



CORE VALUE 2: EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND AMENITIES

Where are we today?

Clark County offers many services, programs, and amenities that contribute to the high quality of life that residents enjoy. There are great libraries, excellent parks, recreational and enrichment programs, clean and safe streets, and support services for vulnerable populations. However, many of these services are not available in the areas where they are needed most. At over 8,000 square miles—roughly the same size as New Jersey—the county is vast and bridging the distances can be a struggle for residents whose incomes and transportation options are limited. In addition, new neighborhoods in unincorporated Clark County, in most cases, are built without the types of basic amenities and services that residents desire—such as parks and common open spaces. This practice has emphasized inequalities by geography and income level that will be amplified by the effects of extreme heat and other effects of climate change.

While there are numerous existing amenities that residents enjoy, many agree on one that is lacking: a local arts and culture scene. Casinos routinely bring national acts and blockbuster exhibitions to the area, but residents would like to see a stronger focus on local, small-scale community spaces to create and share art, music, theatre, and other creative pursuits of their own.

In 2050, Clark County is a place where...

- Every neighborhood and community in Clark County have access to high-quality amenities including libraries, recreational and senior centers, swimming pools, parks, trails, and open spaces;
- Every resident can access the health and human services they need, without regard to income, age, or ability, and in close proximity to their home; and
- A vibrant local arts, culture, and entertainment scene thrives alongside the national acts and venues the Las Vegas Valley is known for.





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Countywide Goals and Policies

Goal 2.1: Continue to expand the County’s parks, trails, and open space system at a level that is sustainable

POLICY 2.1.1: LEVELS OF SERVICE

Continue to plan for a mix of urban and rural area parks, trails, and open spaces at a scale and scope that matches the County’s capacity to sustain a high level of service over the long-term. Work to achieve optimal levels of service by type and location, as defined in Section 3: Growth Framework.

POLICY 2.1.2: EQUITABLE ACCESS

Consider health benefits, impacts, and service population needs in the design, location, and prioritization of new facilities or improvements to existing facilities. Prioritize system investment in areas or communities that are currently underserved, where barriers to access exist, or where existing facilities are not projected to meet future needs.

POLICY 2.1.3: TRAIL SITING

Minimize recreational trail operation and maintenance costs through efficient siting, design, and construction. Prioritize trails and trailheads in locations that:

- Connect or provide access to existing parks, trails, and recreational facilities;
- Are located within public rights-of-way/public lands, along natural washes, flood control facilities, and public utility corridors;
- Improve connectivity to trails in adjacent municipalities; and
- Encourage multiple uses and provide access to public lands where appropriate.

Major Regional Initiatives

Neon to Nature. Part of Southern Nevada Health District’s (SNHD) “Get Healthy Clark County” initiative, Neon to Nature is an online tool or mobile app that enables county residents and visitors to find information about the 1,000+ miles of walking and bicycle trails throughout Southern Nevada. Each trail listing includes trail information and photos, along with maps of each trail’s location, length, and amenities.

Vegas Valley Rim Trail. The Vegas Valley Rim Trail is a grand vision for a 100+ mile trail that, once complete, will circle the periphery of the Las Vegas Valley. The Rim Trail passes through unincorporated Clark County and the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, and North Las Vegas. Portions of the trail already exist, and work is being done to link the discrete sections together, as well as to link to other completed trail networks, including the 35 miles of Las Vegas Wash trails. In addition to the County and cities, there are many partners working to make the trail a reality, including Get Outdoors Nevada, the NPS, the BLM, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC), and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC).

POLICY 2.1.4: ACCESS AND USES

Designate areas where non-motorized users can experience and enjoy access to open lands and promote responsible use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) in designated areas.[See also, Goal 3.5, *Manage access to public lands to balance habitat, recreational, environmental, aesthetic, and economic value, and supporting policies*]



POLICY 2.1.5: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Establish clear expectations for the provision of recreational amenities in new development to include parks, active and passive open space, and connections to adjacent properties, public lands, trail systems, and park facilities.

POLICY 2.1.6: OPEN SPACE

Seek opportunities to protect distinctive topographic features for parks and open space through purchase, preservation, or dedication. Encourage new development to provide and maintain access to public lands through access easements and trail connections.

POLICY 2.1.7: SUSTAINABLE PARK DESIGN

Incorporate sustainable concepts such as water conservation, solar and energy efficient lighting, and cooling centers in new parks, as well as for park retrofits and additions.

POLICY 2.1.8: REGIONAL AND STATE SYSTEM

Continue to work with adjacent cities, federal agencies, and other state and regional partners on the implementation of collaborative projects and plans that support the enhancement of the open space and trail system throughout Clark County.



