



MILPITAS

General Plan Update

GPAC Meeting #3

Conservation and Open Space

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Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Identify the GPAC's goals and key priorities for the General Plan to address with respect to Conservation and Open Space.
 - State law mandates that these topics be addressed in a General Plan



Conservation and Open Space

- Per the direction provided by State law, the following issues should be addressed in the Conservation and Open Space Element:
 - Natural and biological resources
 - Water quality
 - Air quality and greenhouse gases
 - Energy and Resource conservation
 - Cultural and historical resources
 - Protection of Agricultural and Open Space Lands
 - Habitat for plants, animals, and fish species
 - Protection of ecologically sensitive areas (Creeks, riparian habitat, wetlands, and areas with mineral or other natural resource deposits)



Existing General Plan

- The existing Milpitas General Plan includes an Open Space and Environmental Conservation Element, which was last updated in 2010.
- Topics addressed in this element include:
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Biological Resources
 - Agricultural Resources
 - Water Quality and Conservation
 - Mineral Resources
 - Historic and Cultural Resources
 - Scenic Resources and Routes
 - Waste Management and Recycling





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- A stand-alone Air Quality and Energy Element will be prepared.
 - These topics will be addressed during the next GPAC meeting
 - The City has an adopted **Climate Action Plan** (2013) which includes strategies to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change.



Other Key Planning Documents

- **Park and Recreation Master Plan (2010):** outlines the visions, goals, and implementation for the development and maintenance of Milpitas' park system. Describes funding strategies for improvements to existing park facilities and the construction of new facilities.
- **Trails Master Plan (1997)**
- **Historic Sites Inventory (1990)** and the **Historic Resources Master Plan (1993).**
- **Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE)** provides a summary and analysis of existing and needed source reduction, recycling, and composting programs and facilities, strategies for handling special wastes, and for funding.
- **Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Prevention Program (SCVURPPP)** is an association of 15 municipal agencies in the Santa Clara Valley that discharge stormwater to the lower South San Francisco Bay. It implements pollution prevention, source control, monitoring and outreach programs aimed at reducing pollutants in stormwater runoff, and protecting water quality.



Public Input Summary

- During the Visioning Process, the following input related to conservation and open space was received:
 - The City's scenic areas and open spaces were cited as key assets that need to be protected and enhanced.
 - The need to preserve and protect historic assets, parks and open spaces, while expanding opportunities for additional recreational facilities, parks and trails, was cited as one of the key visions for the future of Milpitas.
 - The hillside areas within the City's Sphere of Influence (to the east) should be preserved and protected from future development.



Discussion

- Key questions to consider:
 - After reading the Existing Conditions Report Conservation Chapter, are there specific concerns related to conservation and open space that need to be addressed in the General Plan update?
 - After reviewing the existing General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element:
 - Does it address the full range of issues that are important to you?
 - Do you disagree with any of the policy approaches?
 - Are there specific issues or topics that should be addressed differently?
 - See meeting memo for specific discussion points to consider.



Discussion Topics

- Key topics to discuss:
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Open Space Lands
 - Agricultural Resources
 - Water Quality and Protection of Creeks and Streams
 - Biological Resources
 - Historic and Cultural Resources
 - Scenic Resources and Routes
 - Waste Management and Recycling
 - Mineral Resources



Schedule and Next Steps



Date	Meeting Topic
July 19th	Air Quality and Energy Resources
August 16th	Review policy sets for Noise, Safety, Conservation and Open Space
September 20th	Community Services and Facilities





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