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**Kuna will be a
healthy and safe
community**

Goal Area 2: Kuna will be a Healthy and Safe Community.

Health and Safety: Planning Principles

The aim of Envision Kuna is to guide improvements for community health and develop policies that create an environment where the healthiest choices are the easiest choices. Kuna is rich in many of the necessary resources for a healthy community, including accessible open space, natural resources, which includes clean air and water, opportunities for physical activity, and agricultural lands for local food production. Kuna plans to protect and capitalize on these abundant resources and opportunities, and address other health areas, including increasing access to primary and secondary care facilities, further developing emergency response services such as fire and police, and contributing to an active mobility and recreation system that supports residents' healthy lifestyles.

The City of Kuna has influence on Kuna's built environment, which includes buildings, roadways, parks, neighborhoods, and activity centers. The design of this environment is proven to have a direct effect on the health, wellness and safety of a City's residents. Approximately 60% of premature deaths can be attributed to factors that include our environment (e.g., the air we breathe), our ability to be physically active (e.g., living in neighborhoods with sidewalks where people can walk safely), our access to grocery stores and health care services (e.g., affordable goods and services are easily accessible to all residents), and our socioeconomic status. The plan aims to improve community health through a built environment that supports social cohesion and physical and mental health.

Healthy and Safe Community AT-A-GLANCE:



Goal 2.A Maintain and expand an interconnected greenbelt, pathways and trail system.

Kuna has the framework in place for a strong trails and pathways system^{xii} and will work to expand access and connections throughout the community. The City and community should build on this framework to create a connected, green trail and pathway system that:

- Improves bike and pedestrian connectivity and circulation
- Increases recreation opportunities
- Promotes active lifestyles
- Builds green infrastructure^{xiii}

In addition to these benefits, further development of a pathways and trail system helps grow Kuna's economy through increased visitation and spending at local businesses and attraction of employers and residents to Kuna.

The existing Indian Creek Greenbelt serves as the primary pathway in Kuna and is currently over 1.10 miles. Extending the greenbelt to Kuna's western City limit and east to Eagle Road toward nearby public lands is a community-supported goal, as is increasing the trails and pathways aligned with existing canals and creating north-south trails and pathways that feed into the Greenbelt system. Kuna's pathway system is aligned with neighboring City's pathways systems. Kuna's 2018 Pathways Master Plan Map (Appendix A) shows the complete system. Kuna anticipates additional spurs and neighborhood pathways will connect into this core network.

Kuna received a Walk Score rating of 57^{xiv} which indicates that the community is somewhat walkable. The community has expressed a strong desire for additional pedestrian and bike connectivity and increased ease of access to trails and pathways. Kuna expects to work with many partners, including irrigation districts and private developers, to continue to build a trails and pathways system that serves the entire community.



Objective 2.A.1. Manage, maintain and expand the Indian Creek Greenbelt using a coordinated, planned approach.

Policies:

2.A.1.a. Expand and extend Greenbelt through development process when applications are received in areas surrounding and/or adjacent to Indian Creek. Ensure that public access to Greenbelt and Indian Creek is incorporated into development.

2.A.1.b. Expand and extend Greenbelt on public lands when and where possible, as opportunities arise.

2.A.1.c. Increase Indian Creek Greenbelt access points including footbridges and other crossings. Identify locations and opportunities to link Greenbelt to other pathways, trails and commercial and residential areas to increase connectivity.

2.A.1.d. Add amenities to the Greenbelt, when and where possible, such as trees and natural landscaping, shade structures, benches, viewing platforms, bike repair stations, creek access areas and picnic and play areas.

2.A.1.d. Ensure appropriate resources are available to maintain the Indian Creek Greenbelt as it expands and use grows. Regularly assess pathway conditions and provide timely upkeep and maintenance.

2.A.1.e. Ensure that Greenbelt use and land development along or near Indian Creek does not negatively impact the natural resource or habitat. Maintain Indian Creek's ability to provide ecosystem benefits such as floodwater control and water purification.

Policy 2.A.1.f. Implement a Greenbelt overlay zone.



Objective 2.A.2 Maintain and expand the pathway and trail network with a focus on building connectivity to key activity and population centers that serve all areas of Kuna.

Policies:

2.A.2.a. Ensure the trails and pathways system promotes bike and pedestrian connectivity to key activity centers such as schools, parks, retail centers and downtown.

