

Village of Corrales *Comprehensive Plan*

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**VILLAGE OF CORRALES
RESOLUTION NO. 96-03**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CORRALES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales Governing Body has the responsibility and the statutory authority to adopt a master plan for the development of areas within the Village and its planning and platting jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales Governing Body recognizes the necessity of comprehensive planning to ensure rational development which respects the human, economic, and environmental needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, appointed by the Village of Corrales Governing Body, has conducted numerous public meetings in order to formulate a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft Comprehensive Plan has been circulated for review by various local groups and organizations, and subsequently has been recommended by the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee for approval and adoption by the Village of Corrales Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and made recommendations on the draft Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Corrales has conducted public hearings for presentation of the Comprehensive Plan and to solicit comment by any of the citizens of the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Village of Corrales, New Mexico as follows:

1. The Comprehensive Plan, attached and made a part of this Resolution, is adopted as the Village of Corrales Comprehensive Plan and shall provide a foundation for the local community planning process and associated development plans and programs for the Village of Corrales.
2. The Comprehensive Plan shall provide general guidance for land use and other development decisions, and shall form the basis for more detailed ordinances, regulations, standards, and procedures.
3. The Comprehensive Plan shall be periodically reviewed to determine the achievement and applicability of stated policy goals, and shall be updated or revised as necessary.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 29 day of February 1996.

ATTEST:


Tina Dominguez, Village Clerk


Gary Kanin, Mayor

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INTRODUCTION

The Village of Corrales, New Mexico has evolved through the centuries from a Pueblo Indian settlement which predates the European presence in America to a small municipality on the urban fringes of Rio Rancho and Albuquerque. Corrales' natural amenities and agricultural historic character have provided a high quality community environment for its citizens. However, surrounding urbanization and growth within the Corrales Valley threaten to alter these assets. The Village of Corrales is virtually surrounded by other municipalities and tribal lands as indicated on Map 1.

Corrales has always maintained a strong agrarian sense of community self-support and community self-determination. Finding itself faced with the problems of a stressed physical infrastructure and demands for increased services; and realizing the need to plan for and manage growth more effectively, the Village has undertaken a lengthy planning process to determine its options and develop policies which will address the priorities and long term goals of the community.

