



# GRAND COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2030

*"Adventurous Small Town Spirit"*

## SECTION FOURTEEN: CULTURE

### 1. HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL FEATURES

Heritage resources help define the County by expressing our historical, cultural, aesthetic and social values and contribute to our sense of place. Heritage conservation is about the management of these resources.

However, the preservation of historic buildings and sites can be a costly undertaking. The County has a number of historical resources that have been identified (see Schedule 16.36). Therefore, it would be wise to evaluate preservation and cultural values for protection.

The County Commission has the authority to designate important historical sites through the National or State Registry. Preservation of historic buildings or properties provides an important link with the past and enhances the character of the County.

#### **Goal:**

Conserve historic buildings or properties to provide an important link with the past and enhance the character of the County.

#### **Policies:**

- i. Encourage municipal heritage designation by County code for buildings and areas in accordance with the provisions of *the Utah Code* when considered desirable and practical;
- ii. Maintain heritage and historical resource stewardship through supporting public awareness programs aimed at conserving the heritage resources;
- iii. Explore the feasibility of municipal incentive programs and grants to support sensitive restoration and adaptive reuse of heritage properties;
- iv. Give due consideration to assessing the historic significance of all older structures and sites (e.g. archeological) to determine the requirement for public or private action for preservation of such sites; and
- v. Seek assistance from state and federal agencies wherever possible.

### 2. ARTS AND CULTURE

Grand County has a thriving arts and culture community that enhances the County as an attractive place to live, work, play and visit. The arts and culture community complements the tourism industry both locally and regionally.

Some of the well-known cultural facilities in the County include the Star Theater, Grand Center and Old Spanish Arena. The County can encourage and support regional initiatives by pursuing various land use strategies related to Spanish Valley, regional watersheds, natural areas, scenic corridors, and public lands.



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The County recognizes the significant efforts of the various arts and cultural service organizations in helping to enrich the lives of residents and visitors by creating a more complete and healthy community in which to live, work, play and visit. The County should continue to provide support to cultural organizations in our community.

Arts and culture enhances the interest and beauty of our area, driving of cohesion and sense of belonging and uniqueness that is quintessentially ours. Arts and culture gives a strong voice to underrepresented groups, giving ways to highlight their contributions to the community (e.g. native dancing, Middle Eastern food and festivals, and Latino visual arts).

### **Goal:**

Highlight arts/ culture as a valued, central feature of our community that deserves to be actively promoted in concert with community values and develop a parks, recreation and culture master plan.

### **Policies:**

- i. Facilitate broad and diverse arts, cultural, and community gathering opportunities;
- ii. Reduce economic and policy barriers to hosting diverse cultural events and experiences;
- iii. Facilitate and support the efforts of cultural groups (nonprofits, cultural organizations, school groups, and tribal groups) in preserving and celebrating the region's diverse past, present, and future;
- iv. Commit to facilitating the broad and diverse arts, cultural and tourism opportunities;
- v. Collaborate with surrounding communities in examining and capitalizing on regional tourism opportunities;
- vi. Recognize arts, culture, heritage and tourism as social and economic drivers;
- vii. Support ongoing community awareness and involvement and appreciation of arts, culture and tourism development as an integral part of community life;
- viii. Support indigenous tourism initiatives to highlight the cultural diversity of the region and provide economic benefit to native communities;
- ix. Collaborate with and include Tribal Nations in decisions and programs that support the cultural resilience of Native peoples;
- x. Facilitate and support the efforts of heritage groups (historical societies, native communities and museums) in preserving and celebrating the County's heritage for tourists and local residents; and
- xi. Participate in the appropriate facilitation of arts, cultural and tourism activities to occur through prevailing land use strategies related to:
  - a. The Colorado river;
  - b. The La Sal Mountains;
  - c. Indigenous sites and artifacts;
  - d. Public lands and parks;
  - e. Urban Renewal and Redevelopment; and
  - f. Highway Entrance Beautification.



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