

Implementation Program

Introduction to the Implementation Program

This Implementation Program will serve as a guide for the implementation of the General Plan's goals and policies.¹ The State's General Plan Guidelines state the following:

"The public can clearly see a City's commitment to its General Plan by the manner in which local officials implement the plan's goals and policies. The most successful plans are those that were written from the start with a concern for realistic and properly timed implementation measures. Adopting infeasible planning policies or implementation measures can prove to be a waste of time and a costly error. To avoid this, [the] planners who implement the Plan should be involved in its preparation. In addition, the General Plan should identify, where appropriate, the local agencies responsible for carrying out implementation actions."²

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, many elected officials, planning professionals, legal observers, and citizens were concerned that if long-range comprehensive planning were to be useful and effective, a more direct linkage between the General Plan and the day-to-day operation was imperative. This point of view clearly acknowledged that the day-to-day decision-making at the local level should not be made on an ad hoc, disjointed, or arbitrary basis, but rather should follow a logical process that is consistent with the General Plan.³

These arguments formed the basis for a newly emerging philosophy that held that local governments engaging in land use planning must base their official regulatory land use and development controls on, or make them consistent with, such planning. This philosophy came to be known as the *consistency doctrine*. The consistency doctrine was reinforced by a key court of appeal decision in 1965 (O'Loane v. O'Rourke [1965] 231 Cal.App 2d 774, 782) and by enacting laws passed in 1970 and 1971.⁴ This philosophy was further institutionalized through statutes requiring consistency of certain local actions with the adopted General Plan.

The implementation programs identified herein will also be effective in mitigating the environmental impacts of future development supported or otherwise permitted by the City of La Habra Heights General Plan. This is underscored in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the General Plan. Specific General Plan policies that will be effective in mitigating the environmental impacts of future development are clearly identified for each of the issues

¹The State of California Planning, Zoning, and Development Law require the identification of implementation actions with respect to the open space, housing, and noise elements. The La Habra Heights General Plan goes well beyond those legislative requirements by indicating the applicable implementation measures and programs for the remaining General Plan Elements.

²Office of Planning and Research. *State of California General Plan Guidelines*. Chapter 5 – Implementing the General Plan. November 1990.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

considered in the EIR. This approach is also consistent with the State's General Plan Guidelines that state the following:

"...this reinforces the requirements of CEQA that call for employing mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate the significant environmental effects identified in the plan's environmental document. The mitigation measures must be reflected in the general plan's implementation program."⁵

Format and Use of this Implementation Program

This Implementation Program is arranged in a format that will facilitate periodic updating and review. Programs that will be effective in implementing the General Plan have been arranged in alphabetical order so that they may be easily found. Each program is summarized according to the following:

- **Program Purpose** provides an overview of the purpose and/or rationale for the program;
- **Program Description** summarizes the key elements of the program;
- **Program Implementation** is a matrix indicating the timing of implementation, the agency or department responsible for implementation, and the funding source; and,
- **Related Programs** refers to those other programs that are similar.

The purpose of this Implementation Program is to provide the City with a guide in how the General Plan may be effectively implemented. This Program is not intended to be all inclusive or overly restrictive. Over the life of the City's General Plan, other programs and/or strategies may emerge that will be equally effective in implementing one or more General Plan policies. This Implementation Program establishes a generalized framework for the Plans long-range implementation by setting the stage for the preparation of new ordinances or the revision of existing ordinances or regulations.

The matrix on the following page indicates those implementation measures (also referred to as "programs") that are included in this Implementation Program. The matrix also provides an overview of those programs that will be effective in implementing those Elements that comprise the City of La Habra Heights General Plan.

⁵ Office of Planning and Research. *State of California General Plan Guidelines*. Chapter 5 – Implementing the General Plan. November 1990.