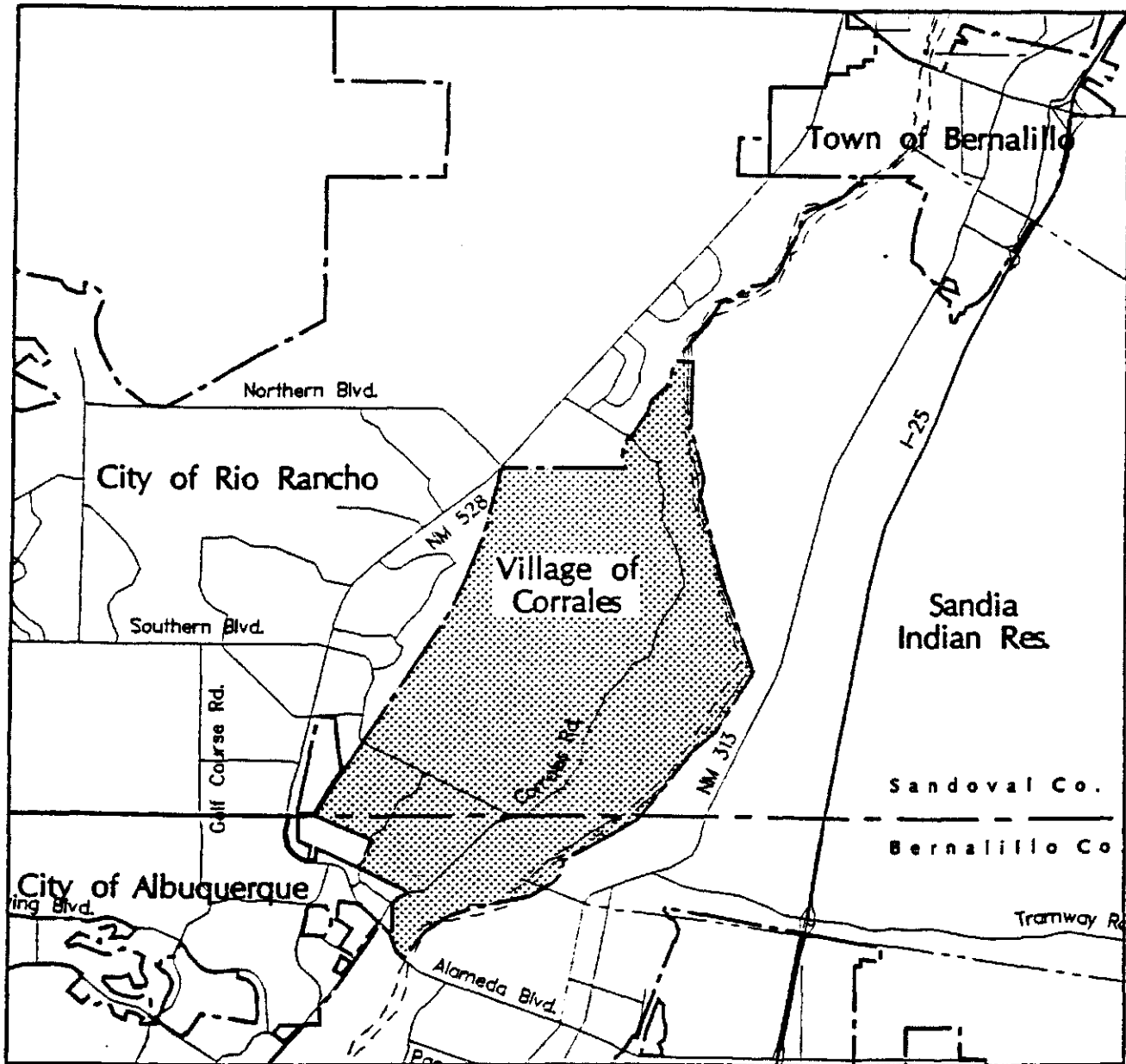
Purpose of this Comprehensive Plan

A Comprehensive Plan should establish the philosophical base and reasoning from which future zoning, subdivision, infrastructure and land use decisions will be determined. New Mexico Statutes require zoning regulations to be in accordance with a comprehensive plan (3-21-5 NMSA 1987). The Plan should be based on surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future growth patterns. It should have the purpose of guiding and coordinating harmonious development and promoting health, safety, and, in general, the welfare of the community.

Preparation of this Comprehensive Plan

The Plan is a revision of the original Corrales Master Plan prepared in 1974. Current revisions were adopted in 1988 and in 1996 by committees created by resolution of the Corrales Village Council.

The Comprehensive committees identified preservation of existing village character and growth management as the primary themes of the Comprehensive Plan revisions. The committees felt that the core of the planning problem facing Corrales was how to effectively and efficiently meet the pressures of growth from outside the community and the dynamic impacts of growth within the Village. Map 2 displays the Village of Corrales Planning Area.



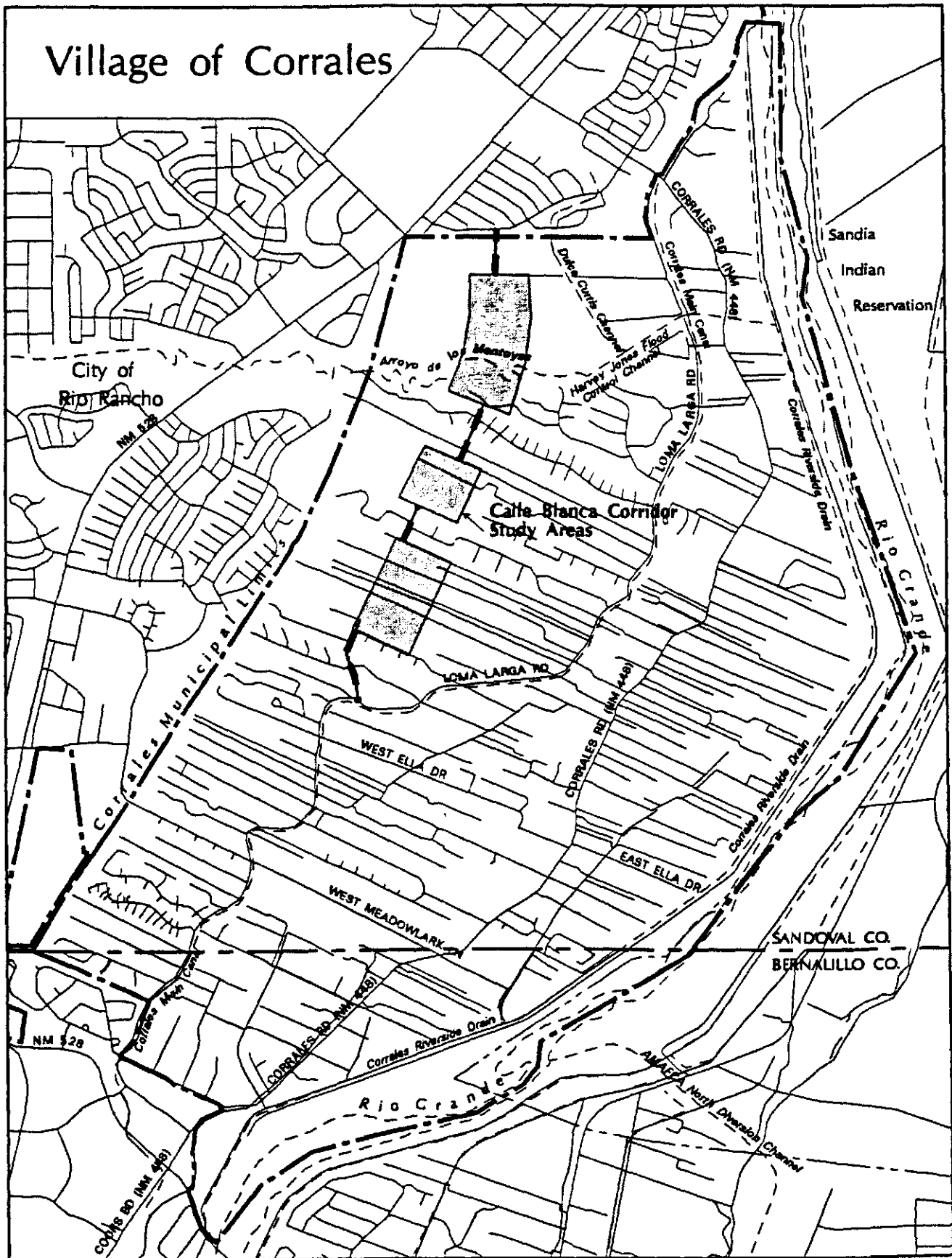
Map 1

Village of Corrales and Surrounding Communities



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Map 2
Village of Corrales Planning Area

To ensure wise growth management the following have been established.