2.A.2.b. Ensure appropriate resources are available to maintain publicly managed trails and pathways as the system expands and use grows. Regularly assess trail and pathway conditions and provide timely upkeep and maintenance.

2.A.2.c. Work with private developers and other landowners to direct expansion of the trails and pathways system throughout Kuna, including:

- Ensure appropriate policies and ordinances are in place to incentivize and require construction of new pathways and trails infrastructure as development and redevelopment occurs.
- Require all new neighborhood and subdivision developments incorporate pathway connectivity within the neighborhood and tie in to existing or anticipated pathways and trails.
- Clearly identify locations where trails and pathways infrastructure should be publicly accessible, and who will be responsible to provide regular maintenance for these areas.

2.A.2.d. Conduct regular assessments of trail and pathway infrastructure and use to ensure the system:

- Meets the needs of a variety of users, including pedestrian, cyclists, and equestrians.
- Includes trails and pathways that are ADA-compliant and designed to be accessible to people with disabilities.
- Provide equitable access to all areas of Kuna, so that all neighborhoods and subareas are served at comparable levels.

2.A.2.e. Work with other jurisdictions and agencies to create a regional network of greenways and parks linking communities together. Focus on developing trail and pathway connectivity to Nampa, Meridian and Southwest Boise.

2.A.2.f. Evaluate the possibility of incorporating HOA-owned-and-managed pathways into the public parks system.

Goal 2.B Maintain and expand the system of parks and public gathering spaces.

New development puts a demand on existing parks and public spaces; as Kuna continues to grow, its parks system will necessarily expand to meet citizens' needs to recreate, socialize, gather, play and be active. There are 113.11 acres of City Parks in Kuna in 17 locations (four bare ground neighborhood playgrounds, nine neighborhood parks and four specialized recreation areas). In August 2016, the City of Kuna instituted a park impact fees to help build and establish new parks and improve current facilities. The impact fees will generate approximately \$1,595,320 for park land acquisition, maintenance, and improvements. As of August 2016, there is one acre of park and recreation space for every 105 residents in Kuna; the City of Kuna's level of service goal is one acre of park land for every 80 residents.



Objective 2.B.1. Maintain and expand the parks system.

Policies:

2.B.1.a. Utilize park impact fees to acquire new properties for park development and to improve existing park facilities. Focus on acquiring park lands are:

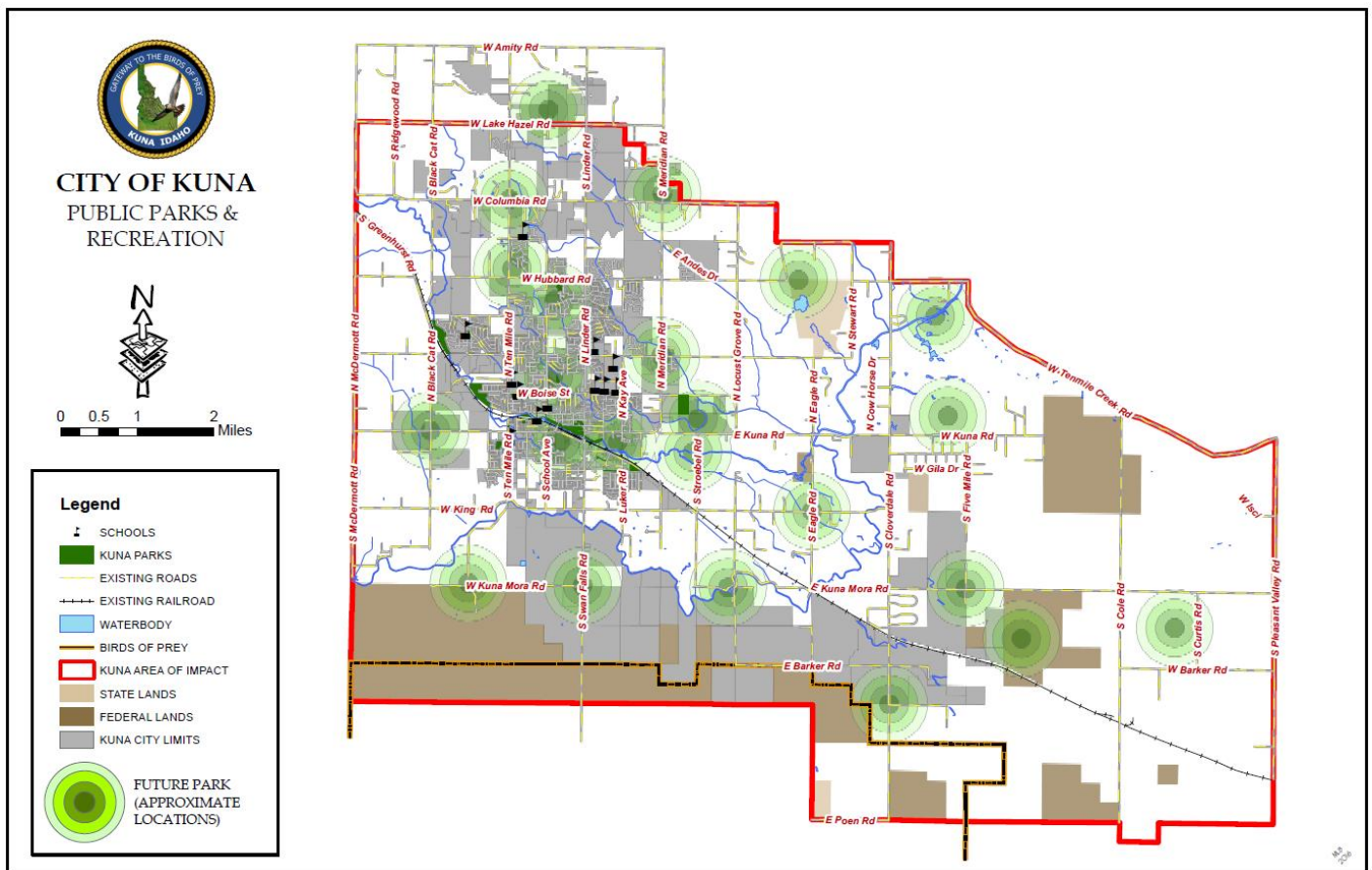
- in areas with high recreation and natural resource value^{xv}
- in different areas of Kuna, to provide benefits throughout the community,
- that contribute to a system of regional, local and neighborhood parks,
- to leverage public and private investments and seed desired development.


2.B.1.b. Continue to require neighborhood park development through the subdivision development process.

2.B.1.d. Conduct regular monitoring, maintenance and make capital investments to ensure park spaces are welcoming and feature up-to-date equipment and facilities including sports courts, play areas including playground equipment, restrooms, ADA accessibility, and covered spaces for gatherings and events.

2.B.1.e. Regularly conduct park safety audits for existing park facilities and make safety enhancements based on audit findings.^{xvi}

Figure 4: Parks and Recreation Map



 **Objective 2.B.2. Preserve and protect open space recreation areas outside of the parks system.**

Policies

2.B.2.a. Assess the use of current open space areas and encourage uses that are in harmony with existing resources, natural wildlife, and adjacent areas.'

2.B.2.b. Coordinate with Ada County Open Space Advisory Task Force and U.S. Bureau of Land Management to preserve open spaces and pursue acquisition by the City of Kuna, where and when appropriate.

2.B.2.c. Protect open space areas through public land purchases or creation of open space overlay districts.

2.B.2.d. Adopt a comprehensive land use map that includes natural and developed open spaces for preservation and recreation use.

2.B.2.e. Work with BLM to ensure that facilities, trails, and other usage of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area are appropriate and consistent with BLM policies.



Goal 2.C Support the development of community recreation facilities.

In addition to parks, trails and open spaces, a community can greatly benefit from access to recreation and wellness facilities that provide additional opportunities to stay active and engage in positive social environments through organized activities, clubs and events. Recreation facilities including a swimming pool, a multi-use recreation center, sports facilities and a community center were commonly mentioned as highly desired amenities at community workshops and online surveys. The City of Kuna currently has three private gym facilities and no public recreation center facilities. The two nearest recreation center facilities are the South Meridian Family YMCA and the Nampa Recreation Center.

Objective 2.C.1. Encourage and engage in development of recreation facilities.

Policies:

2.C.1.a. Identify desired types of recreation facilities, possible locations and potential private and public development partners. Prioritize development of facilities that can be used year-round (e.g., indoor pool) and facilities that can be developed with lower levels of investment (e.g., seasonal ice rink, disc golf course).