Goal 2.2: All residents in Clark County have access to high-quality programs and amenities

POLICY 2.2.1: PROGRAMMING

Continue to provide a range of recreational, educational, enrichment, and special interest programs to meet the diverse interests, ages, and needs of residents throughout Clark County.

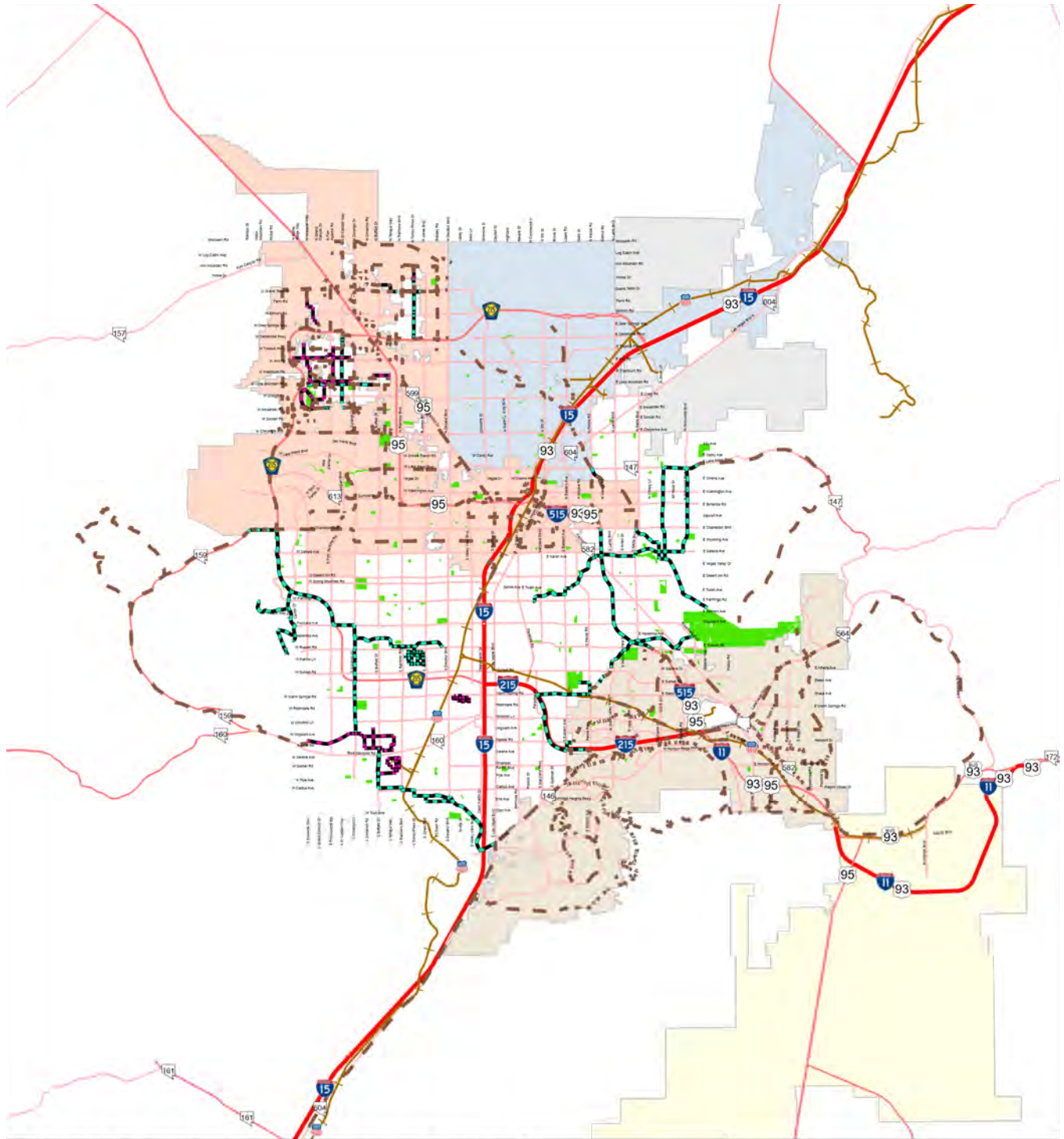
POLICY 2.2.2: LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE

Establish thresholds for adequate on-going maintenance of existing facilities and ensure the availability of adequate funding for the long-term upkeep of the facilities. Implement regular monitoring to ascertain that levels of maintenance are adequate to level of use and demand for facilities.

