

Upper Crystal River Master Plan Open Space and Visual Resources Implementation Matrix

Goal: Open space in the Upper Crystal River Valley is a critical component of the area, and steps should continue to protect visual and ecological resources.	Objective	Implementation Measures	Mechanism	Resources
	1. Gunnison County, the Town of Marble and the Upper Crystal River Caucus will continue to pursue funding sources for open space purchases in cooperation with willing land owners.	A. Gunnison County will continue to work the Trust for Public Lands, Go Colorado, the Nature Conservancy, the Aspen Valley Land Trust, the Crested Butte Land Trust and other conservancy organizations to pursue purchases of lands that offer significant ecological, recreational or scenic resources.	Policy Directive	Gunnison County Long Range Planning, Upper Crystal River Caucus, TPL, TNC and other conservation organizations.
	2. Private lands with significant visual or open space characteristics shall respect these resources as properties are developed, without infringing on private property rights.	B. The County shall include within the brochure suggested in the Environmental Implementation Matrix concepts regarding the use landscape screening, appropriate setbacks, and other techniques to protect important view sheds.	Policy Directive	Gunnison County Long Range Planning, Crystal River Caucus, Upper Crystal River Land Preservation Society
	3. Future residential development shall respect the viewsheds in the valley.	A. The County shall explore an alternative method of assessing visual impacts beyond the current "Ridgeline Protection Ordinance". Options that should be explored include "Terrain-Adaptive Architecture" and "Roof-Line" strategies (see attached).	Policy Directive	Gunnison County Long Range Planning, Gunnison County Planning Department
B. The County shall explore the production of a brochure that would present concepts such as roof materials, color and siding schemes, and architectural options that would encourage a scale and mass that would be more reflective of the natural and built environment of the Crystal River Valley. The brochure would be included with all building permit applications.		Policy Directive	Gunnison County Long Range Planning, Building Department	