

Draft Goals Natural Resources

A STRONG ECONOMY

The region actively supports sustainable farming and forestry practices and invests in the necessary infrastructure to ensure a strong, vital farm community that provides at least 10% of foods locally



The region has significantly decreased the rate in which it is losing high quality farm/ forestlands and prime soils.



The region invests in eco-tourism as a key economic driver, supporting collaborations, land and water conservation, stewardship, promotion, and educational or support infrastructure.



LAND AND WATER

The region's decision-makers, community leaders, and landowners recognize that sustaining high quality natural habitats enhance and sustain the region's economy and overall quality of life for its residents, and maintain or improve water resources, air quality, biodiversity and scenic viewsheds.



WILDLIFE & BIODIVERSITY

The region recognizes the importance of connectivity between protected lands by managing wildlife and recreation corridors for biodiversity and protecting unfragmented forest blocks.



HEALTH

Residents recognize the health and restorative benefits associated with outdoor recreation and regularly take advantage of opportunities throughout the region.



KEY STRATEGIES THAT WILL ENABLE OUR REGION TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS

- 1) Policies and planning efforts prioritize protection of habitats that support resilient communities and a positive response and adaptation to the effects of climate change.
- 2) The region has dedicated sources of funding that support land and water conservation.