The governing Body should:

ENCOURAGE, PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE RURAL, AGRICULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE;

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING OPEN SPACE, THE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE, THE SAND DUNES, ARROYOS, ACEQUIAS, MAIN CANAL AND ESCARPMENT;

MANAGE DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE WHICH PRESERVE AND ENHANCE ITS SEMI-RURAL AGRICULTURAL CHARACTER, AND ITS ECONOMIC DIVERSITY.

FOSTER SOUND PLANNING OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING DESIGNING A SYSTEM OF ROADS AND STREETS WHICH IS ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND APPROPRIATELY SCALED TO THE NEEDS AND LIFESTYLES OF RESIDENTS.

Demographic Data Concerning Corrales





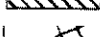
Corrales' population grew from slightly over 200 people in 1770 to about 600 people in 1880. By 1970, the population of the unincorporated Corrales was reported in the US Census at 2213. In 1980, the US Census showed 2791 people living within the incorporated limits of the Village of Corrales. At the time, about 35% were of Spanish origin and slightly over 50% had lived in the Village longer than five years. The 1990 Census disclosed a Village population of 5453, an increase of nearly 100 percent during the preceding decade. The proportion of residents of Spanish origin had declined to 27 percent of the total population. Also in 1990, the average number of persons per dwelling (household) was 2.69 compared to an average of 2.86 persons per dwelling in 1980. The 1990 Census data further revealed Corrales to be a commuter community in which 80 percent of the employed residents travel to jobs outside the Village. As these statistics indicate, the Village of Corrales is a rapidly growing community in which preservation and growth management are crucial issues of the Village government.

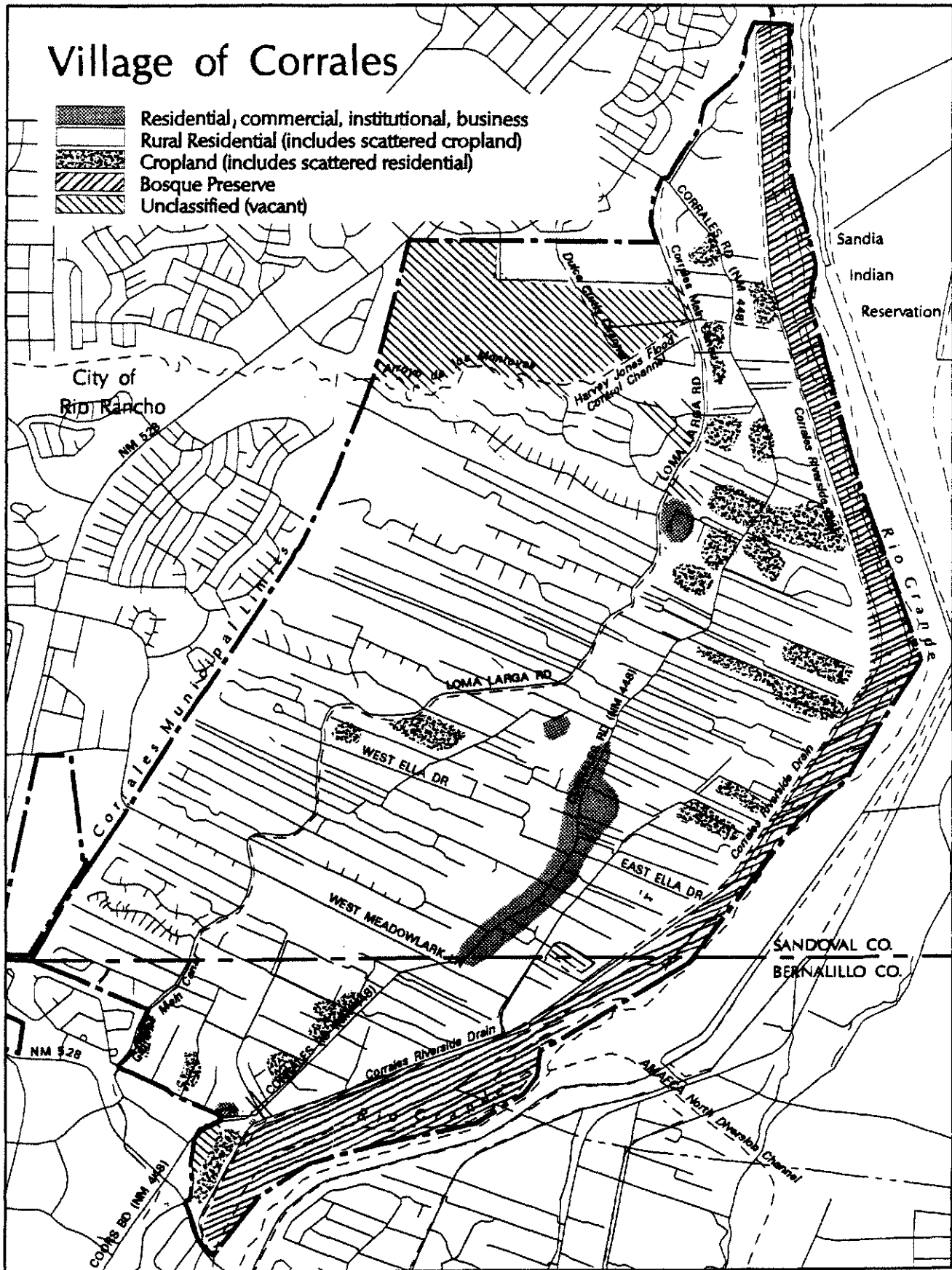
Land Use Characteristics

The distribution of development according to land use is shown on Map 3, which was generated from aerial photography and field surveys. Corrales is a low-density residential community surrounding a short, commercial corridor along a central arterial state road. Most of the local road network converges on Corrales Road and is historically influenced by the irrigation/drainage canal system which creates a unique pattern of long, parallel cul-de-sacs providing access to the majority of residents. Table 1 summarizes different land use areas, as determined by platting and actual use based on a Density Impact Study dated December, 1995. Table 2 shows the distribution of residential and nonresidential structures in the Village.

