



**Selected Quotations  
from the Town of Mammoth Lakes General Plan  
In support of Trails and Recreation  
Including Updates to reflect Final Changes made by Town Council  
September 19, 2007**

**Arts, Culture, Heritage and Natural History Element**

A.1. GOAL: Be stewards of Mammoth's unique natural environment.

A.1.A. Policy: As stewards of our natural environment recognize that our natural history is the framework for all other human activities whether economic or aesthetic and so must be conserved and protected for future generations.

A.1.A.1. Action: Encourage community and visitor awareness of our natural environment by supporting educational and recreational programs focused on the natural environment of the flora, fauna and geology of the area.

A.1.B.1. Action: Support coordination with natural history tours and programs offered by other agencies.

A.1.A.3. Action: Provide self guided natural history tours with appropriate interpretive signage in the parks of Mammoth Lakes." (14)

A.2. GOAL: Be a vibrant cultural center by weaving arts and local heritage and the area's unique natural history into everyday life. (14)

A.3.D. Policy: Be stewards of the cultural, historical and archeological resources in and adjacent to town. (15)

**Community Design Element**

C.2.G. Policy: Ensure that development in commercial areas provides for convenient pedestrian movement between adjoining and adjacent properties. (16)

C.2.R. Policy: Plan parks for safety and compatibility with adjacent uses through thoughtful design including location of buildings, lighting, parking, emergency access, public transit and pedestrian/bicycle access. (16)

C.3. GOAL: Ensure safe and attractive public spaces, including sidewalks, trails, parks and streets. (17)

C.3.D.1. Action: Prepare a streetscape design plan and manual that includes:  
• comprehensive design standards for all  
road, trail, sidewalk and transit facilities

- lighting
- signage (way-finding and interpretive)
- related infrastructure
- landscaping and street trees

C.3.D.2. Action: Prepare a town wide directional signage and way-finding plan. (20)

## **Neighborhood and District Character Element**

“Protection of the character and quality of life of stable residential neighborhoods is paramount. This section summarizes the desired characteristics and roles of the five distinct districts and four mountain portals where the greatest amount of change is expected to occur.” (24)

## **Land Use Element**

L.1. GOAL: Be stewards of the community’s small town character and charm, compact form, spectacular natural surroundings and access to public lands by planning for and managing growth.

L.1.A.3. Action: Maintain a geographic information database and mapping system to increase information available to the public on zoning, land use, infrastructure planning, and other pertinent data. (30)

## **Mobility Element**

M.1. GOAL: Develop and implement a town wide way-finding system. (38)

M.2.A. Policy: Maintain and expand access to recreation areas via coordinated system of shuttle and bus services, scenic routes, trails and highways. (38)

M.3.D. Policy: Encourage visitors to leave vehicles at their lodging by developing pedestrian, bicycle, transit and parking management strategies. (39)

M.4. GOAL: Encourage feet first by providing a linked year-round recreational and commuter trail system that is safe and comprehensive. (39)

M.4.A. Policy: Improve safety of sidewalks, trails and streets. (39)

M.4.B. Policy: Provide a high quality pedestrian system linked throughout the community with year round access. (39)

M.4.B.1. Action: Develop and implement a pedestrian improvement plan.

M.4.C. Policy: Design streets, sidewalks and trails to ensure public safety such as:

- adequate dimensions and separation
- glare-free lighting at intersections
- directional and informational signage

- trash receptacles
- benches
- shuttle shelters
- protected roadway crossings
- landscaping
- groomed community trails
- snow removed from sidewalks (39)

M.4.D. Policy: Provide safe travel for pedestrians to schools and parks.

M.4.D.1. Action: Update trail, streetscape and roadway design standards as well as the Circulation, Trail System and General Bikeway Plans to:

- Establish a system of bicycle routes and pedestrian trails for recreation, commuting and shopping that is comprehensive and safe
- Develop a town wide maintenance, grooming and/or snow removal program for sidewalks and trails to provide year-round pedestrian access
- Design and construct streetscapes and roadways to reduce long-term maintenance costs in a harsh climate (39)

M.6.B.3. Action: Revise the Municipal Code to include bicycle parking and storage standards. (40)

M.7. GOAL: Maintain and improve safe and efficient movement of people, traffic, and goods in a manner consistent with the feet first initiative. (40)

M.7.H. Policy: Development shall dedicate, design and construct internal and adjacent streets, sidewalks and trails to Town standards. (40)

M.8.C. Policy: Improve pedestrian traffic and roadway circulation affected by snow storage by increasing shoulder width and building sidewalks and trails along State Route 203, Minaret Road, Meridian Boulevard, and Old Mammoth Road. (41)

## **Parks, Open Space and Recreation Element**

P.2.E. Policy: Include interpretive signage in parks, trails and public rights-of-way. (42)

P.3. GOAL: Create a Master Plan for an integrated trail system that will maintain and enhance convenient public access to public lands from town.

P.3.A. Policy: Ensure public routes for access to public lands are provided in all developments adjacent to National Forest lands.

P.3.B. Policy: Coordinate with multiple organizations, agencies and jurisdictions to plan, steward, interpret, promote and sustain trails, public access and outdoor recreation amenities in the Mammoth Lakes region.

P.3.C. Policy: Identify and acquire points of public access to public lands (from within the Urban Growth Boundary to surrounding public lands) through cooperative arrangements including easements, purchase or other means of title acquisition. (42)

P.4.B. Policy: Provide an affordable and wide range of year-round recreational opportunities to foster a healthy community for residents and visitors. Activities include but are not limited to:

- downhill skiing & snowboarding
- cross-country skiing
- back-country skiing & snowboarding
- snowshoeing
- sledding
- dog sledding
- ice skating
- snowmobiling
- sleigh rides
- tennis
- swimming
- soccer
- racquetball
- snow play
- skateboarding
- day & backcountry hiking
- walking
- interpretive trails & signage
- climbing
- touring
- street & mountain biking
- camping
- fishing
- fall-color viewing
- birding
- health & fitness
- off-highway vehicles
- equestrian activities
- BMX

(43)

P.5. GOAL: Link parks and open space with a well-designed year-round network of public corridors and trails within and surrounding Mammoth Lakes.

P.5.B. Policy: Design and construct trails as components of a regional and local network for recreation and commuting.

P.5.C. Policy: Require development to incorporate linked public trail corridors identified in the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Plan into overall project site plan.

P.5.E. Policy: Design parks and open space to be accessible and usable except when set aside for preservation of natural resources, health and safety.

P.5.H. Policy: Dedicated parkland suitable for active recreation uses shall have a maximum slope of 10%, be accessible to the community, and be free of significant constraints. (43)