2.C.1.b. Ensure zoning supports development of recreation and community facilities in suitable locations.

Objective 2.C.2. Encourage the maintenance and expansion of recreational activities and programming.

Policies:

2.C.2.a. Evaluate participation in existing City recreation programs and promote, change and expand offerings based on assessment.

2.C.2.b. Build recreation programming into existing city events.

2.C.2.c. Work with and support partners providing recreational programming by ensuring permitting processes are clear, streamlined and needed facilities are available.

Objective 2.C.3. Ensure recreation resources are available and meet community need.

Policies:

2.C.3.a. Regularly review the community's recreation needs and existing services.

2.C.3.b. Evaluate feasibility of establishing a Recreation District via ballot proposition.

2.C.3.c. Seek funding sources, including grant opportunities, for recreation programming, facility maintenance and capital investments.

Goal 2.D Maintain and increase citizen access to health and wellness services.

An individual's ability to access health and wellness services has a profound effect on their overall health via their ability to prevent disease, disability, treat illness and injury and increase overall life expectancy. Access to healthcare has three components as described by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that includes gaining entry into the healthcare system, gaining access to sites of care where patients receive needed services, and finding providers who meet the needs of individual patients with whom patients can develop a relationship based on mutual communication and trust.^{xvii} Kuna currently has six family practice health providers, nine dentists, one vision care center, two chiropractor and rehabilitation facilities, and three other health-related counseling offices. More extensive emergency and specialty medical services are available at nearby hospitals in Ada or Canyon counties. Saint Alphonsus Life Flight, Saint Luke's Air, and Kuna Rural Fire Protection District provide emergency transport to facilities in Ada and Canyon counties.

Objective 2.D.1. Encourage the development of an emergency medical facility south of the Union Pacific Railroad Line.

Policies:

2.D.1.a. Identify locations for a potential medical facility south of the Union Pacific railroad line. Ensure that the identified location is congruent with adjacent land uses and serves as a focal point for emergency care access in southern Kuna.

2.D.1.b. Conduct a traffic analysis and feasibility study to identify access alternatives to existing emergency medical facilities.

Objective 2.D.2. Understand Kuna's existing and future healthcare needs.

Policies:

2.D.2.a. Maintain and regularly update a database with local level health data with the support of partner agencies such as Central District Health, St. Luke's, and Saint Alphonsus regional medical center.

2.D.2.b. Work with partner agencies to conduct a community health needs assessment.

2.D.2.c. Identify geographic coverage gaps for existing primary care services.

Objective 2.D.3. Encourage the development of new primary and secondary care facilities that can serve the needs of a growing population.

Policies:

2.D.3.a. Ensure that zoning code and ordinance are supportive of healthcare facility development.

2.D.3.b. Identify locations for additional primary and secondary care facilities that can serve as an accessible nexus of care.

2.D.3.c. Implement a healthcare overlay zone.

Goal 2.E Ensure Kuna’s clean air, water and soil through natural resource management and watershed protection.

➔ Objective 2.E.1. Protect and restore environmentally sensitive lands

Policies:

2.E.1.a. Adopt a protected area map that synchronizes with the County Open Space Advisory Task Force recommendations.

2.E.1.b. Ensure city code and ordinances are in place to protect environmentally sensitive lands through overlay districts, restricted development and additional review processes.

2.E.1.c. Promote community educational opportunities to learn about sustainability and the preservation of natural resources and open spaces.

➔ Objective 2.E.2. Maintain and protect natural beauty and scenic landscapes

Policies:

2.E.2.a. Require mitigation buffers between new development and stream irrigation corridors to preserve unique habitat, existing wildlife habitat and scenic views.

2.E.2.b. Work with partner agencies to protect stream and bank vegetation.

2.E.2.c. Require re-vegetation of stream banks where construction requires bank alteration.

2.E.1.d. Work with partner agencies and private entities to minimize manmade alterations to all-natural habitats.





Objective 2.E.3. Protect wildlife habitats and maintain healthy populations of native species.

Policies:

2.E.3.a. Promote the use of conservation tools such as conservation easements, fee-simple acquisition and cluster development to protect riparian areas, wetlands and other critical habitats.