In terms of land use, the Corrales Bosque Preserve is a unique part of the Village. Situated along the Rio Grande, between the Village's eastern boundary and the eastern edge of Village private lands, the Corrales Bosque Preserve is a nature preserve within the jurisdiction of the municipality. Comprising nearly 10% of the Village area, this 662.4-acre tract of riparian habitat is recognized as ecologically significant for the American Southwest. A multitude of federal and state agencies have narrowly prescribed statutory responsibilities which directly affect the Preserve. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District maintains irrigation, drainage and flood control works within the Preserve and claims ownership of the land. The Village, as a subdivision of the state of New Mexico, exercises its municipal powers to manage and regulate the Preserve. An agreement entered into in 1984 between the Village of Corrales and The Nature Conservancy, a national nonprofit organization devoted to the protection of ecologically significant areas, establishes broad policy guidelines and a permanent source of funding for management of the Preserve. The Preserve is maintained by the Village as an undeveloped natural area, with public use being limited to nondisruptive educational, scientific and passive recreational pursuits. The legal boundaries of the Preserve and the regulations governing its use by the public are set forth in the Corrales Municipal Code. The Village's regulatory scheme for management of the Preserve is regarded as a model for the protection of natural values in urbanizing areas.

Village of Corrales

-  Residential, commercial, institutional, business
-  Rural Residential (includes scattered cropland)
-  Cropland (includes scattered residential)
-  Bosque Preserve
-  Unclassified (vacant)



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Map 3
Village of Corrales Generalized Land Use

Table 1: Land Use by Area and Occupancy
(Based on 1995 Density Impact Study)

Land Use Type	Acreage	Platted Lots	Developed Lots
Residential	4816	4061	2420
Multi-Family Residential	32	96	96
Commercial	46	62	37
Professional Services	5	5	1
Government and Institutional	27	14	14
Bosque Preserve	662.4	N/A	N/A
Parks	4.6	N/A	N/A
Historic/Parks/Monuments	35	41	17
Vacant Residential	1216.15	0	0
Church	11	N/A	N/A
Drainage (Los Montoyas & Harvey Jones Channel)	57	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	6912.15	4279	2582

Table 2: Residential and NonResidential Structures

Residential Units	1987 Estimate	1990 Census	1995 Estimates
Single Family Residences	1,213	1,616	2,253
Mobile Homes	213	350	387
Apartment Units	168	230	N/A
TOTALS	1,613	2,196	2,640
NonResidential Units			
Commercial Units	140	N/A	N/A
Institutional Units	20	N/A	N/A
TOTALS	160	N/A	N/A

Population Forecasts

Population growth in Corrales depends on a number of factors: zoning and land use controls, growth in the surrounding region and its effect on Corrales land markets, natural population increases and migration, to name a few. Population forecasts can include a variety of different techniques, such as, simple mathematical economic factors on development patterns. This document provides an upper and lower limit for future population growth in Corrales rather than a single figure, and it discusses some of the possible influences on growth.

Utilizing the data supplied by the Public Service Company on residential electric meters within the incorporated area of the Village, the numbers were projected out using a straight line method to obtain a baseline for population growth within the Village to the horizon year 2010. These lower limits for possible future population growth within the Village are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Population and Housing Data

YEAR	1982	1987	1995	2010
Population	3600	4500	6873	9080
Housing (total)	1278	1613	2796	3140
Single Family	1103	1232	2362	N/A
Mobile Homes	137	213	338	N/A
Multifamily	38	168	79	N/A

The upper limit or full capacity for population growth in Corrales is determined by the intensity of development allowed on available land. The Village's present one-acre and two-acre per dwelling zoning restrictions and the availability of undeveloped lots and acreage would result in an estimated 11600 additional people in Corrales or a total of about 16200 people.

The above projections should not be used for any engineering or environmental projections.

As the urbanization of surrounding communities continues, Corrales will be exposed to greater development pressures. Corrales will be viewed as a most desirable community.

Growth will level out, however, due to several factors. As many of the prime sites are developed, the cost and difficulty of developing land will limit growth. The price of land in Corrales already narrows the market primarily to the middle and upper income groups or to people who inherit land from family holdings. Existing narrow platting, the incongruous road system, and the fact that much of the undeveloped land is owned by a multitude of long-tenured residents may also limit growth in some

areas.

As growth continues, the quality of life in terms of such things as noise, traffic congestion, or water quality will deteriorate to a point where the Village is a less desirable place to live. Thus, growth would be limited. Corrales can manage growth to a desired level through careful planning and administration of its comprehensive zoning ordinances.

Growth Management

The essence of growth management is to preserve the qualities which make Corrales unique. This document identifies the goals, objectives, and policies to be achieved to manage the growth as it occurs. The Plan proposes to accomplish this by preserving a system of open space, providing incentives and methods to preserve agricultural land, providing a planned commercial area which respects the historic character of the Village, and by establishing guidelines which assure quality residential development.

Format of this Plan

Each chapter is separated into sections covering the goals, objectives, and policies of the Village. Each chapter presents a series of concise statements detailing the Village position on each issue.

