

# LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC VISION

**Our Mission:** To ensure growth and development occurs in a manner that protects public health, safety, and welfare, supports community prosperity, sustains natural resources, and preserves the quality of life enjoyed by citizens and visitors of Lewis County, Washington.

**Our Goal:** To provide professional, timely and predictable services with a focus on community engagement, customer service, creativity, and continuous improvement.

**Our Values:** We act with integrity, accountability, diligence, perseverance and leadership to promote the values critical to our mission and goal.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

### PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

Safeguard life and property by keeping development codes up to date and reflecting current laws, policies and science.

### SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

Support existing businesses and community amenities while planning for new economic opportunities.

### SUSTAIN NATURAL RESOURCES

Preserve and protect lands for continued agricultural, forestry, mineral and open space uses.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Collaborate with the community on planning for the future of Lewis County.
- Work with the community to identify code updates that support the department's mission and values, while meeting state and federal laws.
- Educate customers, stakeholders, and the media regarding the services and programs offered by Community Development.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administering the development regulations and land division process.
- Managing the building permit process, inspection program(s), and fire/life safety inspection efforts.
- Coordinating permit review with other Lewis County departments.
- Provide information and data to other County departments and state agencies.
- Maintaining and updating the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan and implementing regulations.

### PROVIDE EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Provide timely review of site and construction plans.
- Continuously improve departmental permitting practices.
- Explore alternative building solutions to achieve a common goal.

### PRESERVE LEWIS COUNTY'S QUALITY OF LIFE

Work with the community to clearly articulate goals for future growth and development appropriate to the rural character of the county.

## GREAT SERVICE DAILY