2.E.3.b. Encourage design and site plans that minimize impact to plant and wildlife species.

2.E.3.c. Work with partner agencies to monitor the populations of native wildlife and plant species and assess the impact of the build environment and strategies to reduce harm.

2.E.3.d. Require soil reports and other environmental evaluations as necessary to address drainage, erosion, sedimentation and other soil concerns.



Objective 2.E.4. Promote and encourage clean energy sources and reduce the amount of emission and waste produced in Kuna.

Policies:

2.E.4.a. Support efforts to pursue renewable energy production alternatives such as solar electricity, wind power, geothermal and other alternative energy sources.

2.E.4.b. Work with partner agency and other city departments to develop waste reduction programs such as a city-wide compost program, improved recycling, or energy efficiency incentives.

2.E.4.c. Encourage non-motorized forms of transportation

2.E.4.d. Encourage sustainable building practices and energy conservation techniques for all new construction and rehabilitation of buildings and other facilities.

2.E.4.e. Promote and educate the public about existing programs to minimize waste.



Objective 2.E.5. Ensure that development and business activity does not negatively impact natural resources, wildlife, open spaces and agricultural lands.

Policies:

2.E.5.a. Work with existing and future businesses to implement sustainable business practices.

2.E.5.b. Ensure that all new business and commercial uses meet minimum standards for environmental impact.

2.E.5.c. Develop watershed plans that reduce erosion and road hazards, do not increase natural runoff rates, and maintain the area's water quality and recharge capabilities.

Goal 2.F Provide public safety and emergency services (police, fire, ambulance).

The Kuna Rural Fire District, provides fire protection, 911 ALS ambulance service, rescue services and wildland fire protection to the City of Kuna and surrounding areas. The Fire district operates two fires stations in Kuna and maintains 12 emergency service vehicles, including ambulances, fire engines and brush trucks. The Fire District provides life support transport to area hospitals in both Ada and Canyon counties. Air ambulance support services is also provided by Saint Alphonus and Saint Luke's Medical Centers. The Fire District is the primary advance life support (paramedic) provider within the District boundaries. In 2014, the average emergency response time was 3 minutes and 29 seconds to respond to high-priority emergency calls.

A significant safety hazard results from the Union Pacific Railroad Line physically separating north and south Kuna with few at-grade railroad separations, and more than 30 trains a day passing through the community and halting traffic. The perception from the community is that trains often block both crossings at the same time preventing emergency vehicles from accessing the area south of the tracks for several minutes at a time and negatively impacting emergency response times.

The City of Kuna contracts with the Ada County Sherriff's office to provide police services, and maintains 13 staff members, including a police chief, two field supervisors, eight deputies, and two detectives, who are designated to serving the city of Kuna. The City aims to have 1 officer per 1,000 residents of Kuna.





Objective 2.F.1. Provide safety and emergency services that meet the need of all Kuna residents.

Policies:

2.F.1.a. Plan for future growth and ensure funding and resources are available to increase staff and construct capital projects.

2.F.1.b. Prepare to accommodate service demands without unnecessary delay by coordinating the design and delivery of services with rate and type of growth. Obtain the tools necessary to fund needed increases in operations and capital.

2.F.1.c. Support the Kuna Rural Fire District in locating sites for construction of new facilities necessary to retain or improve emergency response time.

2.F.1.d. Work with the Ada County Sherriff's Department to locate and construct additional police stations as need to meet the demand of a growing population.

2.F.1.e. Work with the Idaho Transportation Department and the Ada County Highway District to evaluate the potential to create additional connectivity and emergency medical service access to residents south of the Union Pacific Railroad Line.

Goal 2.G Engage and invest in planning and maintenance of emergency preparedness and disaster response systems.

The 2017 Ada County Disaster Mitigation plan identifies Kuna as being at high risk for severe weather conditions, a medium risk for earthquakes, floods, and wildfires, and a low risk of drought, volcano and dam inundation. Kuna is actively working with the Ada County Hazard Mitigation plan and has identified action items pursuant with improving the resilience of the community in the face of natural disasters and hazards.

The entire City lies within a zone that has a one percent annual chance of stream flooding with areas lying directly along Indian Creek having a 26 percent likely chance of flooding in a 30-year time period. Another natural emergency risk results from the fire combustibility potential inherent at the wildland-urban interface areas that abound all sides of the City.

