

The General Plan for Mammoth Lakes

This plan establishes standards, guidelines and priorities that define the community now and for the future, a future where Mammoth Lakes is a premier, thriving, sustainable community. The community takes seriously our responsibility as stewards of the environment, protectors of residents' quality of life, and caretakers of visitors' quality of experience. The "Community Vision" for Mammoth Lakes embodies important values and principles that recognize the uniqueness of our natural surroundings and our character as a village in the trees.

COMMUNITY VISION

Surrounded by uniquely spectacular scenery and diverse four-season recreational opportunities, the community of Mammoth Lakes is committed to providing the very highest quality of life for our residents and the highest quality of experience for our visitors.

To achieve this vision, Mammoth Lakes places a high value on:

1. Sustainability and continuity of our unique relationship with the natural environment. As stewards, we support visitation and tourism as appropriate means to educate and share our abundant resources. We are committed to the efficient use of energy and continuing development of renewable resources.
2. Being a great place to live and work. Our strong, diverse yet cohesive, small town community supports families and individuals by providing a stable economy, high quality educational facilities and programs, a broad range of community services and a participatory Town government.
3. Adequate and appropriate housing that residents and workers can afford.
4. Being a premier, year-round resort community based on diverse outdoor recreation, multi-day events and an ambiance that attracts visitors.
5. Protecting the surrounding natural environment and supporting our small town atmosphere by limiting the urbanized area.
6. Exceptional standards for design and development that complement and are appropriate to the Eastern Sierra Nevada mountain setting and our sense of a "village in the trees" with small town charm.
7. Offering a variety of transportation options that emphasize connectivity, convenience and alternatives to use of personal vehicles with a strong pedestrian emphasis.

"Vision without execution is a hallucination" -- Albert Einstein