

TOWN OF BASIN - VISION STATEMENT

(A statement and starting point for the Master Plan that describes what Basin wants to be and how it should look in the future)

Basin of the future will be built on the progress achieved by past and present citizens and community leaders--progress that has continually improved the town, making Basin an ever more desirable place to live, visit, and have a business.

This Master Plan envisions Basin of the future as a place that has retained much of what is currently best about the town:

- a quiet, peaceful and friendly town that is especially safe for children;
- with neighborhoods of pleasant homes on tree lined streets;
- with a downtown of appealing retail and service businesses;
- with abundant open space and agricultural land surrounding the town; and
- with an economy providing diverse opportunities and an affordable cost of living.

Basin of the future will have:

- a growing population base;
- new subdivisions with completed streets and utility systems where new homes are being built;
- older residential neighborhoods with a variety of attractive, affordable housing types and free from blighted buildings and lots;
- downtown and commercial corridors that that have an improved appearance and appeal with more trees, sidewalks, and a more inviting streetscape; and
- public parks, open space, and recreation areas that contribute to Basin's image as a special place.

Basin of the future will be committed to:

- having a small responsive, town government;
- encouraging business development;
- maintaining and improving streets and utility systems;
- providing adequate public services including schools, recreation, emergency services, and medical services;
- having up-to-date and streamline land use and development regulations that promote economic development while protecting and improving the town's best features; and
- doing all these things in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

Future progress will involve preparing for growth, being ready to take advantage of new opportunities to expand the economy, and making sure Basin is affordable and competitive. The focus is on making sure Basin and the local economy are strong enough for the next generation to grow up and have a good life here. This Master Plan is intended to advance this vision of the town's future.