

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

