

CHAVES COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

COUNTY COMMISSION

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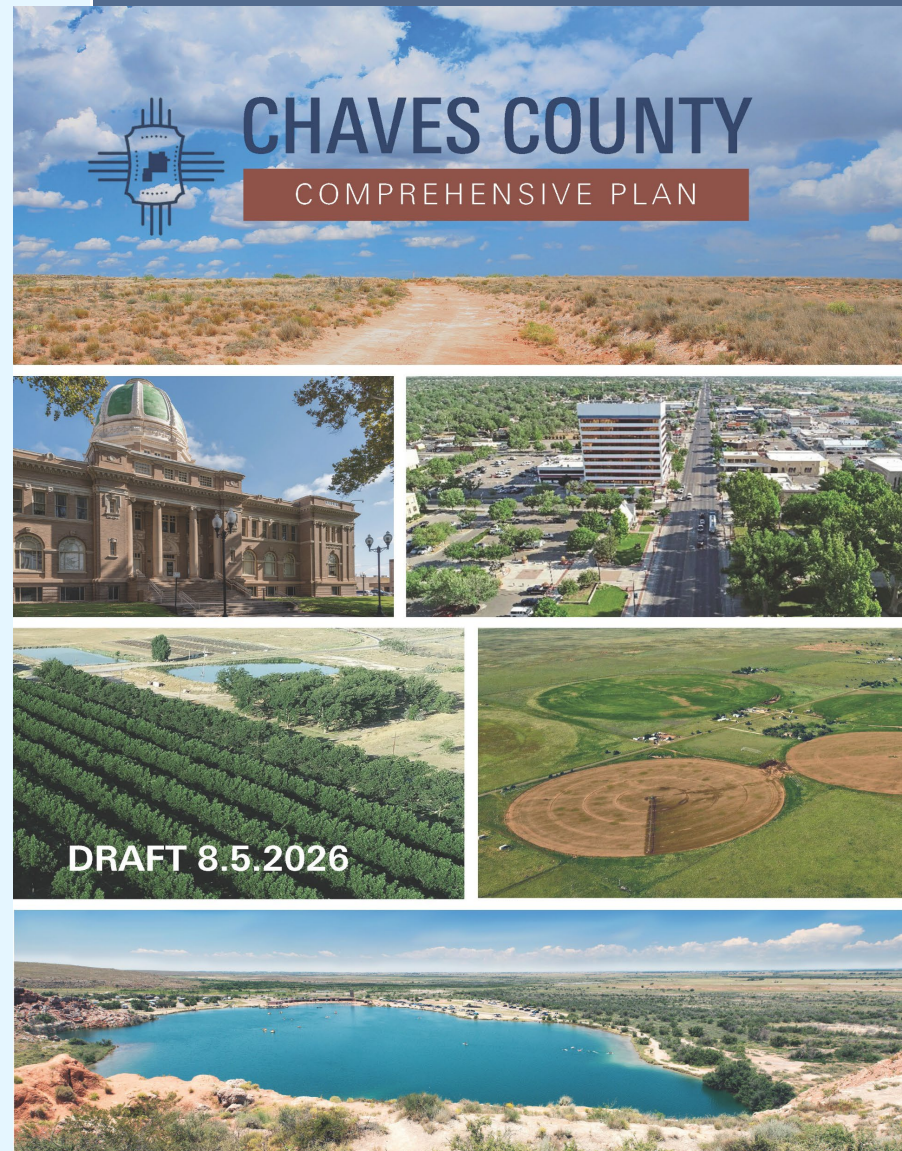
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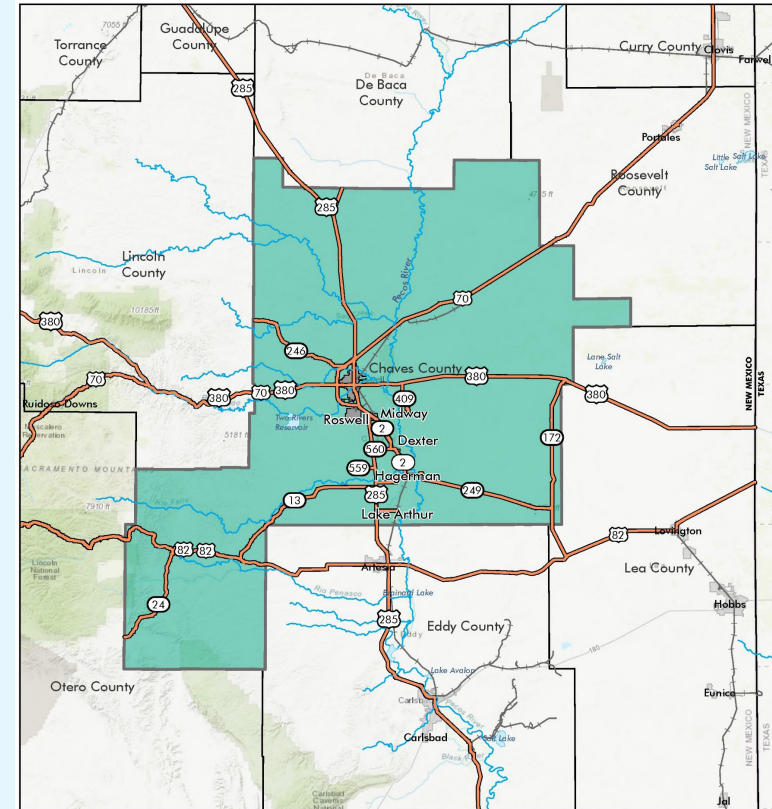
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Update to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan:

