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### HRWC Recommended Master Plan Elements

Element:	Description:
Conditions section:	
Natural areas and green infrastructure	Include language discussing the municipality's Green Infrastructure (natural areas and natural corridors that provide ecological services necessary for quality of life). Include text and a map, if available.
Natural features listed and mapped	Describe the presence and importance of the following natural features: waterways, wetlands, forests, steep slopes, groundwater recharge areas, endangered and threatened species.
Impervious capacities/watersheds	Include language discussing current and future impervious surfaces in the municipality, giving figures for each creekshed in the municipality. Include maps if available
Current conditions of agriculture	(For rural governments). Include language about the current state of agriculture in the municipality.
Non-Motorized Transportation	Describe nonmotorized transportation opportunities.
Goals/ Objectives sections:	
Land Use patterns	Include a statement supporting the municipality's desired pattern of growth: HRWC recommends promoting land use patterns that provide compact development in areas with infrastructure, with natural area and agricultural uses in surrounding rural areas.
Statement of support for agricultural preservation	(In rural communities) Include a statement supporting agricultural preservation.
Statement of support for natural features preservation	
Statement of support for open space/natural areas	Include statements supporting preservation of natural areas and open space.
Statement of support to preserve watershed conditions	Include statements supporting preservation of watershed conditions.
Smart Growth principles	Adopt the 10 Smart Growth Principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mix land uses</li> <li>2. Take advantage of compact building design</li> <li>3. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices</li> <li>4. Create walkable neighborhoods</li> <li>5. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place</li> <li>6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities</p> <p>8. Provide a variety of transportation choices</p> <p>9. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective</p> <p>10. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions</p>
<b>Policies sections:</b>	
Natural features policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to preserve natural features.
Stream corridor policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to preserve stream buffers
Open space/natural areas policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to preserve natural features.
Watershed policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to preserve watershed quality.
Urban Services District	Include policies the government intends to enact to create or maintain an urban service district.
Stormwater policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to properly manage stormwater runoff
Agriculture preservation policies	Include policies the government intends to enact to preserve agriculture.
Purchase/Transfer of Development Rights and other innovative land use planning policies	Include policies the government intends to explore to encourage compact patterns of development
Rural zoning outside of urban areas	Consider down zoning to lower densities in Agriculture and Rural Residential areas