THE ONTARIO PLAN | POLICY PLAN
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

See how we're updating The Ontario Plan to make our City a safer, more resilient, healthier, and better place to live, work, and visit!

What is a Policy Plan?

The Policy Plan serves as the City's General Plan, which is a state-required legal document that provides guidance to decision-makers regarding the allocation of resources and determining the future physical form and character of development in the City. It is the official statement of the City regarding the extent and types of development needed to achieve the community's physical, economic, social, and environmental goals.

Although the Policy Plan is composed of individual sections, or "elements," that individually address a specific topics, the Policy Plan embodies a comprehensive and integrated planning approach for the jurisdiction.

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What updates are being considered?

The City is considering updates to portions of its Policy Plan to address new state laws and reflect minor changes in mapping related to flooding and fire hazards, open space resources, disadvantaged communities, and truck routes. As part of these updates, the City is conducting outreach to inform and obtain input from the community.

Note!
The City is only considering policy-based updates and is not considering any land use changes.

A general description of the updates being considered is provided below.

Mobility

The City is evaluating updates to its existing truck route network (Figure M-04, Truck Routes) to provide an adequate goods movement network while reducing exposure to sensitive receptors (Assembly Bill 98 (2024)).

Environmental Resources

The City is evaluating minor policy updates to communicate the co-benefits of open space for climate resiliency (and in the context of the Safety Element), and ensure access to open space is equitable in the context of environmental justice considerations (Senate Bill 1425), The City is also exploring refinements to it's map of disadvantaged communities (Figure ER-01, Environmental Justice Areas) based on the most recent census income data.

Safety

The City proposes to incorporate its 2023 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and 2024 Evacuation Assessment by reference, along with minor refinements to policies. The City also proposes minor policy updates to evaluate rewilding opportunities and affirm that policies address the issue of extreme heat (Senate Bill 1425 (2022) and Assembly Bill 2684 (2024), respectively). Finally, the City proposes updates to its flood and fire hazard mapping (Figures S-03, Flood Hazard Zones, and S-05, Fire Hazard Severity Zones) based on new maps published by state and federal agencies.

Parks & Recreation

The City proposes a minor map update to Figure PR-01, Parks and Recreational Facilities, to reflect the recently approved Ontario Sports Empire.

What Is the timeline?

June 2025 Project Launch → July 2025 Discovery → August - September 2025 Draft Changes → October-December 2025 Adoption Hearings → 2026 Implementation

Two of the new state laws (AB 98 and SB 1425) direct the City to complete certain updates by January 1, 2026. While the other updates do not share the same deadline, the City intends to complete all updates in parallel. Community engagement is planned through events and activities held during the summer with public hearings anticipated in the fall of 2025.

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