

2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT CITY OF IRVINE

1. Introduction

The City's General Plan Annual Progress Report (GPAPR) was prepared using the guidelines set forth by the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), consistent with Government Code Section 65400. The report provides the status of the General Plan objectives for each State-required element and its ongoing implementation during the 2025 calendar year, with the exception of the Housing Element, which is reported separately to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Prior to 2019, the City was not previously required to submit a GPAPR because it held a charter city exemption pursuant to Government Code Section 65700. However, the adoption of Senate Bill 1333 in 2019 removed the exemption and required jurisdictions to annually prepare a GPAPR. As such, the 2025 GPAPR will be the City's sixth reporting of a GPAPR to the State.

2. Acceptance by Local Legislative Bodies

The GPAPR was reviewed by Planning Commission on March 5, 2026 and the City Council on March 24, 2026.

3. General Plan Implementation

The attached GPAPR summarizes the status and implementation of the General Plan objectives during the 2025 calendar year. The objectives discussed in the progress report are specific to the following State-required General Plan elements: Land Use, Circulation, Safety, Noise, Conservation, and Open Space. Additionally, objectives from the City's Environmental Protection and Climate Action Element are also addressed in the progress report. Much of how the City implemented the General Plan objectives is through approved projects, long-standing initiatives, and ongoing City programs and policies.

4. General Plan Compliance with OPR's Guidelines

On October 22, 2024, the City Council adopted a comprehensive General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update. The Update refined longstanding goals and objectives within the General Plan and incorporated changes required by State law, including but not limited to, the following:

- Housing Element, as Required by Government Code Section 65588.

The 2021-2029 Housing Element was adopted by the City Council May 10, 2022. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) subsequently certified the City of Irvine 2021-2029 Housing Element on May 24, 2022.

The adopted General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Update ensured consistency with the Housing Element and as well as complied with State law. The 2045 General Plan consists of changes to all State-required general plan elements, removed previous optional elements, and included a new Environmental Protection and Climate Action Element.

The 2045 General Plan also accommodated the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) established in the Housing Element, as adopted by the City Council in May 2022, through the introduction of additional residential and residential mixed-use development opportunities within the City using a residential overlay district within three Focus Areas.

In keeping with the City's world-renowned master-planned village approach to planning, new development within these Focus Areas will be developed in a manner that creates "proximity villages." Proximity villages aim to place residential areas, commercial zones, educational institutions, and recreational spaces within proximity to each other, as well as incorporate multi-modal transportation options to minimize travel distances and enhance accessibility. This not only contributes to a healthier and more active lifestyle but also reduces traffic congestion and lowers the environmental impact associated with long commutes. Placing residential areas near schools, parks, and commercial centers also encourages residents to interact, fostering a sense of belonging and shared identity. In essence, proximity-based land use planning prioritizes connectivity, sustainability, and community well-being and ensures consistency with the City's world-renowned master plan.

- Climate Change, as Required by Government Code Section 65302(g).

The Safety Element provides the framework to reduce risks associated with a range of environmental and human-caused hazards that may pose a risk to life and property in Irvine. Specific hazards addressed in the Safety Element include fires, floods, geologic and seismic hazards, drought, diseases and pests, hazardous materials, and climate resiliency and adaptation.

Updates to the Safety Element also reflect the changes that have occurred since the last General Plan Update in 2000 and in State regulatory requirements. Additionally, climate change is also addressed through environmental and climate considerations and goals and policies established in the Environmental Protection and Climate Action Element of the 2045 General Plan.

- Environmental Justice, Specified by Government Code Section 65302(h).

The Environmental Protection and Climate Action (EPCA) Element addresses the role that development patterns and community activities have on the environment. The EPCA Element also establishes a framework to achieve a sustainable and secure urban environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air and water quality, reducing solid waste, preserving open space and biodiversity, and encouraging sustainable land use and transportation patterns.

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This table summarizes noteworthy implementation action status updates from 2025. While all objectives were fully addressed through actions completed during the year, select items are highlighted within this table to offer a concise overview of key actions and milestones.

