

PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES

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| Parks and Recreation (Added to Open Space Element) | | | |
| 1 | O.P.2.X | Parks and other recreational facilities should provide amenities that cater to a variety of ages. | Under O.G.2.1 |
| 2 | O.P.2.X | Develop informal gathering spaces throughout the CBD and Town with youth-oriented amenities for youth to congregate and interact safely and appropriately. | Under O.G.2.1 |
| 3 | OP.2.X | Prioritize improved connections between existing on-street bicycle lanes, multi-use trails, and open space. | Under O.G.2.1 |
| 4 | O.G | To provide recreational facilities that address the changing needs of the community. | New Goal |
| 5 | O.P | Acquire and develop more active community recreation spaces and/or passive recreation facilities for adults. | |
| 6 | O.P | Require that new development of more than 20 units include a tot lot. | |
| 7 | O.P | Continue to work with the Recreation District, local school districts and churches to provide shared recreational and sports facilities for youth. | |
| 8 | O.P | Promote a variety of recreational facilities for family and community activities. | |
| 9 | O.P | Consider redevelopment of existing parks to adapt to community recreation needs. | |
| 10 | O.P | Support community gardens by allowing them on public property, including parks; recreation and senior centers; public easements and rights-of-way; and surplus property, and give high priority to community gardens in appropriate locations. | |
| 11 | O.G | To preserve and enhance Los Gatos Creek as an open space amenity. | New Goal |
| Senior Needs (added to Human Services Element) | | | |
| 1 | HS.G | To improve access to care and services for seniors. | New Goal |
| 2 | HS.G | To allow and encourage the development of independent living or care facilities for seniors. | New Goal |
| 3 | HS.P | Senior facilities should have convenient access to social services, commercial areas, medical services, and transportation. | |
| 4 | HS.P | LGS Recreation and other similar service providers should provide a wide variety of senior fitness programs. | |

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| 5 | HS.G | To provide a Town environment that allows seniors to comfortably “age in place.” | New Goal |
| 6 | HS.G | To address the specific housing needs of seniors. | New Goal |
| 7 | HS.G | To improve mobility for seniors. | New Goal |
| 8 | HS.P | New development or substantial remodels should incorporate “universal design” and barrier-free principles to ensure access to people of all ages and abilities. | |
| 9 | HS.P | Senior agencies and housing groups should provide senior shuttle services within the Town. | |
| 10 | HS.P | New senior housing developments shall include intergenerational spaces, such as cafes or family-oriented outdoor spaces. | |
| Youth Needs (added to Human Services Element) | | | |
| 1 | HS.G | To expand youth programs and services offered within the Town. | New Goal |
| 2 | HS.P | Develop partnerships with organizations that provide training in resume writing, job interviews, and professional behavior for high school and college students. | |
| 3 | HS.P | Provide entrepreneurial opportunities for youth in the Town. | |
| 4 | HS.P | Continue to support LGS Recreation in offering both daytime and nighttime recreational activities and events at The Venue. | |
| 5 | HS.P | Coordinate with local non-profits and agencies such as LGS Recreation to provide music, visual, and performing arts programs for youth. | |
| 6 | HS.P | Continue to work with the Youth Commission and support the involvement of youth from a diverse range of backgrounds and ages in developing youth programs and events for the Town. | |
| 7 | HS.P | Engage youth in Town beautification and other civic improvement efforts. | |
| 8 | HS.P | Coordinate with school districts to provide mentoring and emotional support programs for youth. | |
| 9 | HS.P | Gallery space at the library, Town Council Chambers, and Civic Center shall periodically display artwork by local youth. | |
| 10 | HS.P | Work with local organizations to support and encourage youth volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center and senior housing facilities to spend time with seniors. | |
| 16 | HS.G | To create safe, youth-oriented recreational spaces and youth-friendly commercial environments within the Town. | New Goal |

