

Indicators and Milestones

The indicators in this report are grouped by 10 topic areas: Natural Resources, Water Resources, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Transportation and Air Quality, Economic Development, Landowner Equity, Agricultural Resources, Future Land Use, Historical, Archaeological, Scenic, 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, or "indicator report," the relevant topic areas are highlighted.

Indicators

	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

Indicator Reports

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

Indicator Trend

For all indicators, except for those in the Implementation topic area, a graphic at the top of the first page in each indicator report will provide an assessment of the trend for that indicator. Because indicators vary widely in their supporting data and analysis, an objective and broadly applicable method for determining trend is not possible. Additionally, the 2008 RMP goals are frequently qualitative and broad rather than quantitative and specific.

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

Positive		Indicator moving toward RMP goals, policies, and objectives.
Negative		Indicator moving away from RMP goals, policies, and objectives.
Neutral		Little to no change
Baseline		Previous data unavailable, so current data will serve as a baseline for future evaluation
Not Applicable		Not applicable; Either the indicator or the RMP goal, policy, or objective does not allow for comparison or is not appropriate for a trend analysis.

Discussion of the 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 and clarity.

1.1	Forest Resource Management and Sustainability
1.2	Restoration of Streams and Riparian Areas
1.3	Critical Habitat Conservation and Management
1.4	Land Preservation
1.5	Carbonate Rock (Karst) Topography
1.6	Lake Management Areas
2.1	Highlands Restoration: Water Deficits
2.2	The Efficient Use of Water
2.3	Water Quality Restoration
2.4	Water and Wastewater Utilities
2.5	Wastewater System Maintenance
3.1	Agricultural Sustainability, Viability, and Stewardship
4.1	Historic Resource Protection
4.2	Scenic Resource Protection
5.1	Transportation Safety and Mobility
6.1	Land Use Capability Analysis
6.2	Cluster/Conservation Design Development

6.3	Redevelopment
6.4	Smart Growth and Community Design Handbook
6.5	Housing and Community Facilities
6.6	Low Impact Development
7.1	Highlands Transfer of Development Rights (TDR)
8.1	Sustainable Regional Economy
9.1	Air Quality
10.1	Implementation

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 XX).

Milestone and Milestone Status

A milestone is a quantitative target by which the indicator is evaluated. It represents a goal to be achieved through implementation of the Regional Master Plan (RMP) policies and programs. The milestone status represents the extent to which the indicator analysis demonstrates achievement of the milestone. As this is the first Highlands RMP monitoring process, the milestone is newly established as of this report. Accordingly, the milestone status will not be applicable until the next monitoring process in six years.

Description and Analysis

Each indicator report consists of a description and analysis section, including a general description, an explanation of the method and unit of analysis, background information, and an evaluation of the trend and data assurance level. The trend section reports and evaluates the current status and performance of the indicator over time. The data strengths and limitations section refers to the specificity, availability and unit of evaluation of the data and/or analysis to track progress towards the goals of the RMP.

Highlands Council 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 indicator.

Actions and Needs

Actions and needs refers to science and research recommendations to strengthen the indicator analysis, as well as policy and programmatic recommendations to further support implementation of the RMP goals related to the indicator.

Secondary Indicators

Secondary Indicators are supplemental and complementary indicators that can provide additional data points to potentially identify and address the underlying cause of a primary indicator's performance in either exceeding or falling short of RMP goals relevant to the indicator.