CONSERVATION OF VILLAGE CHARACTER AND PRESERVATION OF SIGNIFICANT PLACES

1.1. GOAL

Preserve the heritage and rural character of Corrales, and preserve specific prehistoric and historic places of significance to the Village and the State of New Mexico.

1.2. OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1** Foster knowledge and appreciation of local traditions, values, and history.
- 1.2.2** Encourage residents to preserve their historic properties and enhance the Village's economic base by attracting visitors and encouraging residents to invest in properties which contribute to the character of the community.
- 1.2.3.** Preserve historic buildings and encourage their ongoing use.
- 1.2.4.** Preserve significant archaeological sites.
- 1.2.5.** Conserve the character of selected areas of Corrales that embody its heritage.

1.3.1. POLICIES

- 1.3.1.** Identify, evaluate, protect, and preserve significant prehistoric and historic sites, structures, and other places which are eligible for listing in the State or National Register.
- 1.3.2.** Identify, evaluate, designate, protect, and conserve sites, structures and areas that contribute to the character of Corrales but which may not be eligible for listing in the State Register of Cultural Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.
- 1.3.3.** Inform owners of significant prehistoric and historic sites of all regulations and incentives -- local, state, and federal -- for the protection, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of such sites.
- 1.3.4.** All plans, programs, and projects within the Village should take the preservation of significant sites, structures, and places into account to avoid adverse effects on them and ensure their preservation.
- 1.3.5.** Establish local incentives and regulations to protect significant sites, structures and places and ensure their preservation.
- 1.3.6.** To establish and maintain a Historic Preservation Commission to develop the above stated policies and objectives in a timely manner.

- 1.3.7. To establish and maintain a Scenic and Historic Byway Corridor Management Team comprised of representatives of Village committees, task forces, and community organizations, to work with the Historic Preservation Committee in support of the above stated policies and objectives in a timely manner.**

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

2.1. GOAL

Manage growth in the Village of Corrales to assure and maintain low density and maintain rural character of the Village.

2.2. OBJECTIVES

2.2.1. Encourage and preserve the agricultural and rural residential character of the Village.

2.2.2. Assess the impact of new development on the environment of Corrales and ensure that it will not adversely affect the rural character of the Village.

2.2.3. Protect the Village of Corrales from environmental degradation; including, but not limited to groundwater contamination, pollution and waste-water.

2.3 POLICIES

2.3.1. The Village should require its per dwelling unit density to be one-acre and two-acre net to preserve the rural lifestyle and high quality environment of Corrales.

A. The Village should have a one dwelling unit per net acre density zone. This zone should protect the basic low density character of the Village and encourage a mix of socioeconomic groups to live in the Village.

B. The Village should have a one dwelling unit per net two acres density zone. This would protect the zoning continuity of a portion of the Village with long-standing restrictions on density and mobile homes. It is a zone that reflects the preference of the residents and is consistent with the overall goals for residential development.

C. The Village should consider large lot zoning.

2.3.2. The Village should develop a mechanism which provides a means of evaluating the short & long term impacts of development to ensure it is in harmony with the environment surrounding neighborhoods and existing characteristics of the Village.

A. This evaluation should include but not be limited to the following criteria:

- 1.** impact on groundwater and drainage
- 2.** degree of buffering, maintenance of views, solar rights
- 3.** noise impacts

4. road and traffic impacts
 5. preservation of farmland and open space
 6. preservation of historic features or other Village assets
 7. impact on schools, emergency services & infrastructure
- 2.3.3.** The Village should resolve problems resulting from existing land platting which is incompatible with public safety and quality residential development.
- A.** The Village should identify areas where potential for groundwater contamination exists, and institute a systematic testing program.
 - B.** The Village should restrict development in areas where pollution of groundwater is found. The Village should require New Mexico Environment Department approval for wells and liquid waste disposal systems prior to granting a Village development permit.
- 2.3.4.** The Village should develop techniques to manage residential growth and population demands in such a way so that growth will not outpace the Villages' ability to provide community services and infrastructure.
- 2.3.5.** The Village should consider nontraditional housing developments which would contribute to the protection of the character of the Village and preserve open space.
- 2.3.6.** The Village should require that residential developments comply with specific improvement standards for roads and drainage facilities and other improvements if necessary.
- A.** The roads in all major new subdivisions should be dedicated to the Village and constructed to Village standards.
 - B.** In all new minor land divisions or where special conditions exist, private roads should be allowed providing that they meet standards established to protect the public.
 1. the roads are of sufficient width and construction to accommodate emergency vehicles;
 2. the roads are legally described by platting or metes and bounds and include maintenance responsibilities, a list of beneficiaries, etc.;
 3. the easements are recorded;
 4. the easements are perpetual;

5. the private nature of the easement does not land-lock or adversely impact adjacent property;
 6. the easement does not restrict police, fire or other necessary Village services;
 7. the acreage involved is five (5) acres or less, or 5 lots provided these lots should not be further subdivided; and
 8. Private road easements should be constructed of either recycled asphalt or non-dust producing base course material and engineered for drainage and traffic conditions.
 9. In minor subdivisions (five acres or less), the planning and zoning commission should have the flexibility to apply a standard of one acre gross rather than one acre net in the A-1 zone or 2 acre gross rather than 2 acre net in the A-2 zone.
- C. Developers should be held responsible for the costs of infrastructure as well as other additional fiscal impacts of their development on the Village's resources.
- D. The Village should develop appropriate means of assessing developers for the impact their development creates on existing conditions, such as: open space allocations, new road construction and existing road maintenance, drainage facilities, extension of public utilities, and emergency and police services.
- E. The Village should prepare and adopt a comprehensive drainage and floodplain management plan which includes specific acceptable engineering standards and facilities needed for implementation of the plan, and penalties for its violation.
- F. Village ordinances should require full disclosure statements for all subdivisions at the time of final plat approval.
- 2.3.7. Specific plans should be prepared for areas of the Village where there are large tracts of undeveloped lands suitable for residential development.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

3.1 GOAL

Allow for appropriate commercial development within the designated commercial zone.