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La Habra Heights General Plan Programs						
General Plan Programs	Related General Plan Element					
	Land Use	Circulation	Environ. Res. Mgmt.	Safety	Noise	Air Quality
Adopt the City Park and Fire Department Program			■	■		
Building Code Review Program	■	■	■	■	■	■
Capital Improvement Program	■	■		■		
Code Compliance Program	■			■	■	■
Community Safety Outreach Program				■		
Dark Sky Ordinance Program	■		■			
Development Review Program	■		■			
Emergency Preparedness Program				■		
Environmental Review Program			■			
Fire Abatement Program				■		
Fire Department/ Emergency Medical Needs Assessment Program				■		
Hazardous Materials Safety Program				■		
Information Database Program				■		
Law Enforcement Safety Program				■		
Local Clean Air Program						■
Noise Control Program					■	
Public Transit Review Program		■				
Resource Protection Program			■			
Risk Reduction and Mitigation Program				■		
Roadway Safety Program		■		■		
Specific Plan Program	■		■			
Source Reduction and Recycling Program			■	■		
Trails Program/Trails Feasibility Study		■	■			
Water Conservation Program			■	■		
Water Quality/Flood Control Program			■	■		
Zoning Ordinance Revision/General Plan Conformity	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Adopt the City Park and Fire Department Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to establish a mechanism that would aid in the financing of new improvements within the City Park, as well as equipment for the City of La Habra Heights Fire Department. This program supplements the existing grant programs.

Program Description: Overall, this program will consist of the following components:

- The City will assess the feasibility of preparing and distributing a “gift catalogue” for specific items that will be used for the Community's benefit. The catalogue will identify improvements that may be purchased for use in the City Park, as well as equipment for the Fire Department. The gift catalogue would likely consist of a simple brochure identifying those “items” that could be purchased.
- The first step will require City Council authorization to the City Manager to determine how this program will be implemented. The Council will then consider the staff's findings and will provide direction to the staff regarding how to proceed.
- Once the Parks and Recreation Department and the Fire Department are authorized to proceed with this program's implementation, an assessment of specific needs will be identified. For example, in the event improvements are required to the Park Building, a wall plaque that identifies donors may be provided. Donors of other improvements such as benches, playground equipment, etc., may also be identified through signage and/or plaques. The Fire Chief will identify a list of resources and/or equipment that would be included in the gift catalogue. Again, donors may be identified in a variety of ways including plaques.
- Specific needs and the process for making donations may be identified on the City's website and in brochures that would be made available to the public.

Program Implementation: This program will be a new program.

Adopt the City Park and the Fire Department Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This new program will be implemented in the 2006 fiscal year.	City Administration.	General Fund - The fiscal impacts will be minimal and limited to the creation of the catalogue. Some staff time will be required to monitor and oversee the program.

Related Programs: None.

Building Code Review Program

Program Purpose: The General Plan policies indicate the City's commitment to ensuring that new residential development adheres to the current Uniform Building Code (UBC) requirements.

Program Description: The City recently adopted the 2002 version of the Los Angeles County UBC. The La Habra Heights Building and Safety Department staff will review and, if necessary, update the UBC to ensure that it reflects current technology and regulations. Procedures for the periodic review of the UBC will be identified by the City Engineer. This review will be undertaken by designated individuals to identify appropriate changes to the UBC that should be considered. Amendments to the City's Building Code will be made as required. Information related to any future amendments to the UBC must be made available to the public. An annual report will be prepared by the City Engineer for a report to the City Council indicating that such review has taken place.

Program Implementation: This program is currently being implemented. Engineering will initiate a review of the City's Building Code as appropriate.

Building Code Review Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be ongoing over the life of the General Plan. An annual report will be made to the City Council.	Engineering Department and Building Department.	General Fund - Fiscal Impact will be limited to the staff time required to review the local UBC and to prepare the report to the City Council. New Code requirements may increase staff time and building costs. These potential increases are beyond the direct control of the City.

Related Programs: Code Compliance Program and Zoning Ordinance Revision/General Plan Conformity.

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Capital Improvement Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to implement the City's 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as part of the planning process. The CIP will continue to play an important role in the implementation of the City of La Habra Heights General Plan. The City has adopted CIP as part of the fiscal year budget for 2003-2004.

Program Description: This program is a new program that involves the review of the City's list of capital improvement projects. Those capital improvements that may be developed over the life of the plan include roadway improvements, building improvements, and infrastructure upgrades. According to Section 65103 (c) of the Government Code, the Community Development Department is required to undertake an annual review of the CIP for consistency with the General Plan. The following guiding principals (based on policies identified in the General Plan) must be considered in the formulation and review of the CIP.

