GOAL 13: ENERGY CONSERVATION

*Goal: To conserve energy.*

**FINDINGS:**

Since the last update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2000, the county has seen a major change in the demand for wind energy projects. Since 2003, the county has approved 2 projects that are in operation and there are 6 projects that have been approved by the Oregon Department of Energy (Energy Facility Siting Council).

**POLICIES:**

1. Conservation of energy should be considered when an application is submitted to rezone property.

2. Areas proposed to be rezoned to industrial, commercial or rural residential should be in close proximity to existing cities or rural communities in order to reduce transportation energy costs.

3. Applications for new energy generation facilities, whether public or private, should consider impacts on neighboring properties.