General Plan Element	Objectives	Status
Land Use	LU-1 LU-2 LU-3 LU-4 LU-5 LU-6 LU-7 LU-8 LU-9 LU-10 LU-11 LU-12 LU-13 LU-14	<p><u>Status:</u> Ongoing</p> <p>The City prioritizes the creation of viable commercial centers, successful manufacturing areas, and dynamic employment centers. In 2025, the City launched the Irvine Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, an innovation hub. Additionally, the City adopted an Economic Development Blueprint, which included economic development strategies for 2026-2028.</p> <p>The City also aims to achieve a balanced and sustainable distribution of land uses throughout the City by implementing equitable and inclusive land use policies that optimize the efficient use of land, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the quality of life for all residents. In 2025, the City Council adopted the Community Preference Policy, providing priority for affordable housing units to individuals and families currently residing in Irvine and individuals employed within City limits in alignment with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing goals.</p> <p>The Zoning Ordinance implements the Land Use Element and its associated goals and policies in the General Plan. The City also uses the Zoning Ordinance to ensure compatibility and balance between residential and non-residential land uses. This is accomplished by ensuring projects are consistent with all applicable development standards and findings in the Zoning Ordinance. In 2025, the City approved discretionary applications consisting of residential master plans, residential mixed use master plans, and vesting tentative tract maps including, but not limited to, the following:</p>

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Land Use (cont.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Area 2 (Gateway Village): General Plan amendment, zone change, Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) No. 19352, master landscape and trails plan, and park plan. <p>The project includes the future development of a new residential community on undeveloped land adjacent to Planning Area 1 (Orchard Hills). The General Plan amendment and zone change redesignated and rezoned vacant land at the northeast corner of Portola Parkway and Jeffrey Road. As part of the approval, a new planning area was created, named Gateway Village. The approval also established specific residential development standards for the planning area, established an overall residential dwelling unit cap of 1,360 units for the new planning area, which includes 25% of the units to be built as affordable, and established the layout of streets, sidewalks, parks, recreations spaces, trails, walls, and landscaping throughout the subdivision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Area 51 (Great Park): General Plan amendment, zone change, VTTM Nos. 19402, 19403, 19404, 19405, and 19406, and master plans for five sites, park plans for three of the five sites, a park plan modification, a modification to the Community Design Features and Checklist of Sustainable Design Features for Districts 2, 3, and 6-South and Districts 5 and 6-North, and an amendment to the Master Affordable Housing Plan. <p>The project includes the development of for-sale, residential condominium units on approximately 191 acres in the southern portion of Planning Area 51. The approval also included legislative changes to the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum residential dwelling unit cap within Planning Area 51, which was achieved by converting unbuilt, but entitled non-residential intensity. The project approval allows for the development of 1,814 residential dwelling units consisting of a mix of</p>
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<p>Land Use (cont.)</p>		<p>attached townhomes, duplexes, and single-family detached condominium homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Area 31 (Irvine Spectrum 6): Development Agreement, master plan, and VTTM No. 19260. <p>The project includes the development of a new residential apartment community, comprised of 1,858 dwelling units, of which 310 units are affordable. The approval also included an Affordable Housing Plan, a 2.56-acre publicly accessible privately owned/maintained park, and a 5,500-square-foot accessory retail/restaurant component.</p> <p>In addition to achieving land use balance and compatibility, the City continues to facilitate visually attractive and organized communities through the implementation of objective design guidelines and revitalization efforts.</p> <p>Since 2010, the Irvine Zoning Ordinance has contained design guidelines for the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) planning area, as established in the IBC Vision Plan, implemented as the IBC Element of the former General Plan, and within Chapter 5-8 of the Zoning Ordinance. In 2024, the City adopted the General Plan Update which introduced the Residential and Residential Mixed-Use (RRMU) Overlay to accommodate new residential units in three focus areas of the City. As part of that update, Focus Area 1, which includes the IBC, was allocated an additional 15,000 units. In 2025, to implement the policies of the General Plan Update, the City adopted a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance update which carried over relevant development and design standards from the IBC Vision Plan to guide the physical development of Focus Area 1.</p> <p>Additionally, in November 2024, the City Council adopted citywide Objective Design Standards (ODS) which apply to multi-family projects (consisting of two or more dwelling units) and mixed-use projects (featuring a combination of residential and other uses where at least two-thirds of the development is</p>
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<p>Land Use (cont.)</p>		<p>designated for residential uses). The ODS establishes a consistent set of standards that may be used by the development community, while upholding the City’s residential design quality, maintaining local control over project review, and preserving the character of Irvine neighborhoods. The ODS helps guide residential development towards human-scaled buildings and emphasizes a pedestrian-oriented environment.</p> <p>In late 2025, after implementing the ODS for one year, the City initiated a Zoning Ordinance technical update to update the ODS to broaden the applicability of these standards to capture a wider range of development projects, introduce new design standards, modify existing standards, provide appropriate product-specific criteria, and respond to feedback from the development community. The intent of this update was to improve clarity, cut down on inconsistency, and implement process improvement suggestions from in-the-field users of the ODS.</p> <p>In 2019-2020, the City developed the One Irvine neighborhood revitalization program to facilitate improvements to existing and aging neighborhoods. The program allows residents of a particular neighborhood to work with the City to identify neighborhood opportunities and challenges to facilitate specific neighborhood improvements. The subprograms under this plan include the Residential Rehabilitation Program, Green Home Grant, and Home Improvement Loan.</p> <p>In 2025, the following number of homeowners applied for these programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 people applied for the Residential Rehabilitation Program, which offers emergency grants up to \$5,000 and deferred loans up to \$50,000 for low-income homeowners with critical home repairs. Five homeowners were provided these loans;• 29 homeowners were granted a Home Improvement Loan, which offers up to \$25,000 to complete improvements focusing on critical home repairs; and
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 39 homeowners were awarded the Green Home Grant, which grants up to \$1,500 for sustainability upgrades to homes (up from \$1,000 in 2022). The types of upgrades implemented under the Green Home Grant consist of solar panels, insulation, electric vehicle (EV) charger installation, battery installation, and roof repairs.
<p>Circulation</p>	<p>C-1 C-2 C-3 C-4 C-5 C-6 C-7 C-8 C-9 C-10 C-11 C-12 C-13 C-14</p>	<p><u>Status:</u> Ongoing</p> <p>In 2025, the City completed and/or initiated projects and activities to implement a safe and efficient circulation system for a variety of mobility choices throughout the community. For example, the City maintained an integrated vehicular system to accommodate projected local and regional needs through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased transit funding for expansion of IrvineCONNECT Yale-Barranca route; Completed the Yale Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) reduction process with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA); Secured a grant to evaluate two separate segments of Campus Drive; and Implemented a citywide Development Impact Fee (DIF), which is a fair share fee program currently applied to development projects within Focus Area 1, to support the funding of improvements identified in the General Plan. <p>The City also ensures the vehicular circulation system is consistent with the high standards of transportation engineering safety and with sensitivity to adjoining land uses. Examples that achieve this goal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of traffic studies by staff for specific development projects within the City. Incorporate design features, when appropriate, to minimize negative impacts of the automobile. In addition, review projects to ensure

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Circulation (cont.)		<p>that proper spacing between traffic signals was maintained, and that traffic control devices were understandable, uniform, simple, and visible to all modes of travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of collision data and presentation of that data to Transportation Commission in November 2025. • Installation of two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at Yale/Yale Loop and Shady Canyon Dr. • Installation of reflective pavement markers (RPMs) at Paseo Westpark and Festivo. • Preparation of new Suggested Routes to School (SRTS) Maps and distribution of these maps to all public schools within City limits. • Increase in signage on bike/pedestrian off-street trails that have been added to street overpasses. • Introduction of bike lanes at a number of locations on City streets. • Conduct Citywide outreach as part of the SRTS project. <p>The City also maintained a pedestrian circulation system that supports and encourages walking as a mode of transportation. Examples that achieve this goal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of linkages between new development and surrounding land uses and transit stops, as well as interactions between pedestrians and vehicles, as part of development review for key projects. • Enhancement of pedestrian access created with new bus stop construction on the IrvineCONNECT Yale-Barranca route. • Implementation of LED signs for pedestrian crossings at Bonita Canyon Dr/Turtle Ridge Dr, Alton Pkwy/Technology Dr W, and Culver Dr/Portola Pkwy. • Staff participation in a Town Hall event at Bonita Canyon Dr/Turtle Ridge Dr. • Performance of School Walk Audits.
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Circulation (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award of a grant for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (CMAQ/STBG program) and one of the Caltrans planning grants. • Initiation of an Irvine Business Complex (IBC) Sidewalk Update. <p>The City also maintained a bicycle circulation system that encourages increased use for commuters and for recreational purposes. Examples that achieve this goal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of development projects to ensure optimal bicycle safety, on-site convenience, and public right-of-way connection. • Introduction of protected bicycle lanes at a number of locations on City streets. • Coordination with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Irvine Company, FivePoint, UC Irvine, Spectrumotion, and others regarding bicycle network opportunities. • Collection of bicycle counts prior to and following installation of Class IV bicycle lanes. • Coordination with Spectrumotion and the Public Safety Department to promote bicycle riding and other rideshare programs in the City. <p>The City also worked with OCTA to maintain a public transit system for trips within the City and adjacent areas. Examples that achieve this goal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with OCTA, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Irvine Company, FivePoint, UC Irvine, Spectrumotion, and neighboring cities regarding transit and bicycle network opportunities. • Coordination with transit providers to discuss IrvineCONNECT performance and improvements. • Conduct a Citywide survey regarding IrvineCONNECT in Fall 2025.
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Noise	N-1 N-2 N-3 N-4	<p><u>Status:</u> Ongoing</p> <p>The City ensures neighborhoods are not exposed to excessive noise levels through the development review process for discretionary applications. The review process ensures all projects are compatible with the existing and projected noise levels using the Land Use Noise Compatibility Matrix found in Title 6, Division 8, Chapter 2 of the City’s Municipal Code.</p> <p>In meeting the acoustical analysis requirements for noise impacted areas (outside ambient noise levels of 60 & 65 CNEL or more for aircraft noise impacted areas), two acoustical reports are usually required, a preliminary report and a final report.</p> <p>The noise standards are also enforced through the City’s Code Enforcement Division. In the event of a violation or complaint, staff measures the noise to ensure neighborhoods are not exposed to stationary levels exceeding the standard. In the event noise standards are not met, enforcement action may be pursued.</p> <p>In 2025, the City continued its practice of monitoring noise levels at concerts held at the Great Park Live (temporary amphitheater), respond to noise complaints, and work with businesses and residents to resolve noise complaints. Additionally, the City networks with other agencies on strategies for noise reduction.</p>
Safety	S-1 S-2 S-3 S-4 S-5 S-6 S-7	<p><u>Status:</u> Ongoing</p> <p>The City continues to reduce the severity of hazards through the following activities and plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the Prepare Irvine and Wildfire Readiness campaign to better encourage public preparedness from all types of disasters.

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Safety (cont.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing a robust Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to increase resilience within the community and have neighbors respond to the needs of other neighbors during disasters.• Participating in multi-jurisdictional planning exercise efforts to streamline response actions between various cities and agencies to better serve the public during times of emergencies.• Activating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in response to large incidents occurring within the City to coordinate an effective response and minimize the impact on the community.• Pursuing Aggressive Evacuation and Alert and Warning Planning and Exercising to effectively manage complex operations during wildfire and other disasters requiring these actions.• Implementing the 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation (LHMP) Plan, which is a comprehensive assessment of the threats that the City faces from natural and human-caused hazard events and a coordinated strategy to reduce these threats. The LHMP can also support increased coordination and collaboration between the City, other public agencies, local employers, service providers, community members, and other key stakeholders. This plan ensures the City's continued eligibility for funding under Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance program. An update to the LHMP is currently underway.• Implementing the Emergency Operations Plan, which is a high-level document describing the City's systems, frameworks, and processes involved in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. The Emergency Operations Plan details how the City will respond to localized emergencies within the City and how it aligns with other local, State, and Federal agencies involved in much larger disasters through the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS).
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Safety (cont.)		<p>Additionally, in 2025, the City focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provided education to the community related to evacuation and shelter-in-place language/terminology which included definitions for both so the public is informed and prepared on how to respond when these emergency protective measures appear on their mobile devices via emergency alerts. • The City received an M2 Grant for improvement of storm drains. • The City completed Hicks Canyon Wash Improvements. • City procedures were updated to encourage climate-smart irrigation and implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) standards for new development to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff. • OEM coordinated community presentations and town hall events that focus on Wildfire Preparedness for the public. These presentations are delivered in collaboration with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), Irvine Ranch Conservancy, and the Public Works & Sustainability Department’s Open Space Division. • The City promoted the Prepare Irvine and Wildfire Readiness campaign to better encourage public preparedness from all types of disasters. • The Turtle Ridge Open Space was grazed to reduce fuel loads. • The City Council adopted an updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map for the City of Irvine.
Conservation and Open Space	<p>COS-1 COS-2 COS-3 COS-4 COS-5 COS-6 COS-7 COS-8 COS-9</p>	<p><u>Status:</u> Ongoing</p> <p>The City continues to preserve 6,500 acres of open space and is at the forefront of the region with its efforts to maintain and protect geophysical resources in the area.</p> <p>In 1988, City voters approved an Open Space Initiative (City Council Resolution 88-1) that identified large contiguous areas of the City for preservation and conservation. This initiative not only protected these lands, but also</p>

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<p>Conservation and Open Space (cont.)</p>	<p>COS-10</p>	<p>contemplated their long-term stewardship and protection in the Irvine Open Space Preserve. These provisions are implemented in Division 8 of the Irvine Zoning Ordinance.</p> <p>In 1992, a Hillside Ordinance was put in place to set forth the provisions applicable to responsible hillside development. This ensured that development would highlight and maintain the natural character of the land. Projects are subject to this review, where applicable.</p> <p>In 1996, the City joined the Orange County Central Coastal Natural Community Conservation Plan / Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) and permit under the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts, which set aside large areas of protected natural habitat with significant and diverse biotic communities and made long-term commitments for managing the ecological health, restoration and enhancement of those areas. The natural habitat areas maintained by the City include a variety of rare and endangered species and natural communities that are part of the California Floristic Province, including coastal sage scrub, native grassland, oak woodland, chaparral, and riparian habitats.</p> <p>In exchange for the City's participation in the NCCP/HCP, the City received permits under the state and federal endangered species acts to develop commercial, industrial, residential and institutional areas elsewhere with minimal regulatory impact. The City has a permanent seat on the board of directors of The Natural Communities Coalition, which is the non-profit organization tasked with coordinating the implementation of the NCCP/HCP. The City also partners with the non-profit, Irvine Ranch Conservancy, for assistance in implementing, reporting and complying with the City's obligations under the NCCP/HCP. Further, as a signatory to the Coastal/Central NCCP, the City actively participates in implementation of its Recreation and Resources Management Plan (RRMP). This plan identifies archeological, historical and paleontological resources in both the northern and southern Irvine open space areas.</p>
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<p>Conservation and Open Space (cont.)</p>		<p>The City has also established several standard conditions of approval with respect to protection of cultural resources. These conditions are designed to identify and protect the discovery of any elements of historical, archaeological, or paleontological significance during the development process.</p> <p>In addition to preserving and protecting open space, the City continues to develop and maintain a network of recreational areas that not only provide a variety of recreational opportunities, but also connect open space areas within the land use fabric of the City. There are currently 22 community parks and more than 40 neighborhood parks publicly owned and operated in Irvine.</p> <p>Furthermore, the City’s Capital Improvement Plan includes several park development projects that include various landscape and building improvements to rehabilitate and/or enhance recreation within the City. Residential subdivisions are reviewed and required to provide park land, recreation improvements, and/or in-lieu fees that are used to develop and maintain recreation areas.</p> <p>Additionally, in 2025, the City focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Landscape Division Wildland Program conducted frequent inspections to designate conservation and open space areas and monitor their conditions in coordination with Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). • Community & Library Services Department programs coordinated with Irvine Ranch Conservancy for preservation of open space. • Community & Library Services Department coordinated docent-led trails within preserved open space with Irvine Ranch Conservancy. • Staff secured a state grant for the Bommer Canyon Restoration project and completed Bommer Canyon 49-acre restoration project. • The Nature Reserve of Orange County (NROC) Website was established.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Conservation and Open Space (cont.)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gateway Preserve and Residential Project was approved by the City Council December 9, 2025. The Gateway project was the result of two agreements which included the City's purchase of the All American Asphalt (AAA) plant and property from its owner and Irvine Company's donation of 475 acres of land to the City for the Gateway Preserve. The new approximately 700-acre open space area enhances the City's northern open space and provides links to the open spaces located beyond State Route 241.
<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental Protection and Climate Action</p>	<p>EPCA-1 EPCA-2 EPCA-3 EPCA-4 EPCA-5 EPCA-6 EPCA-7 EPCA-8 EPCA-9 EPCA-10 EPCA-11</p>	<p>The City continues to advance environmental protection and climate action initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve community resilience, and support a sustainable and healthy environment. In 2025, the City undertook and continued a wide range of programs, planning efforts, and partnerships addressing climate mitigation, adaptation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation, waste reduction, and sustainable transportation.</p> <p>In 2025, the City worked on a comprehensive Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), which identifies more than 180 actions across multiple sectors and is informed by the 2023 Climate Vulnerability Assessment, which evaluated climate-related risks including extreme heat, wildfire, drought, and public health impacts.</p> <p>To support community-wide climate action, the City expanded various programs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cool Irvine, a City-funded program administered by a local nonprofit, which provides resident training through “Cool Block Leaders,” community workshops, and neighborhood-level climate action. One Irvine Program initiatives, including sustainability-focused workshops, contractor expos, and electrification education for residents and businesses.

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<p>Environmental Protection and Climate Action (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solarize Irvine, in partnership with OC Goes Solar, which provides one-on-one technical assistance, discounted solar pricing, and outreach to promote residential solar and battery adoption. • Promotion of partner agency incentives, including rebates from the Orange County Power Authority and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). <p>The City continued to implement measures to reduce emissions from buildings and operations. These efforts included tracking municipal energy use, investing in energy-efficient facility maintenance and rehabilitation, developing a microgrid at the Irvine Civic Center, and implementing sustainability requirements through CALGreen and other applicable state mandates.</p> <p>Transportation-related climate strategies remained an ongoing focus. The City continued expansion of Irvine CONNECT, implementation of Class IV bikeways through roadway rehabilitation and new development, and installation of electric vehicle infrastructure. As of 2025, the City provides 194 public EV chargers across City-owned properties, with additional installations planned.</p> <p>The City also advanced water conservation, urban heat reduction, and landscape sustainability initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of reclaimed water for irrigation in new projects. • Implementation of residential electric lawn equipment rebate programs in partnership with SCAQMD. • Pilot projects for cool pavement technology to reduce urban heat island effects. • Coordination with regional agencies on water efficiency, air quality, and climate-related infrastructure. <p>Waste reduction and organics diversion efforts continued in coordination with Orange County and waste haulers, consistent with SB 1383 requirements. The</p>
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		<p>City emphasized ongoing education and outreach to residents and businesses regarding proper organics recycling and waste reduction practices.</p> <p>Additionally, the City continued to integrate sustainability considerations into Capital Improvement Projects, review of building permit applications, and interdepartmental initiatives, ensuring environmental protection and climate action remain embedded in long-range planning and day-to-day operations.</p>
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GENERAL PLAN OBJECTIVES

LAND USE

OBJECTIVE LU-1:

To develop and implement land use policies that foster the preservation and enhancement of Irvine's diverse and innovative character, ensuring that the City remains a vibrant and inclusive community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

OBJECTIVE LU-2:

To promote viable commercial centers, successful manufacturing areas, and dynamic employment centers. Irvine aspires to strengthen the City's economic base and create a climate in which businesses can prosper by promoting Irvine as the "City of Choice," retaining existing business base, creating quality employment opportunities, and reducing regulations and the cost of doing business.

OBJECTIVE LU-3:

To preserve and enhance Irvine's existing job base by implementing land use policies and strategies that support the retention, expansion, and diversification of employment opportunities within the City.

OBJECTIVE LU-4:

To achieve a balanced and sustainable distribution of land uses throughout the City by implementing equitable and inclusive land use policies that optimize the efficient use of land, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

OBJECTIVE LU-5:

To optimize the fiscal sustainability of the City by aligning land use policies with economic development strategies to ensure that City revenues meet expenditures, provide quality services, and maintain fiscal stability without imposing burdensome levels of fees or taxes on residents and businesses.

OBJECTIVE LU-6:

To establish cohesive and harmonious land use patterns throughout the City by implementing integrated planning strategies that promote connectivity, sustainability, and community well-being while respecting the unique character and identity of different neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE LU-7:

To cultivate vibrant mixed-use areas throughout the City by implementing land use policies and strategies that promote the integration of residential, commercial, recreational, and cultural uses within cohesive and walkable neighborhoods, enhancing livability, economic vitality, and community wellbeing.

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OBJECTIVE LU-9:

To create safe and well-designed neighborhoods throughout the City by implementing land use policies and planning strategies that prioritize public safety, accessibility, and community connectivity, fostering environments where residents feel secure, engaged, and empowered.

OBJECTIVE LU-10:

To promote land use development that preserves and enhances the beauty of the natural environment throughout the City of Irvine by implementing sustainable land use policies and practices that protect ecologically sensitive areas, conserve natural resources, and promote biodiversity.

OBJECTIVE LU-11:

Provide, and partner with the private sector to incentivize, nonresidential and residential development that (1) incorporates urban plazas, small parks, or open and green spaces, and/or (2) connects Focus Areas 1 and 2 to parks and open space in adjacent planning areas.

OBJECTIVE LU-12:

Implement the use of proximity villages through a range of policies that promote sustainable and community-oriented development.

OBJECTIVE LU-13:

Implement the City's Housing Element to meet the housing needs of the community and to ensure a sustainable local talent pool for Irvine businesses.

OBJECTIVE LU-14:

Coordinate planning and development of land within the City to allow services to be provided at desired levels while maximizing cost-effectiveness and staying consistent with the City's identity.

CIRCULATION

OBJECTIVE C-1:

Plan, provide, and maintain an integrated vehicular circulation system to accommodate projected local and regional needs and growth.

OBJECTIVE C-2:

Maintain and enhance a circulation system consistent with high standards for transportation engineering safety and with sensitivity to adjoining land uses.

OBJECTIVE C-3:

Maintain and enhance the pedestrian circulation system to support and encourage walking as a mode of transportation.

OBJECTIVE C-4:

Plan, provide, maintain, and enhance a comprehensive bicycle network that encourages increased use of bicycles.

OBJECTIVE C-5:

Enhance the City's infrastructure to support and encourage walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation by developing safe, accessible, and interconnected networks of pathways, bike lanes, and multi-use trails throughout Irvine.

OBJECTIVE C-6:

Plan, develop and maintain a trail network to support facilities that support the needs of cyclists, equestrian riders, and hikers.

OBJECTIVE C-7:

Maintain a public transit system for trips within the City and to/from adjacent areas.

OBJECTIVE C-8:

Enhance air transportation infrastructure and services in Irvine and neighboring jurisdictions while implementing measures to mitigate noise and air pollution impacts on surrounding communities.

OBJECTIVE C-9:

Maintain transportation efficiency by streamlining traffic flow, reducing congestion, and enhancing connectivity between different transportation modes to facilitate seamless movement within the City.

OBJECTIVE C-10:

Reduce emissions from transportation activities by encouraging the adoption of clean and alternative fuel vehicles, promoting the use of nonmotorized transportation modes, and implementing measures to mitigate vehicle emissions.

OBJECTIVE C-11:

Continue to ensure that transportation planning efforts are aligned with land use and design strategies to create compact, walkable, and transit-oriented developments that minimize automobile dependency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE C-12:

Integrate sustainable transportation principles into the City's planning and development initiatives to reduce environmental impact, enhance livability, and improve mobility for all residents.

OBJECTIVE C-13:

To strategically coordinate and plan the placement of public utilities infrastructure, including water, sewers, stormwater systems, telecommunications and broadband, electricity, and natural gas lines, in a manner that optimizes circulation patterns and minimizes disruptions to the community.

NOISE

OBJECTIVE N-1:

Maintain healthy and safe noise environments consistent with the standards in Table 1 through site design and location.

OBJECTIVE N-2:

Reduce noise from non-transportation sources such that City residents are not exposed to stationary noise levels that exceed City Noise Ordinance standards.

OBJECTIVE N-3:

Achieve maximum efficiency in noise abatement efforts through establishing minimum standards, intergovernmental coordination, and public information programs.

OBJECTIVE N-4:

Minimize exposure to ground-borne vibration such that City residents are not exposed to nuisance vibration or potential building damage.

SAFETY

OBJECTIVE S-1:

Hazard Preparedness and Occurrence

OBJECTIVE S-2:

Seismic and Geologic Hazards

OBJECTIVE S-3:

Flood Hazards

OBJECTIVE S-4:

Wildfire Hazards

OBJECTIVE S-5:

Drought and Extreme Heat

OBJECTIVE S-6:

Diseases and Pests

OBJECTIVE S-7:

Climate Change Resiliency and Adaptation

CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE

OBJECTIVE COS-1:

Continue the implementation of programs that effectively integrate the protection and preservation of conservation and open space areas with the development of designated zones.

OBJECTIVE COS-2:

Continue to effectively implement the Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) agreement and program to achieve comprehensive conservation goals, including the preservation and management of diverse species and habitats across the designated area, ensuring long-term ecological sustainability and biodiversity conservation.

OBJECTIVE COS-3:

Effectively utilize and safeguard geophysical resources, encompassing ridgelines, hillsides, and waterways, within the City's land use framework to maintain ecological integrity, enhance aesthetic value, and promote sustainable development practices that harmonize with the natural landscape.

OBJECTIVE COS-4:

To effectively utilize and preserve societal resources, encompassing archaeological, historical, and paleontological assets, within the City's land use framework, ensuring their integration and maintenance in alignment with conservation and open space goals.

OBJECTIVE COS-5:

Continue to safeguard and conserve large, contiguous areas housing significant and diverse hazards and resources, ensuring their preservation and maintenance to mitigate environmental risks and support ecological sustainability within the City's conservation and open space framework.

OBJECTIVE COS-6:

Maintain and enhance the City's network of parks and recreational areas that provide a variety of recreational opportunities, and which link and integrate other conservation and open space areas into the land use fabric of the City.

OBJECTIVE COS-7:

To promote the preservation and sustenance of agricultural activities in undeveloped areas of the City until their eventual development, and in areas where development is not feasible or permitted, ensuring the continued vitality of agricultural landscapes and practices within the community.

OBJECTIVE COS-8:

Higher density neighborhoods need parks and urban space to offset building intensity and provide space for informal activities. The vision is to continue to develop a system of new public parks, urban plazas, open spaces, and private or public recreation areas that are interconnected by streets, bikeways, and trails. Well-crafted and programmed public space encourages people gathering and neighborhood events.

OBJECTIVE COS-9:

Promote and, when suitable, mandate the incorporation of open space areas in multi-family, mixed-use, and office developments to supplement the available open space and recreational facilities in the City. Optimize the utilization of current public open space assets on a neighborhood scale and explore possibilities for private development to enrich neighborhood open space resources.

OBJECTIVE COS-10:

The City commits to creating and fostering well-integrated and sustainable open space resources available to City residents and visitors.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CLIMATE ACTION

OBJECTIVE EPCA-1:

Provide equitable environmental protection for all communities in Irvine by addressing disparities and promoting inclusivity in sustainability initiatives, policymaking, and resource allocation.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-2:

Implement policies that prioritize the identification, assessment, and mitigation of environmental health risks in disadvantaged communities.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-3:

Achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors within Irvine by implementing targeted policies and initiatives.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-4:

Achieve and maintain compliance with air quality standards set by regulatory agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB), to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment for residents.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-5:

Achieve and maintain compliance with water quality standards set by regulatory agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to safeguard public health and the environment.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-6:

Achieve significant reductions in per capita energy consumption across residential, commercial, and municipal sectors while promoting the adoption of renewable energy sources and energy-efficient technologies.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-7:

Achieve significant reductions in per capita waste generation and increase diversion rates through comprehensive waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting initiatives, while minimizing landfill disposal and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-8:

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and promote climate resilience through comprehensive policies, programs, and initiatives that engage stakeholders, foster innovation, and prioritize equitable and sustainable solutions.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-9:

Conserve and restore natural ecosystems, protect biodiversity, and expand access to green spaces through comprehensive policies, programs, and initiatives that prioritize ecological integrity, community engagement, and sustainable land management practices.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-10:

Implement policies and initiatives that prioritize sustainable land management, smart growth principles, and equitable development strategies to ensure the efficient use of land while protecting environmental quality and promoting community well-being.

OBJECTIVE EPCA-11:

Implement policies and initiatives that promote active transportation, public transit, and low-emission vehicles to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, minimize traffic congestion, and enhance mobility options for residents of all ages and abilities.