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| 17 | HS.P | Partnerships should be developed between the Town’s existing business community and Town youth organizations. | |
| 26 | HS.G | To promote the development of a bicycle network throughout the Town that will allow safe and easy bicycling routes for youth. | New Goal |
| 27 | HS.P | Design, construct and maintain safe bicycle paths and route connections for youth. | |
| 28 | HS.P | Provide educational programs promoting safe and fun bicycle commuting and recreational riding. | |
| 29 | HS.P | Schools, parks and shopping areas should provide bicycling amenities, such as parking facilities and lockers, that support youth bicycling. | |
| 30 | HS.P | School districts should provide ample bicycle parking facilities near school entrances. | |
| 31 | HS.P | Promote the Safe Routes to School program, which supports safety improvements that encourage safe walking and bicycling to school. | |
| 32 | HS.P | Encourage the development of innovative programs such as “Bicycle Trains” that encourage youth to commute to and from school in groups. | |
| Environment & Sustainability | | | |
| 1 | T.P.4.X | Improve multi-modal transportation connections within Los Gatos. | New Goal after T.G.4.2 |
| 2 | T.P.4.X | Develop “complete streets” within the Town that include landscaping and shared space for bicycles, cars, pedestrians, and transit. | Under T.G.4.2 |
| 3 | T.P.4.X | Support employer incentive programs for carpooling and use of other forms of alternative transportation | Under T.G.4.2 |
| 4 | T.P.4.X | Work with the school district to encourage carpooling to schools. | Under T.G.4.2 |
| 5 | T.P.4.X | Require preferred parking spaces for alternative energy vehicles and/or carshare or carpool vehicles as a part of new public and private development. | Under T.G.4.2 |
| 6 | T.P.4.X | Consider roundabouts as an alternative to signalized or traditionally controlled intersections. | Under T.G.4.2 |
| 7 | L.P.7.X | Allow and encourage stores that provide goods and services within walking distance of neighborhoods. | Under L.G.7.8 |
| 8 | C.P.7.X | Require new subdivisions to provide opportunities for passive solar heating and cooling. | Under C.G.7.1 |

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| 9 | C.P.7.X | Promote the development of more compact housing types to increase energy efficiency. | Under C.G.7.1 |
| 9 | C.P.7.X | New residential construction should utilize the Energy Star Homes Program. | Under C.G.7.1 |
| 10 | C.P.7.X | Require that all new homes achieve Build it Green certification (or similar certification). | Under C.G.7.1 |
| 11 | C.P.7.X | Encourage LEED certification (or similar certification) for new non-residential buildings over 5,000 square feet. | Under C.G.7.1 |
| 12 | C.P.2.X | Promote the use of artificial turf for existing sports fields and encourage the use of artificial turf for all new fields. | Under C.G.2.1 |
| 13 | C.P.2.X | New multi-family construction should incorporate green roofs, landscaping, and common space for community gardens. | Under C.G.2.1 |
| 14 | Goal | To significantly decrease overall community consumption, specifically the consumption of non-local, non-renewable, non-recyclable and non-recycled materials, water and energy and fuels. The Town should take a leadership role in encouraging sustainable procurement, extended producer responsibility and should explore innovative strategies to become a zero waste Town. | New Goal (added to Conservation Element) |
| 15 | Goal | To reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels (or reduce per-capita emissions by 25% etc). | New Goal (added to Conservation Element) |
| 16 | Policy | Explore requiring energy audits at time of sale of commercial and residential properties. | |
| 17 | Policy | Use native plants wherever possible on Town-owned and controlled property. | |
| 18 | Policy | New development should incorporate native vegetation into their landscape plans and discourage the use of non-native plant species. | |
| 19 | Policy | Encourage businesses to replace fossil fuel vehicles with less polluting alternatives such as compressed natural gas (CNG), bio-based fuels, hybrids and electric. | |
| 20 | Policy | Promote, provide incentives, and reward energy efficiency efforts of local, non-residential businesses. | |
| 21 | Policy | Encourage reusable bags and packaging such as reusable bottles. | |
| 22 | Policy | Use recycled water for Town landscaping, including parks and medians, where appropriate. | |

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| 23 | Policy | Explore requiring water efficiency audits at point of sale for commercial and residential properties. | |
| 24 | Policy | Develop and implement Bay-Friendly Landscaping standards for new residential construction and renovation to reduce water consumption by 75 percent. | |
| 25 | Policy | New commercial and/or residential developments should be constructed with dual plumbing to use recycled water. | |
| 26 | Policy | Consider expanding the Town’s density bonus program to allow density bonuses for projects that achieve a LEED-Silver or higher rating (or other similar program rating). | |
| 27 | Policy | New construction or substantial remodels that exceed Title 24 requirements by 20 percent or more shall receive expedited permitting. | |
| 28 | Policy | All major Town buildings shall achieve Energy Star rating of 75 or greater. | |
| 29 | Policy | Amend the zoning ordinance to include standards for building construction and siting practices consistent with LEED criteria that promote energy conservation. | |
| 30 | Policy | All new, Town-owned facilities construction projects shall be “LEED Certified” under the United States Green Building Council’s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. | |
| 31 | Policy | New development should use recycled-content construction materials. | |
| 32 | Policy | Existing buildings should be reused and rehabilitated whenever appropriate and feasible in order to reduce waste, conserve resources and energy, and reduce construction costs. | |
| 33 | Policy | New construction shall include trees planted on the south- and west-facing sides of new buildings as feasible to reduce energy usage. | |
| 34 | Policy | Incorporate a “life-cycle costing” approach into Town purchasing considerations that takes into account long-term cost savings from energy efficient products. | |
| 35 | Policy | The Town will seek to attract and retain businesses that incorporate sustainable practices into their operations and that produce goods or services that contribute to sustainability. | |