3.2. OBJECTIVES

- 3.2.1.** Allow for commercial development in Corrales in order to create a revenue source which will assist the Village government to perform necessary services.
- 3.2.2.** Assure that commercial development in the Village is accomplished in a manner that complements the residential-agricultural character of Corrales and harmonizes with adjoining land uses.
- 3.2.3.** Enhance the architectural character and appearance of the central Village (Corrales Road) area and assure that the aesthetic, cultural, and educational values of Corrales' heritage and history are preserved.
- 3.2.4.** Enhance the economic vitality of the Village by permitting the provision of appropriate goods and services.
- 3.2.5.** Promote quality development within the Village of Corrales by establishing commercial development standards and regulating the impact of commercial activity.
- 3.2.6.** Give notice to residents and business developers alike where commercial activity will be allowed and what restrictions will be imposed on commercial development.
- 3.2.7.** Develop a Commercial Core area for the Village of Corrales which integrates public and municipal facilities, commercial activities, parking, and other amenities.
- 3.2.8.** In order to preserve the existing integrity of the Commercial core area, the Village should consider establishing additional C-Zones in an area of the NorthWest Sector Plan, designated as "unclassified" on the Generalized Land Use Map (Map 3).

3.3 POLICIES

- 3.3.1.** The Village of Corrales should allow additional and appropriate commercial development within a Commercial core area along Corrales Road.
 - A.** This area should include as permissive uses a mixture of commercial, office municipal, residential and agricultural land uses.
 - 1.** Requests for changes in zoning within this area should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

B. The criteria utilized by the Village to evaluate development impacts should include, but not be limited to, considerations such as the following:

1. public safety, health and welfare;
2. adequacy of on-site parking.
3. impact on village traffic circulation;
4. effect on physical environment (e.g., surface drainage, groundwater, noise, air quality, etc.);
5. compatibility with design and architectural characteristics, for example those that enhance the historic appearance or aesthetic integrity of the Village;
6. traffic safety;
7. effect on existing residential neighborhoods.

C. The commercial area should be defined as the area on both sides of Corrales Road between Meadowlark Lane on the south and Old Church Road on the north for the west side of Corrales Road, and Wagner Lane on the north for the east side of Corrales Road.

1. The depth of commercial zoning in this area should be limited to 350 feet from Corrales Road, measured perpendicular to the road right-of-way. Commercial developments should relate to Corrales Road and should not have primary access on minor residential streets.
2. The impacts of commercial or office development on adjoining neighborhoods should be considered.
3. The Village ordinances should require an enforceable site development plan reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission for any major improvements affecting all nonresidential use, any change in nonresidential use, and modifications of existing structures proposed for a change of use to a nonresidential character.

3.3.2. The Village should prepare a plan for a Village Center. The Village of Corrales should prepare a specific site plan for the development of a Village Center area and municipal complex which contains facilities such as a community center building, a senior citizen center, a public plaza, a public parking area, and other public facilities. Such a plan would provide for an integrated community center which would contain a variety of public facilities. The plan should be used to guide and stage future public improvement decisions. The plan might also be expanded to consider public improvements depending on acceptability.

ALTERNATE LAND USE

4.1 GOAL

Encourage economic diversity and provide a mechanism which may be utilized to preserve large tracts or lots within the Village of Corrales.

4.2 OBJECTIVES

- 4.2.1.** Encourage and preserve the rural residential and agricultural character of the Village of Corrales.
- 4.2.2.** Allows an alternative means for landowners to develop their property.
- 4.2.3.** Determine requirements which would allow for the development of land in private ownership in an economic manner which would be compatible with the rural residential and agricultural lifestyle of the Village.
- 4.2.4.** Determine an alternative mechanism to preserve large tracts and lots within the Village.

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PRESERVATION

5.1 GOAL

Encourage the preservation of agricultural land uses, such as farming, animal husbandry, and features which contribute to the rural atmosphere in the area.

5.2 OBJECTIVES

- 5.2.1.** Assure property owners that agricultural activity within the Village can and will be accommodated.
- 5.2.2.** Encourage both residential and nonresidential development in the Village which preserves farmland and agricultural activities including the keeping of animals for personal use.

5.3. POLICIES

- 5.3.1.** The Village should develop incentives to preserve agricultural land including but not limited to:
 - A.** The creation of residential zoning conditions which secure farmland preservation through recorded plat.
 - B.** The enactment or adoption by reference of a Right to Farm Ordinance paralleling the State of New Mexico's Right to Farm Act of 1983. This affirms the Village's support for continued agricultural use of the land.
 - C.** The encouragement of the development of local agricultural outlets such as a community farmers' market.
 - D.** The preservation of the ditch system whenever possible to help promote agricultural production including a possible acequia association.
 - E.** Establish an Agricultural Board.
 - F.** Establish an Educational Program for promotion of Agricultural Preservation.

OPEN SPACE

6.1. GOAL

Define and protect open space.