Kuna is covered under the Ada City-County Emergency Management (ACCEM) agency. The agency helps communities mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from disasters and emergencies. The ACCEM is a key partner in Kuna's overall disaster preparedness and emergency management.



Objective 2.G.1. Minimize the potential harm and damage associated with natural hazards such as earthquakes, severe weather, flooding, wildfires and other hazards and emergencies.

Policies:

2.G.1.a. Continue to implement actions identified in the 2017 Ada County Disaster Mitigation Plan.

2.G.1.b. Require geologic reports for all new projects sited in areas subject to geological hazard.

2.G.1.c. Ensure that buildings are designed and constructed to reduce the risks of geological hazards.

2.G.1.d. Update and maintain flood hazard information and share information with the public.

2.G.1.e. Utilize and work with FEMA flood assessment and mitigation analysis.

2.G.1.f. Regulate development with respect to water diversion, vegetation removal, grading and fills to minimize flood potential.

2.G.1.g. Provide educational materials and information to residents and homeowners on how to protect their persons and property from the impacts of natural hazards and disasters.

2.G.1.h. Ensure emergency vehicle access, water availability and fire-wise home construction.

2.G.1.i. Utilize development policies and practices that reduce flood potential and impacts to water quality in the event of a flood.

2.G.1.j. Require developers to notify prospective buyers that properties are within the 100-year flood plain or an alluvial fan by deed restriction or similar method.

2.G.1.k. Utilize the 100-year floodplain as farmland, open space and wildlife habitat.

2.G.1.l. Do not permit schools, hospitals, or other immediate care facilities within the 100-year flood plain.





Objective 2.G.2. Ensure the safety of all City residents in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Policies:

2.G.2.a. Ensure that emergency response plan standards are easily utilized and understood by the community.

2.G.2.b. Ensure adequate funding and resources are available to quickly respond in the event of a disaster or emergency.

2.G.2.c. Prominently display and make accessible online a public disasters map that identifies known hazard potential, evacuation routes and emergency shelters.

2.G.2.d. Identify individuals and groups of individuals in the community who are at greater risk during an emergency and ensure adequate resources are devoted to protecting them.

2.G.2.e. Update emergency response plan actions based on future population growth areas and anticipated developments.

2.G.2.f. Anticipate circumstances that would impede emergency responses and establish contingency plans to alleviate these impediments.

2.G.2.g. Manage and maintain evacuation plans for all potential hazards and natural disasters.

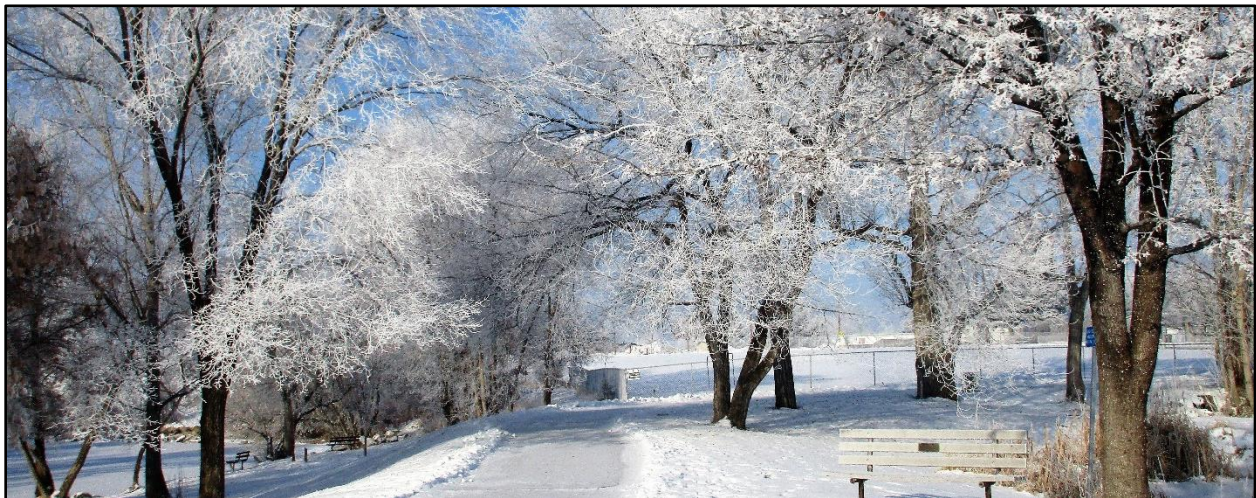
2.G.2.h. Coordinate emergency management plans with surrounding jurisdictions and the Ada City County Emergency Management (ACCEM)

2.G.2.i. Provide assistance and materials to citizens to take responsibility for their safety and the safety of others.

