

# Friends of the West Shore

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## COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

### Recreation and Public Access

*Friends envisions broad public awareness and easy access to the rich public amenities and recreational facilities of the West Shore.*

<b>Our Community Vision</b>	<b>Regional Vision Summary: Pathways &amp; Forum 2007</b>
Shoreline areas should be open and accessible to the public within each of the West Shore communities.	<i>Access to public lands and waterways should be improved and/or increased for both residents and visitors.  Investment should provide community access to Lake Tahoe and other public spaces.</i>
Complete the bicycle trail on the West Shore.	
Improve signage for bicycle/pedestrian path highway crossings within each of the West Shore communities.	<i>Highways in the Basin's communities should be planned and designed to support local community character objectives.</i>
Improve highway signage designating public access areas, including recreation facilities, parks, community centers, and beaches.	<i>Highways should be designed as mixed-mode "main streets" in communities providing walkable and transit-friendly facilities.</i>
Public areas, including beaches, should have access to public restrooms.	<i>Public recreational properties should provide a variety of ways to access the Basin's nationally significant recreational areas.</i>
Picnic areas, hiking trails and beaches should be preserved and expanded with clear signage on the highway.	<i>Recreational areas without capacity problems should be promoted for use by residents and visitors.  Highways in the Basin's communities should be planned and designed to support local community character objectives.</i>
Cultural, historic and natural artifacts should be protected and preserved.	<i>Cultural and historical areas should be protected as integral parts of the Tahoe environment. Historic, artistic and cultural opportunities should be enhanced wherever possible in community planning efforts.</i>
Preserve parks, restore forests and keep them open to the public.	<i>The natural scenery of the Lake Tahoe Basin should be protected, restored and visually accessible</i>

The development of a West Shore ski resort and village-should be managed to preserve the serenity of the community, compatibility with the neighborhood considering size and visual impact, and provide quiet recreation areas

*High quality recreation are available that emphasize the seasons and the natural features that make the region special. Public land visitation is managed to protect both the recreational experience and the environment.*

*Any new development in the Basin should fit within the context of the appropriate area and should be required to be "green" certified.*

*Single event and community noise levels should be managed to preserve the serenity of the community and neighborhood and provide abundant quiet recreation areas.*