6.2. OBJECTIVES

- 6.2.1.** Establish as public open space and preserve public natural resources such as:
The Riverside Bosque - wooded areas, water resources, wildlife and nature preserve.
The Arroyos - natural drainage
The Sand Dunes - unique natural formations
The Escarpment - selected areas along the Thompson fence line.
The Farmlands - open fields and orchards.
Publicly dedicated and any other public open space where desirable and possible.
- 6.2.2.** The Village should develop active recreational facilities for residents of all ages such as additional parks and picnic sites, and other public gathering areas.

6.3. POLICIES

- 6.3.1.** The Village should develop methods for dedication, acquisition and preservation of open space.
- A.** The Village should attempt to establish equitable means of distributing the costs for the acquisition and maintenance of open space throughout the Village to all residents.
 - B.** The Village should deposit cash from the above source into a fund for acquisition and management of open space. This fund should also be established as a trust to which individuals and corporations may donate tax deductible contributions for open space.
 - C.** The Village should spend public monies where necessary and appropriate to acquire open space.
 - D.** The Village should support state legislation enabling conservation easements transferable development rights or other legislative mechanisms in order to preserve open space.
 - E.** The Village should actively seek State, Federal and private grants for Open Space management.
- 6.3.2.** The Village should develop methods for preserving the natural arroyos.
- A.** Through land development, arroyos should be maintained in a natural state for conveyance of historical storm water.

- B.** Motor vehicles of all types should be prohibited by ordinance from utilizing public arroyos.
- C.** The minor arroyos should be managed by private owners once the adjoining land is developed in accordance with approved drainage plans that conform to a master drainage plan for the Village.

6.3.3. The sand dunes should be maintained in a natural state, with prohibitions placed on vehicular use, sand hauling, trash dumping, and other disruptive activities.

The sand dunes should be tied into a network of open space via the Los Montoyas Arroyo.

6.3.4. A pedestrian-equestrian trail which parallels the proposed North-South Road should be developed and maintained for bicycling, pedestrian and equestrian use.

6.3.5. The Village should establish a specific fund for open space management and recreational area development.

- A.** Major acequias, laterals, and drains should be preserved as open space.
- B.** The Village should actively seek state, federal, and private grants for open space management and recreational facility development.

TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION

7.1. GOAL

The Village should have a system of roads, streets, and trails which is environmentally sound and appropriately scaled to the needs, safety, and rural life styles of its residents.

- 7.1.1. Provide safe and effective movement of traffic throughout the Village.
- 7.1.2. Minimize pollution caused by vehicles to all sectors of the Village.
- 7.1.3. Provide access for emergency vehicles linking all sectors of the Village.
- 7.1.4. Maintain publicly dedicated roads, streets, and trails.
- 7.1.5. Provide public rights of way large enough to allow easy implementation of transportation innovations in the future.
- 7.1.6. Allow for a network of public trails for walking, cycling, or equestrian use linking all sectors of the Village.
- 7.1.7. Discourage through traffic with no Village destination.

7.2. POLICIES

- 7.2.1. The Village should maintain an official Long Range Street System Plan which includes the classification of all streets and the location of existing and proposed streets, and minimum design standards.
- 7.2.2. The Long Range Street System Plan should be accompanied by an annual updated Street Improvement Plan which established needs, priorities, and funding sources for Village street improvements on a scheduled basis.
- 7.2.3. To establish and maintain a Scenic and Historic Byway Corridor Management Team comprised of representatives of Village committees, task forces and community organizations, to develop projects and to work with the Long Range Street System Plan and with District III, New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) on enhancement of the Corrales Road corridor.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND FACILITIES

8.1. GOAL

The Village should provide services which enhance the community's rural life style and character. Facilities necessary to carry out these services will be built and maintained.

8.2. OBJECTIVES

8.2.1. Enhance the life of the Village residents without creating an unaffordable public works program.

8.2.2. Provide facilities which enhance all segments of the community with the services reflecting the diversity of age, family organization, and social, cultural and recreational needs of the citizens.

8.2.3. The Village should establish equitable means of distributing the cost of creating and maintaining public services and facilities.

8.3. POLICIES

8.3.1. The residents of the Village should continue to obtain primary and secondary education from the Albuquerque Public Schools or from any private education system of their choosing at their expense.

8.3.2. The Village should provide police, fire and rescue services as currently organized within the Village.

8.3.3. The Village should maintain and continually up-date a disaster preparedness plan.

8.3.4. The Village should maintain an animal control program to preserve the health and safety of the citizens.

8.3.5. The Village should provide and maintain a public library.

8.3.6. The Village should develop recreational facilities to accommodate residents of all ages.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

9.1. GOAL

To protect the environment whenever and wherever possible.

9.2. OBJECTIVES

9.2.1. Ensure a sustainable water supply for domestic, agricultural and commercial uses.

9.2.2. Protect and improve the quality of groundwater.

9.2.3. Develop a water and waste water management plan for the Village which reflects the accumulating pressures on this basic resource.

9.2.4. Minimize the accumulation of solid waste.

9.2.5. Maximize recycling of solid waste.

9.2.6. Encourage the conservation of groundwater.

9.2.7. Protect air quality.

9.2.8. Minimize noise and visual pollution.

9.3. POLICIES

9.3.1. Encourage Village residents and businesses to conserve water supply quality in all uses and circulate information on how to do so.

