

# Yamhill County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Revised Goals And Policies - Adopted December 30, 1996  
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## SECTION VI. Energy Conservation

### SUMMARY

At the present time Yamhill County residents depend on oil, natural gas and electricity to meet 95 percent of their fuel and utility needs.

All of these primary fuels are imported into the county, which means taking more capital out of local circulation to pay for energy use.

Over 50 percent of the energy Yamhill County residents purchase is lost, largely through inefficient and inappropriate use.

Energy resources that are efficiently and appropriately used offer numerous benefits including: prolonging existing rates, reducing energy-related expenses, conserving and creating local jobs, reducing pollution, and preserving natural resources.

Solar energy is available in Yamhill County to provide substantial portions of the residential and commercial heating needs.

Sufficient wind energy is available at sites in Yamhill County to generate electricity cheaper than the cost of thermally (coal or nuclear) produced electricity.

Water power and biomass wastes, including logging and mill residues, also offer potential energy sources to Yamhill County residents.

### GOAL STATEMENTS

1. To reduce the per capita use of fossil fuels and other non-renewable sources of energy through the efficient and appropriate use of all energy.
2. To promote the conservation of existing depletable energy resources and the development of local, renewable resources to ensure that an adequate supply will be available to Yamhill County citizens at a reasonable cost.

### POLICIES

- A. Yamhill County will encourage and support the highest possible current and future energy efficient design standards in all land use issues.
- B. Yamhill County will identify, monitor and protect sites of energy supply, especially, but not limited to, wind and water power.
- C. Yamhill County will support efforts to investigate and establish appropriately scaled units of renewable energy production.
- D. Yamhill County will promote development of renewable energy resources, including but not limited to solar, wind, water and biomass.
- E. Through the services of the Yamhill County Energy Committee, Yamhill County will continue efforts of cooperation and communication between citizens, utilities, local governments and state and federal agencies concerning energy-related issues and programs, and will participate in formulating state and regional policies that determine how energy is to be produced and consumed locally.
- F. Yamhill County will continue to provide information, technical assistance and otherwise demonstrate energy conservation.
- G. Yamhill County will continue its energy conservation planning program, amplifying its energy-related inventories, proposals, programs and plans, in efforts to guarantee a reasonable level of energy self-sufficiency.
- H. Yamhill County will establish standards to guide the appropriate and efficient use of energy in its programs, purchases and practices.
- I. Yamhill County will establish standards to conserve energy in its motor pool vehicles and practices.

- J. Yamhill County will analyze and minimize total life cycle costs in its new and remodeling programs, and other capital investments.
  
- K. Yamhill County will encourage programs for resource recovery and recycling of solid wastes.
  
- L. Yamhill County will assist local governments to promote the use of conservation, solar and other renewable sources of energy supply.

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