

# APPENDIX F

## Implementation Checklist

The following is a checklist to track the implementation of the growth policy.

Each year the Planning Board should review and recommend a work plan for the subsequent year and submit that to the governing body for incorporation into the annual budget. The Planning Board should put a date in the “start date” column for projects approved for that year.

The Planning Board should also annually identify accomplishments and put a completion date next to the appropriate strategy.

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Date Started	Date Completed		
		<b>Goal A</b>	<b>Diversify and expand the Pondera County economy and increase the number of jobs that pay a living wage.</b>
		Strategy A-1	Develop and implement a long-range economic plan for the county
		Strategy A-2	Coordinate county-wide economic plan that builds on strengths and assets of Conrad, Valier, and unincorporated areas of the county.
		Strategy A-3	Participate in multi-county Community Economic Development Strategy planning with Pondera Port Authority, Sweetgrass Development, and Northcentral Montana RC&D.
		Strategy A-4	Support efforts to re-use the Brady school. Consider efforts that will not necessitate considerable investment in other infrastructure, such as senior housing or commercial kitchen.
		<b>Goal B</b>	<b>Continue with land uses in the unincorporated areas of the county that are primarily agricultural.</b>
		Strategy B-1	Retain farming and ranching as the preferred uses in rural areas.
		Strategy B-2	Coordinate with incorporated municipalities on preferred land use patterns in future expansion areas identified in the growth policies for Valier and Conrad.
		Strategy B-3	Encourage new residential and business development to locate within existing communities or within identified adjacent future growth areas for Valier, Conrad, Brady, and Dupuyer.
		Strategy B-4	Develop an infrastructure extension policy for Brady Water-Sewer District that promotes more development on currently vacant lots prior to providing extensions out of the current service area.
		Strategy B-5	Develop and distribute a “Code of the West” information brochure about living and doing business in unincorporated Pondera County. Include the County’s Right to Farm policy.
YEAR 1 PRIORITY		Strategy B-6	Update the county subdivision regulations and develop review procedures for exempted divisions, including review of filed documents that create divisions without survey.

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		Strategy B-7	Continue and support county weed district efforts to limit noxious weeds.
		<b>Goal C</b>	<b>Provide for safety from natural disasters and for adequate emergency response for fire and medical care.</b>
YEAR 1 PRIORITY - UPDATE PDM PLAN		Strategy C-1	Implement applicable strategies from the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan and update plans as needed.
		Strategy C-2	Support fire department and emergency medical response to ensure continued service, including encouraging volunteerism to provide staffing.
YEAR 1 PRIORITY		Strategy C-3	Work to have DNRC help study and correct previously identified flood prone areas and maps.
		<b>Goal D</b>	<b>Expand safe, affordable housing choices for all ages and incomes focusing first on housing in existing communities of Brady and Dupuyer in the unincorporated areas, and supporting efforts of Conrad and Valier.</b>
		Strategy D-1	Encourage safe, affordable housing for workforce and low income individual to rent and/or purchase.
		Strategy D-2	Encourage rehabilitation or replacement alternatives to non-compliant mobile homes and substandard housing.
		<b>Goal E</b>	<b>Provide cost efficient and effective public infrastructure for the long-term.</b>
		Strategy E-1	Develop and implement a capital improvements program for county infrastructure and facilities.

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		Strategy E-2	Improve cell phone and internet service to stay competitive with what is needed by residents and businesses.
		Strategy E-3	As new water lines are proposed to cross the county, identify the long-term costs and benefits to county of new development in unincorporated areas.
		Strategy E-4	Work to ensure that major projects such as wind farms, transmission lines, oil and gas projects, and major water transmission facilities address impacts to county roads and bridges.
		Strategy E-5	Review and revise as needed the subdivision regulations to ensure that new development is served by adequate infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer and that new development pays its share of extensions and improvements.
		<b>Goal F</b>	<b>Protect drinking water.</b>
		Strategy F-1	Encourage privately initiated analysis of drinking water quality in the Dupuyer area.
		Strategy F-2	Cooperate with the state to bring water discharge permits in the county up-to-date.
		<b>Goal G</b>	<b>Retain natural areas for a variety of uses including wildlife habitat, hunting and fishing, outdoor recreation, and tourism.</b>
		Strategy G-1	Retain existing accesses to public lands and support new accesses where landowners are willing.
		Strategy G-2	Reduce areas of noxious weeds in the Swift Reservoir area and work to control spread of noxious weeds there.

