

## **RAPID CITY AREA LAND USE PLANNING DESCRIPTION**

### **Introduction**

The Rapid City area is an ever changing community which has experienced an estimated 8.4 percent population growth since 1990. The region offers unparalleled amenities that have attracted new businesses and residents. In order to preserve its quality of life, yet continue to attract new business and investment to the community, the city must plan for its future. The Future Land Use Plan is the framework for ensuring orderly and efficient growth of the community.

The Future Land Use Plan is an indispensable tool for all sectors of the community. Local government can invest public infrastructure dollars more wisely if the location and magnitude of anticipated growth is identified. Private sector businesses can use the Plan to make more accurate growth projections and better position themselves to meet the needs of the future population. The Plan will provide developers and landowners with a clear idea of the location and type of development desired by the community thus saving time and money in assembling development plans. The Plan will enable individual citizens to be more aware of how the community and their specific neighborhoods will develop, assisting them in making more informed decisions about where to live and work.

The Future Land Use Plan for the City is a compilation of 16 neighborhood plans. There are 413 square miles in the Future Land Use Plan Study Area. Division of the Study Area into smaller planning areas promotes increased public participation as citizens are naturally more concerned about issues in their neighborhoods. To date, 8 of the 16 neighborhood studies have been adopted. These adopted Plans are available for viewing on Rapid City's website by following the link below:

<http://www.rcgov.org/planning/transportation/landuseintro.htm>