

# Chapter 3

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### INTRODUCTION

Chapter III contains goals, policies, and management guidelines for the major land management categories addressed in this plan: agriculture, recreation, forestry, fish and wildlife, settlement, subsurface resources, and transportation.\* Policies and management guidelines are also presented for the following environmental conditions and land uses: wetlands, river and stream corridors, trails, and public access.

Goals, policies, and management guidelines form a hierarchy from the general (goals) to the particular (guidelines). Together they lay out a path from overall statements of intent to specific directives which can be applied on the ground as development occurs. As used in this chapter the following definitions apply:

Goal: a general statement of intent, usually not quantifiable nor having a specified date of completion. Goals identify desired long-range conditions.

Policy: a definite course of action to be followed by land managers. Policies set forth official borough and state positions on a wide range of land management issues such as wetlands management, and the protection of the agricultural potential of remote lands.

Management Guideline: specific management standards or procedures to be followed in carrying out goals and policies. Guidelines are intended to be sufficiently detailed to guide on-the-ground decisions such as how far development must be set back from a stream.

Guidelines are applied frequently in day-to-day management decisions.

