

LA HABRA HEIGHTS GENERAL PLAN

Celebrating 25 Years of Cityhood

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City of La Habra Heights General Plan Goals

Goal 1. Protect, preserve, and enhance the residential rural character and individualistic lifestyle of La Habra Heights.

Goal 2. Minimize alteration of the natural terrain.

Goal 3. Preserve scenic views.

Goal 4. Preserve existing water courses, scenic beauty, mature trees, and vegetation.

Goal 5. Protect, preserve, and encourage open space within the City to ensure the maintenance of wildlife habitats, wildlife corridors, natural drainage courses, and passive recreational resources.

Goal 6. Encourage the expansion and use of the existing trail system for horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking.

Goal 7. Require that future residential development continues the present variety and diversity of structural design and appearance, maintains residents' privacy with large distances between houses, and is harmonious with natural settings.

Goal 8. Allow and encourage agricultural uses including, but not limited to, citrus and avocado groves and tree farms.

Goal 9. Allow and encourage animal husbandry, including keeping of horses, animals used for 4-H projects, and other livestock as allowed by local ordinance.

Goal 10. Assure that local and regional traffic demands are accommodated in a manner consistent with the unique rural environment of La Habra Heights.

Goal 11. Resist and discourage urban features such as curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lights, and traffic signals.

Goal 12. Reduce potential fire hazards and recognize geological hazards.

Guiding Principle and the Definition of "Rural"

This General Plan recognizes the historical precedent of our one acre (43,560 square feet) minimum lot size for residential use, as this precedent supports these General Plan goals.

Rural has been defined by the community as: variety of homes; natural terrain and dense vegetation; houses which blend in with the setting; privacy and large distances between homes; keeping of horses and farm animals; scenic views; no "city" improvements such as curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and streetlights.