2.G.2.j. Provide trainings to citizens in first aid, evacuation efforts, and other topics relevant to safety and response to hazards and natural disasters.

2.G.2.k. Work with media outlets to coordinate emergency information.

2.G.2.l. Regularly test and ensure all warning systems and other evacuation tools remain operable.



Goal 2.H. Provide services to special populations within Kuna (seniors, youth, individuals with disabilities).

Kuna is home to a diverse population with a wide variety of health service needs. 34.6% of Kuna's population is under the age of 19 and 8.1% is over the age of 65, which means there are likely large groups of seniors and youth who could benefit from tailored city services. Roughly 10% of Kuna's population has some form of disability, which includes hearing difficulty, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, self-care difficulty, and independent living difficulty. ^{xviii}

Objective 2.H.1. Ensure that Kuna is designed and built for individuals to age in place.

Policies:

2.H.1.a. Expand affordable housing options for seniors through zoning for Attached Dwelling Units, and accessible designs requirements in all new construction and remodeling.

2.H.1.b. Support the funding and construction of affordable housing for seniors.

2.H.1.c. expand opportunities for assisted-living options for seniors that are neither low-income nor in-home care.

2.H.1.d. Coordinate transportation efforts to improve mobility and access for seniors.

2.H.1.e. Support existing and proposed activity centers for senior citizens.

2.H.1.f. Consider the creation of an aging improvement district or an age-friendly city ran program initiative aimed at working with businesses and offering small quality of life improvements for seniors. ^{xix}

Objective 2.H.2. Ensure that the needs of children, youth and families are considered in all city programming, development and facility design.

Policies:

2.H.2.a. Support the development of a youth/community center.

2.H.2.b. Support the development of new athletic fields that are accessible for youth and adult athletic league programming and field regulations.

2.H.2.c. Ensure playgrounds are considered in all new parks, subdivisions, and neighborhoods.

2.H.2.d. Promote public gathering spaces with accessible design and play elements for kids and adults.



Objective 2.H.3. Ensure that the needs of individuals with disabilities are considered in city programming, development and facility design.

Policies:

2.H.3.a. Ensure all new developments, facilities, and public amenities meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

2.H.3.b. Promote opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in all City functions and programming through adaptive technologies and design.

2.H.3.c. Work with partner agencies to provide additional mobility options including public transportation.

2.H.3.d Ensure adequate and supportive housing for individuals with disabilities and promote incentives for new housing development to be inclusive.

Goal 2.I Ensure that Kuna’s residents are food secure and have access to readily available healthy foods.

Ada County as a whole is relatively food secure and received a 7.6 out of ten for healthy food access with 10 being the best.^{xx} Two full service grocery stores that sell fresh produce and two corner stores that offer some healthy food choices. The Kuna Farmers Market opens in the spring and runs every Saturday until fall provides opportunities to purchase local produce and home-made goods. Additional grocery stores in adjacent cities have a broader variety of available healthy foods that Kuna residents can access. The City of Kuna established a community garden in 2018 that features programming and opportunities for citizen use.



Objective 2.I.1. Ensure healthy, nutritious foods are available to Kuna residents without the need to drive outside of the community.

Policies:

2.I.1.a. Work with partner agencies to conduct a community food assessment that highlights food costs, availability, accessibility and food consumption habits.

2.I.1.b. Support the development of stores, corner markets and restaurants that sell healthy and affordable food options.

2.I.1.c. Support the creation of a healthy corner store initiative.

➔ **Objective 2.1.2. Encourage the production of local produce and agricultural products.**

Policies:

2.1.2.a. Ensure that zoning and ordinances allows for personal agricultural production, community gardens, small scale farms and larger industrial agricultural ventures.

2.1.2.b. Work with city departments and private land owners to create edible landscaping available to the public.

2.1.2.c. Identify and protect open space that provides food production potential.

