

PROTECTED & SENSITIVE AREAS

CHARACTERISTICS & INTENT

The Protected and Sensitive Areas encompass the FEMA designated floodways and floodplain, and the Stream Planning Corridors. Primarily undeveloped natural lands and environmentally sensitive areas not suitable for development, e.g., scenic views, steep slopes, floodplains, wetlands, watersheds, wildlife management areas and other environmentally sensitive areas.

GOALS

- For the health and safety of residents, development within these areas should be avoided, exclusive of low-impact recreational and conservatory uses.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Space for conservation and low-impact uses like parks.

CHALLENGES

- Lucrative property locations can distract from the need to protect these areas for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

POLICIES

- Development within the floodway is not appropriate.
- Development within the floodplain is suitable only for recreational and conservatory uses that do not require placing fill or insurable structures.
- Development in and adjacent to these areas should include trails and safe, convenient access to the trail system.
- Areas within the Protected and Sensitive Character Area will automatically adjust with the update of any floodway, floodplain or WQPZ boundary.

