



Highlands Council Meeting

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Master Plan Monitoring Program Update



What is the Monitoring Program?

- Not intended to amend the RMP, but rather develop factual foundation for potential amendments to the current or future iterations of the RMP.
- Based on factual outcomes, Council may choose to make policy or programmatic changes to the RMP or recommend further study.



MPRR Process - Completed

1. Compile initial indicator list
 - Public & stakeholder input; review of RMP
2. Refine indicator list
 - Preliminary Indicator Analysis
 - Technical Advisory Committees (TACs), consultant, Highlands Technical staff
3. Public Outreach Sessions
 - Informational Sessions
 - Draft indicators presented



MPRR Process - Future

1. Analysis of draft indicators
 - Highlands Technical staff, TACs, Consultant
2. Develop Science and Research Agenda and Recommendations Report
3. Review findings with Technical Advisory Committees
4. MPRR released for public comment, followed by Council Action
 - Public Hearings



What are indicators and why are we using them?

- “Indicators” and “milestones” provide the framework for monitoring the Goals and Policies of the RMP
- Indicators and milestones will help identify where RMP policy is most effective, and where amendments may be called for.
- Quantitative, measurable, allow for tracking over time
- Provide factual foundation for action



Indicator Topic Areas

- Natural Resources
- Water Resources
- Water & Wastewater Utilities
- Transportation & Air Quality
- Economic Development
- Landowner Equity
- Agricultural Resources
- Future Land Use
- Historical, Archaeological, Scenic and Cultural Resources
- Implementation



Recommendation Report & Science and Research Agenda

- Analysis of RMP Policies and Programs to be addressed through implementation of the MPRR

Indicators and Milestones

The indicators in this report are grouped by 10 broad sectors: Natural Resources, Water Resources, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Transportation and Air Quality, Economic Development, Landowner Equity, Agricultural Resources, Future Land Use, Historical, Archeological, Scientific and Cultural Resources, and Implementation.

Many indicators belong to multiple topic areas. For example, the Agricultural Property Values indicator is classified under the Agricultural Resources topic area, but also applies to Landowner Equity. In cases like these, a primary topic area determines its location in this report. Within each section, an "indicator report" for the relevant topic area is highlighted.

Indicators

- Natural Resources
- Water Resources
- Water & Wastewater Utilities
- Transportation & Air Quality
- Economic Development
- Landowner Equity
- Agricultural Resources
- Future Land Use
- Historical, Archeological, Scientific and Cultural Resources
- Implementation

Indicator Reports

The individual indicator reports in this document are presented in the same format, with the exception of the implementation sector. Each report contains a general summary, a description, discussion of unit of analysis, status, trend, highlands investment, actions and needs, and supporting maps or charts.

Status and Trend

Top of indicators, except for those in the implementation sector of this report, a summary table is provided at the top of each indicator report. Because indicators vary widely in their supporting data and analysis, an objective and broadly applicable method for determining status and trend is not possible. Additionally, the 2008 RMP goals are frequently qualitative and general rather than quantitative and specific.

The status is rated on a five-point scale, from very poor to very good.

Very Good	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Good	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Neutral	Low data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Poor	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Very Poor	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.

Where applicable, trend is summarized in one of five ways:

Positive	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Negative	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Neutral	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Stable	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.
Unknown	No data or no data for RMP goals, or data, but no data.

Discussion of the status and trend is included in the body of each indicator.

RMP Programs

For each indicator, Highlands Programs established by the RMP relevant to the indicator are listed. Programs are referenced according to their number for the sake of brevity. See the Highlands Programs indicator (p. 4) for more detail on the objectives of these programs.

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13	Construction Guidelines
14	Land Protection
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RMP Goals and Policies

Indicators are presented with a list of relevant goals and policies as established in the 2008 RMP. Policies are listed by a reference code that indicates RMP topic area, goal, and policy (see Appendix A).

Description and Analysis

The body of each indicator report is made up of a description and analysis section, including a general description, a description of the market and unit of analysis, and an evaluation of the status, trend, and performance level. The status section reports and evaluates the current state of the indicator in question, while the trend evaluates its performance over time, if applicable. The evaluation refers to both the variability of data, but also in the normative evaluation of the indicator and its ability to track progress toward the goals of the Highlands Council.

Highlands Investment

Highlands Investment refers to the financial, technical, and regulatory support that the Highlands Council provides toward achieving the goals and policies relevant to the indicators.



Fiscal Impact Assessment (FIA)

1. Phase 1- Regional Economic Evaluation (Complete)
2. Phase 2- Real Estate and Demographic Analysis (Complete)
3. Phase 3- Municipal Fiscal and Financial Analysis (Spring 2016)
4. Peer Review Contract- Rutgers University
5. FIA and Peer Review released for public comment followed by Council action
 - Public Hearings