9.3.2. Encourage Village residents and businesses to maintain septage consistent with applicable regulations.

9.3.3. Require water conservation by all departments of the Village government.

9.3.4. In non-agricultural planting, encourage xeriscaping and the use of plants native to the middle Rio Grande Valley.

9.3.5. Provide a facility and support for solid waste recycling.

9.3.6. The Village should encourage plans to manage water, wastewater, solid waste, and air pollution.

9.3.7. The Village shall encourage light and noise pollution abatement.

PARKS AND RECREATION

10.1. GOAL

Provide recreational opportunities for residents of Corrales with an understanding of and respect for the unique characteristics of the Village.

10.2. OBJECTIVES

10.2.1 Work with landowners and governmental entities to develop multi use trails wherever possible.

10.2.2 Develop recreational facilities which can be used by all residents.

10.3. POLICIES

10.3.1 The Village of Corrales should develop methods for dedication, acquisition and preservation of recreational trails and open space.

10.3.2 The Village should acquire properties for use as public recreational facilities by residents of all ages.

10.3.3 The Village should work to ensure safety of residents as they use the trails and other Village recreational facilities.

10.3.4 The Village should encourage trails and, where feasible, dedicated open space to be considered as integral parts of any land development, road construction, flood control projects or other similar activities.

10.3.5 The Village should strive to educate residents as to the positive aspects of non-vehicular transportation and recreation.

10.3.6 The Village should adopt a Master Trails and Recreation Plan which can be used as a guideline for future development.

TRAILS

11.1. GOALS

Establish a basic Village trail system to serve the entire Village and to contribute, through the use of the trails, to the enhancement of Corrales's unique rural character.

11.2. OBJECTIVES

11.2.1 Promotion of alternate modes of transportation.

11.2.2 Assure accessibility to recreational opportunities.

11.2.3 Facilitate cooperation with private developers to provide needed rights-of-way for new trail links.

11.2.4 Promote mechanisms to finance new and maintain existing trails.

11.2.5 Provide trails for all types of users and accommodate the needs of the physically impaired.

11.3. POLICIES

11.3.1 The Village should establish a system of trails to provide safe trails for walking, biking, commuting and equestrian use to points inside and adjacent to Corrales.

11.3.2 The Village should initiate cooperative agreements and/or understandings with other governmental agencies to share in the use of their properties to facilitate trail usage and development within Corrales.

11.3.3 The Village should implement policies to promote evaluation of trail needs, including identification of new uses and expansion.

11.3.4 The Village should facilitate community-wide programs to educate and inform the citizens of the trails and their significance to the quality of life enjoyed in Corrales, and to educate citizens in the safe use of the trails.

BOSQUE PRESERVE

12.1. GOAL

Protect and manage the Corrales Bosque Preserve in order to preserve its natural character for the use and enjoyment of the public in such a manner as will leave it unimpaired for future use and enjoyment in its natural and protected condition.

12.2. OBJECTIVES

12.2.1 Protect for posterity one of the best remaining examples of Middle Rio Grande cottonwood forest.

12.2.2 Preserve significant habitat for migratory, resident and endangered species of plants and animals.

12.2.3 Provide opportunities for educational and scientific pursuits and for quiet, passive enjoyment of the natural area.

12.2.4 Provide an attractive model for the protection of natural values in urbanizing areas, in order to foster a beneficial change of regional environmental attitudes and customs.

12.3. POLICIES

12.3.1 The Village should continue to abide by the terms of its agreement with The Nature Conservancy.

- A.** The Village should utilize the annual proceeds of the Conservancy's Corrales Bosque Endowment to help manage the Preserve.
- B.** The Village should encourage private donations to the Corrales Bosque Endowment, in order to assure that funding available for management of the Preserve will keep pace with increasing population pressures.

12.3.2 The Village should carefully regulate uses of the Preserve.

- A.** Recreational facilities such as picnic tables, fire pits, campgrounds or sports fields should not be constructed or installed in the Preserve.
- B.** The Preserve should not be used for commercial ventures, outdoor concerts or musical events, large social functions, meetings, rallies or sports events.
- C.** Biological manipulations within the Preserve, including the application of pesticides or herbicides, should not be undertaken except upon consultation with a biologist working with the Corrales Bosque Advisory Commission. A biologist should be called upon from time to time to evaluate the condition of the Preserve and recommend actions that might be taken to conserve the

natural environment.

- D.** The Village should cooperate to the fullest extent possible with those governmental agencies whose operations may affect the Preserve, in order to ensure that their actions will not inadvertently infringe Village authority or conflict with Village policy for management of the Preserve.

12.3.3 The Village should continue to limit access to the Preserve, especially motorized access.

- A.** Except as may be essential for access to the area by fire and rescue vehicles, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District should be encouraged not to construct any additional vehicular crossing over any of the irrigation or drainage ditches in the Preserve.
- B.** Gates and fencing erected should be of such a design that they will prevent all unauthorized vehicular access.
- C.** Except for the service roads along the irrigation and drainage ditches and atop the levee, roads should not be permitted in the Preserve. Particularly, the Village should vigorously oppose the construction of any federal or state highway through the Preserve.

12.3.4 The Village should take appropriate measures to ensure that development of lands adjacent to the Preserve is not in conflict with management and protection practices applied to the Preserve.

12.3.5 Recognizing the value of the Preserve and its levee system for flood control, the Village should ensure that flood control projects do not jeopardize the natural areas. When the Corrales levee is rebuilt, fill material should be brought in from other areas to avoid the digging of borrow pits in the Preserve.

12.3.6 The Village should ensure public availability of interpretive brochures describing the unique features of the Preserve, to serve as an aid to appreciation of the natural area and as a guide to its special features. The brochure should summarize the political and natural history of the Preserve and list the principle rules governing its use by the public.