- Focus on local and regional conditions that have changed
- Updates to demographics and economic indicators
- Updates on FLPMA, NEPA, and NFMA requirements, private property rights, renewable energy, ACECs and LWCs, natural assets, green energy, conservation vs multi-use, water, etc.
- Revise, delete, and/or create new goals, objectives, and actions and update Future Land Use Scenario
- Meet with a Steering Committee
- Design and administer a community survey



PROJECT SCOPE

The Comprehensive Plan is organized by planning element into chapters, each containing a description of existing conditions and issues specific to the element, and goals, objectives, and strategies that support the community vision.



- Executive Summary
- County Profile
- Public Lands
- Land Use
- Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Water, Wastewater, & Drainage
- Implementation Plan

- Addresses the impact that federal and state managed lands have on Chaves County's policy priorities, stability, and custom and culture
- Explains Chaves County's statutory authority in land use planning and the requirement of federal agencies to coordinate with local governments
- Emphasizes the importance of safeguarding private property rights while maintaining access to public lands
- Goals, Objectives, and Actions



PUBLIC LANDS

- Provides framework for guiding growth and development
- Emphasizes preservation of agricultural lands, management of rural residential use, and the need to balance private property rights with development
- Summarizes land development regulations and emerging land uses
- Calls for creation of zoning performance standards for data centers, battery storage, and utility scale solar
- Presents updated Future Land Use Map showing how growth is envisioned to occur in the next 20 years
- Goals, Objectives, & Actions



LAND USE

- Addresses illegal dumping, nuisance properties and structures, and enforcement of codes
- Highlights new technologies to improve case tracking and case management
- Emphasizes the need to address nuisance issues, including health and safety risks and diseases, criminal activity, and deteriorating property values
- Goals, Objectives, & Actions



CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Provides an economic profile, including key economic indicators; industry profile for dairy and agriculture, oil and gas, educational services, manufacturing, aviation, and government
- Summarizes economic strengths and assets
- Profiles economic development organizations
- Summarizes economic challenges, i.e. water, infrastructure, workforce training, ESA, and renewable energy development
- Goals, Objectives, & Actions



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Provides the framework to ensure residents have access to a diverse range of safe and affordable housing
- Profiles existing housing characteristics, including units, age, type, occupancy, tenure
- Summarizes housing costs and affordability
- Summarizes statewide housing policies and existing housing programs available to residents and homeless people
- Goals, Objectives, & Actions



HOUSING

- Describes the critical role that water quality and supply, wastewater treatment, and drainage has in ensuring long-term viability and sustainability of life
- Emphasizes County's reliance on the Roswell Groundwater Basin to meet water needs
- Describes the importance of protecting groundwater from contamination
- Underscores the critical role of drainage management in protecting the community from major storm events
- Goals, Objectives, & Actions



WATER, WASTEWATER, & DRAINAGE

- Provides overview of transportation network, including highways, rail, and air travel
- Profiles Chaves County roads and maintenance; state and federal highways; and Functional Classification
- Summarizes traffic and safety issues, including traffic counts and crash data
- Summarizes transportation planning by SERTPO and electric vehicle infrastructure
- Profiles Roswell Air Center and BNSF railroad
- Goals, Objectives, and Actions



TRANSPORTATION

- Organizes the actions by Plan element
- Projects implementation time frames:
 - ✓ Short (2026-28),
 - ✓ Medium (2029-2033),
 - ✓ Long (2034-2041)
 - ✓ Ongoing
- Identifies responsible County Department / organizations
- Recognizes time frames are dependent on fiscal constraints and available funding



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN