

The 1998 Sustainability Accords

Encourage and maintain ***strong ties*** between the Region's ***urban & rural*** areas, fostering healthy economic, environmental, social and political interactions.

Strive for a ***size and distribut[e]ion*** of ***human population*** which will ***preserve*** the ***vital resources*** of the Region for future generations.

Retain the ***natural habitat*** required to support viable plant and animal communities which make up the Region's biological diversity.

Ensure that the ***water quality*** and ***quantity*** in the Region ***are sufficient*** to support the human population and ecosystems.

Optimize the ***use & re-use*** of ***developed land***. ***Promote clustering*** in residential areas and the integration of business, industry, recreation, residential, and open space.

Promote the ***consideration*** of ***appropriate scale*** in all development and land use decisions.

Retain farmland and ***forest land*** for the future.

Broaden the ***use*** of ***sustainable forestry practices*** among loggers and landowners.

Promote the ***sale of locally*** produced farm and forest ***products*** in local, national, and international markets.

Develop attractive and economical ***transportation alternatives*** to single occupancy vehicle use.

Promote the ***conserv[e]ation*** and efficient use of ***energy*** resources.

Provide, at all levels, ***educational opportunities*** open to every member of the community.

Ensure that every member of the community is ***able to obtain employment*** that provides just compensation, mobility, and fulfillment.

Increase individual ***participation*** in neighborhood and community organizations.

Encourage greater ***understanding*** of ***sustainability*** issues as they affect individuals and the Region, using formal and informal education and local media coverage.