 6.H.3; 6.H.7(b)
<b>3. Rural non-residential land uses</b>	
• non-residential uses limited in type and scale (resource-based uses, basic community services only)	6.B.3; 6.B.4; 6.E.1; 6.E.2; 6.E.3; 6.F.4; 6.F.5; 6.G.4; 6.G.6(b),(c); 6.H.4
• non-residential uses located either in UGAs or rural non-residential nodes (depending on scale of development) where infrastructure is already available	6.B.5; 6.E.5; 6.E.6; 6.E.7; 6.F.1; 6.F.2; 6.F.3; 6.F.7; 6.G.1; 6.G.2; 6.G.3; 6.H.1; 6.H.2; 6.H.5; 6.H.6
• low impact recreational uses and parks	6.B.4; 6.B.7
<b>4. Low impacts on infrastructure and services</b>	
• on infrastructure (roads and stormwater runoff, use of LID techniques)	6.A.2; 6.B.1(4); 6.E.3; 6.E.4; 6.E.8(c),(d); 6.F.5; 6.F.6; 6.F.8(c),(d); 6.G.5; 6.G.6(d); 6.G.7(c),(d); 6.H.8
• on water supply and groundwater (water providers, wells, septic systems)	6.A.2; 6.E.4; 6.E.8(h); 6.F.6; 6.F.8(j); 6.G.5; 6.G.6(a),(i); 6.H.8
• on services (no demand for urban-type services)	6.E.4; 6.F.6; 6.G.5; 6.H.8
<b>5. Natural environment and native vegetation</b>	
• streams, wetlands, lakes, native vegetation and wildlife habitat visible throughout area	6.B.1; 6.B.1(1)(g),(i),(j)(iii); 6.B.1(2)(a); 6.E.2; 6.E.7(e); 6.E.8(a),(b),(f); 6.F.4; 6.F.7(c); 6.F.8(a),(b),(h); 6.G.4; 6.G.6(a); 6.G.7(a),(b),(g); 6.H.6(a); 6.H.7(a)
• low lights at night, quiet (hear sounds of nature), vista/view	6.B.1(1)(h); 6.E.8(g); 6.F.8(g),(i),(k); 6.G.7(e),(f),(g),(h),(j),(k); 6.H.7(a)
<b>6. Rural community values and lifestyles</b>	
• land stewardship values	
• acceptance of rural lifestyle – compatibility with neighbors	
• privacy	
• provide portion of property to family	

\* Lot size and density will be reviewed as part of Docket XIII. All other issues will be addressed in Docket XIV.