2.1.2.d. Manage competing and conflicting land uses through congruent land use designations.

2.1.2.e. Establish joint-use agreements for agriculture on publicly owned sites.

2.1.2.f. Consider the creation of incentive programs for agricultural uses. Could include tax credits, expedited permit review, reduced application fees, transfer development rights, etc.

➔ **Objective 2.1.C. Support the regional food economy**

2.1.3.a. Promote regional food procurement for all City sponsored events.

2.1.3.b. Ensure that zoning and ordinances allow for agri-tainment and agritourism business ventures.



Health and Safety: Implementation

The following table shows specific projects and actions identified during the comprehensive plan process that would help achieve the goals, objectives, and policies identified in this plan. The top projects and actions for this goal area are listed below. For the purposes of the Comprehensive plan, a priority project is any project or action that the city has identified as actionable within the next one to three years and is anticipated to receive resource allocation to help achieve its implementation. These priority projects will help guide short-term implementation of this plan, however if a project is not included on the priority projects list that does not preclude it from short-term implementation or resource allocation.

Top Priority Health and Safety Projects and Actions

1. Work with ACHD, ITD and the Union Pacific Railroad to conduct an overpass feasibility study at major roads crossings
2. Develop an Indian Creek Greenbelt Master Plan.
3. Greenbelt extension from Orchard to Crimson Point Elementary.
4. Create parks or preserves at Hubbard Reservoir, Kuna Butte, Initial Point, and other open space areas of significance in cooperation with the appropriate agencies.
5. Create an emergency response plan.
6. Community center, Recreation center, Swimming pool.
7. Create an emergency response plan.

Projects and Actions Table 2 on the following page highlights all of the projects and actions that have been identified to implement the objectives and policies in this goal area and includes the top priority projects listed above. Other health and safety projects and policies that are priorities for the City may not be listed in the table as they are less likely to be actionable implementation items.

Key Health and Safety Policy Focus Areas:

Core guiding policy areas for objectives, policies and actions related to this goal area include.

1. Land use regulation and support
2. Workforce development
3. Business attraction and retention
4. Economic growth management and anticipation

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2.A Maintain and expand an interconnected greenbelt, pathways and trail system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an Indian Creek Greenbelt Master Plan. • Greenbelt extension from Orchard to Crimson Point Elementary. • Review and revise greenbelt ordinance.
2.B Maintain and expand parks and public gathering spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Parks Master Plan. • Apply for state and federal grants to improve access to facilities around open spaces and areas of significance. • Create parks or preserves at Hubbard Reservoir, Kuna Butte, Initial Point, and other open space areas of significance in cooperation with the appropriate agencies.
2.C Support the development of community recreation facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the community recreation center feasibility study. • Develop a unified recreation plan. • Sports complex with baseball/softball and soccer fields. • Community center, Recreation center, Swimming pool.
2.D Maintain and increase citizen access to health and wellness services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to establish a program to collect and monitor local level public health data. • Conduct a community health needs assessment. • Work with partner agencies to develop an emergency medical center south of the Union Pacific Railroad line.
2.E Ensure Kuna’s clean air, water and soil through natural resources management and watershed protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct an environmental conditions assessment. • Develop a protected areas map. • Develop a natural resources management plan. • Establish conservation district boundaries and ordinance.
2.F Provide public safety and emergency services (police, fire, ambulance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with ACHD, ITD and the Union Pacific Railroad to conduct an overpass feasibility study at major roads crossings. • Conduct a community safety needs assessment. • Support Kuna Rural Fire District special tax levy or other funding mechanism?

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<p>2.G Engage and invest in planning and maintenance of emergency preparedness and disaster response systems</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with Ada County to complete actions identified in the 2017 Ada County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. • Create an emergency response plan. • Adopt State and County-wide emergency preparedness plans and incorporate them into Kuna’s local emergency management system. • Organize a Community Emergency Response Team training, response committees, and neighborhood watches. Develop and maintain a geological hazards map. • Adopt a wildland-urban fire interface overlay district. • Conduct a flood hazards and drainage impacts assessment for the city’s watersheds. • Incorporate the fire safety standards from the Ada County Wildfire protection plan. • Implement a stream system management ordinance. • Adopt the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Code 1144, Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire. • Install signage throughout the community that offer escape routes and directions to emergency shelters.

