OKI LAND USE COMMISSION
VISION FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Statement
In 2020, the region’s land resources will be carefully managed based on a shared commitment of citizens and public and private sector stakeholders. This commitment will guide decisions on the timing, location, impact of development and redevelopment in the region. In addition, this commitment will enhance our quality of life, reduce government spending on development and ensure the health and viability of natural systems. Some areas of the region will have higher densities of people and more intense uses than other areas, and greater emphasis will be given to encourage reuse and redevelopment. Key green space areas, which add value to surrounding property and improve overall quality of life, will be preserved and protected for future generations. Future generations will also enjoy key areas of the built environment—such as established neighborhoods and villages, as well as places of cultural and historical significance.

The Supporting Stewardship Principles:
Redevelopment And Infill Development
In 2020, redevelopment of underutilized areas and infill development within existing areas will be actively promoted for more efficient use of land resources, with consideration given to the need for parkland and green space.

Land Use Patterns To Support Transit
In 2020, communities throughout the region will have areas that are developed with higher concentrations of housing, businesses, and activities to better utilize land resources and support public transit.

Transportation Choices
In 2020, transportation choices will be available throughout the region, including public transit, automobiles, biking and walking, in a manner that optimizes accessibility, efficiency, mobility, and affordability.

Public Facilities And Services
In 2020, public facilities and services will be well coordinated and determined prior to land development and redevelopment. Such public facilities and services will include transportation, water, sewer, parks and storm water management systems.

Connectivity
In 2020, neighborhoods will be linked by a network of interconnected streets and walkways as part of a larger system that provides safe motorized and non-motorized access to homes, businesses, schools, recreation facilities and services, and other destinations. These networks will be designed to keep local traffic off major arterials and high-speed, through-traffic off local streets.
Mixed-Use Centers
In 2020, centers that include a mix of integrated office, retail, residential and civic uses will be found throughout the region. These mixed-use centers – of a scale appropriate to their surroundings – will concentrate uses in a manner that supports walking, biking and public transit, and automobiles.

Mixed-Use Neighborhoods
In 2020, new and redeveloped neighborhoods will include walkable, compatible retail, business, education, and civic uses, as well as a broad range of housing types and price levels.

Housing Choices
In 2020, a diverse mix of housing choices – in terms of size, price, type and location – will be available within communities throughout the region. Every community in the region will maintain quality housing, whether it be newer developments or older neighborhoods, owner-occupied or rental.

Educational Opportunity
In 2020, comprehensive and quality education will be available throughout the region for residents of all ages.

Environmental Quality
In 2020, the health and viability of natural systems, such as air quality, water resources and wildlife habitats will be protected. There will be an extensive network of green spaces in the region that includes neighborhood and regional parks, hillsides, river corridors, forests, flood plains and farmland.

Cooperative Economic Development
In 2020, communities will cooperate, coordinate, and share on mutually beneficial economic development opportunities, on business retention and recruitment, and workforce development. This cooperative effort will require the active participation of local governments, economic development organizations, businesses and other stakeholders.

Fiscal Responsibility
In 2020, decisions on land development, redevelopment, and improvements to public facilities and services will be made with a clear understanding of their fiscal impacts to individual communities and the region. The cost of development will be allocated among those who benefit, with consideration of the fiscal impacts to existing residents.

Intergovernmental Cooperation
In 2020, land use policy remains a fundamental prerogative and responsibility of each local jurisdiction. However, local governments will effectively and willingly communicate, cooperate and coordinate on issues of land use, transportation, natural systems, economic development and public facilities and services.