

GVSAG Economic Group Draft

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The economic direction for Valley Springs should be planned with the goal of eventual incorporation. With this in mind, economic boundaries should be established so that there will be diverse revenue sources and an area designated as the eventual city center. An alternate route is needed to connect highways 26 and 12, to allow safe transitions and to encourage a central area for development of commercial and retail adjacent to the existing "down town" area. Around this center will be areas designated for commercial and retail use. Housing in and around the central portion would be mixed use combining affordable residential with retail/commercial spaces; this could be accomplished with multi-story buildings with residential on the upper floors and commercial on the lower level.

Light industrial parks would be encouraged along the Hwy. 12 corridor, planned in such a way that landscaping would be required so that Valley Springs retains its natural beauty. To encourage industry, infrastructure such as high-speed internet must either be in place or negotiated with developers.

We should cultivate the existing businesses in Valley Springs to boost desirability for new businesses. Encouraging new business will require amenities for employees such as recreation areas, a community center and other forms of entertainment and recreation. Valley Springs is a beautiful place, housing can be developed so that it retains its natural beauty. This will encourage tourism, business, industry and community pride.