POLICY 2.2.3: FACILITY EXPANSION/ NEW FACILITIES

Plan proactively for expansion of existing facilities and provision of new ones to meet increases in demand and accommodate anticipated population growth. Incorporate considerations for a changing climate into facility siting, design, and upgrades.



Clark County Trails Map - Las Vegas Valley



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|  Trailhead |  Parks |
|  Equestrian Trail |  Boulder City |
|  Multi-Use Trail |  City of Henderson |
|  Connecting Trail |  City of Las Vegas |
|  Railroads |  City of Mesquite |
|  Interstate Highway |  City of North Las Vegas |
|  US Highway |  Nellis AFB |
|  Major Street | |




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POLICY 2.2.4: MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES

Seek opportunities to develop and maintain multi-purpose, multi-generational, and/or other types of shared-use facilities (e.g., school recreational facilities, parks, community meeting space, libraries, and museums) in order to efficiently locate community and recreational facilities and programs and leverage available funding.

Goal 2.3: All Clark County residents have access to the high-quality health and social services they need
POLICY 2.3.1: PROGRAMMING

Continue to support public health education and information dissemination initiatives that contribute to the health, quality of life, and well-being of all residents of Clark County.

POLICY 2.3.2: COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Support on-going efforts of the SNHD to address the prioritized list of needs identified in the Clark County *Community Health Needs Assessment* which include access to care, motor vehicle and pedestrian safety, violence prevention, substance use, and mental health.

POLICY 2.3.3: SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Work with partner agencies that focus on homelessness prevention and assistance, and other entities that assist seniors, disabled, or other at-risk populations to ensure efficient provision of services, seamless networks of support, and preparedness for more extreme heat.

POLICY 2.3.4: INFORMATION SHARING

Collaborate with internal and external County service providers on planning, information sharing, and service delivery. Ensure efficient referrals and interactions with the public seeking services by ensuring each department has a current and complete awareness of other departments' programs and services.

POLICY 2.3.5: FUNDING SOURCES

Continue with the identification of adequate, stable funding sources that allow service providers to meet the present level of demand for service among at-risk, homeless, and other vulnerable populations. Anticipate or respond to increases in the demand for services by identifying the means and funding to meet increased need to the maximum extent possible.



Human Service Providers in Clark County

Several County departments—and numerous external partners—are involved in social services provisions in the County. The Clark County Social Service (CCSS) department is central to the County's efforts to provide services for seniors, persons with disabilities, and disadvantaged residents, while Parks & Recreation, through its cultural division and community centers, provides educational, recreational, and cultural programming. The County also collaborates with other jurisdictions on matters of health, housing, and transportation, by participating in the SNHD, the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), and RTC, Southern Nevada's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Beyond County government and intergovernmental agencies, the County also collaborates with non-profits, faith-based service providers, and private agencies engaged in human service provision.

POLICY 2.3.6: ACCESS TO SERVICES

Coordinate with RTC and other regional partners on siting of future health and human service facilities to encourage a more uniform distribution of specialized services in unincorporated Clark County and encourage compact land use patterns and a mix of uses in locations that have or are planned for high frequency transit. [See also, Core Value 4, *A More Connected Clark County*]



Goal 2.4: Continue to foster a supportive environment for local arts, culture, and entertainment

POLICY 2.4.1: LOCAL ARTS & CULTURE

Continue to provide opportunities to use public facilities, such as parks, the Clark County Government Center Amphitheatre, community centers, senior centers, libraries, and museums as spaces to create and showcase local contributions to arts, music, and culture.

POLICY 2.4.2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Encourage community support for and participation in opportunities to display and perform locally-created exhibits and productions.

POLICY 2.4.3: PUBLIC ART

Continue to support the County’s Art fund, and the work of the Clark County Art Committee in publicizing calls for public art proposals and on-going installation of exhibits. Seek opportunities to incorporate art into public projects and encourage inclusion of artistic features in private developments as well.

POLICY 2.4.4: NATIONAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Support continued efforts by casinos, non-profits, and other groups to bring national entertainment and cultural events to destinations and venues throughout Clark County.

Relationship to the County’s All-In Sustainability and Climate Action Plan

The goals and policies of Core Value 2 support a more sustainable and resilient Clark County by:

- Expanding parks, trails, and open space as communities grow;
- Encouraging parks, trails, and open space to be sustainably designed;
- Prioritizing equitable access to parks, trails, open space, public services, and amenities; and
- Integrating local arts, culture, and entertainment into the community.

GOALS	GHG Reduction Potential	INCREASED RESILIENCE			Equity Considerations
		Social	Economic	Built Environment	
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