- The policies included in the Circulation Element indicate the City will not promote, or otherwise support, any widening of local streets when such widening is designed to increase vehicle capacity only. Any roadway improvement project must be limited to those that will protect the roadway or enhance traffic safety.
- The Environmental Resource Management and Circulation Elements indicate the City will consider the environmental affects of any future public improvement projects outlined in the CIP.
- The Community Development Department will review the CIP to determine its conformity with the General Plan. The CIP will be reviewed on an annual basis. The CIP will prioritize project's involving the maintenance, repair, and new construction for a five-year period. These projects are programmed over a five-year time frame. The CIP, and the projects identified in the CIP, must be consistent with the General Plan.

Program Implementation: This program will continue to be implemented over the life of the General Plan.

Capital Improvement Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
Fiscal Year 2006 and will continue be implemented over the life of the General Plan.	City Administration.	General Fund – The cost for preparing the CIP and the requisite review will be borne by the general fund. The funding for the specific capital improvements is not specifically related to this program.

Related Programs: Information Database Program.

Code Compliance Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to reduce the potential for damage, injury, and loss of life due to unsafe structures. The Uniform Building Code and the City’s Municipal Code contain regulations regarding construction techniques and materials that may be effective in eliminating unsafe structures and/or conditions. For this reason, ongoing code compliance efforts are an important implementation program for the General Plan.

Program Description: Code compliance is only as effective as the City’s ability to support its efforts. Even with the City’s lower density character, relative affluence, and the high rate of home ownership, property maintenance has been, and will continue to be an issue. The La Habra Heights Municipal Code provides for the enforcement of the Zoning Code. This section of the Code indicates the City will pursue the enforcement and implementation of the Code as a means to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Any use which is established, operated, erected, moved, altered, enlarged or maintained contrary to the provisions of the code is unlawful and is subject to the remedies and penalties set forth in the code. Key elements of the City’s Code Compliance Program will consist of the following:

- City staff will continue to respond to any complaints of Code violations.
- The City staff will continue to maintain records concerning enforcement activity. This enforcement and documentation process will be further enhanced with the implementation of the Information Database Program.

Program Implementation: This basic program is ongoing and will continue over the life of the General Plan.

Code Compliance Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing over the life of the General Plan.	Community Development Department.	General Fund - The potential fiscal impact is minimal. Program is currently being implemented.

Related Programs: Zoning Ordinance Revision/General Plan Conformity.

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Community Safety Outreach Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to provide the community with a single readily accessible source for the dissemination of information related to public safety issues.

Program Description: A cornerstone of this program is the preparation of a brochure that will outline procedures that residents should follow in the event of an earthquake or fire. The brochure will also include household safety tips, emergency phone numbers, and other important information. The City will establish locations sources for the dissemination of safety-related information. These will include a Public Safety Information “site” on the City of La Habra Heights website, information kiosks, or wall displays in the City Hall. This program will consist of the following elements:

- Copies of the constraint maps included in the General Plan will be provided on the City’s website and posted in the information centers (new) that will be located in the City Hall.
- The City shall distribute a brochure, on an annual basis, that outlines safety procedures that should be adhered to in the event of an emergency. The brochure will include first aid tips, important phone numbers, and other important information germane to emergency preparedness and public safety.
- The Community Safety Outreach Program will be further enhanced with the implementation of the Information Database Program. The Information Database Program involves the development of a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) database that will include information related to public safety, as well as other information related to natural and man-made hazards.

Program Implementation: This program will integrate current efforts being undertaken by the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Community Safety Outreach Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This new program will be implemented in the 2006 Fiscal Year.	Fire Department.	General Fund – The major funding source will be from the General Fund though grant may also be used to finance portions of the program.

Related Programs: Emergency Preparedness Program and Information Database Program.

Dark Sky Ordinance Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to promote the use of lighting devices that would both save energy and eliminate glare and light trespass.

Program Description: Overall, this program consists of the following activities:

- The City staff will review other “dark sky” ordinances prepared by other local jurisdictions and/or organizations. City staff will meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the various options.
- City staff will prepare a draft ordinance for review and comment. The ordinance will undergo public review before the Planning Commission and City Council.
- The City will evaluate existing public lighting to ascertain whether there is a need for light shielding, energy conservation equipment or other measures to reduce light and glare.

Program Implementation: This program will be a new program.

Dark Sky Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This new program will be implemented during the 2006 fiscal year.	Community Development Department.	General Fund - The program’s development will come from the General Fund. Specific improvements related to the elimination of any light and glare would be a separate action.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program and Zoning Ordinance Revision/General Plan Conformity.

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Development Review Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to ensure that all new development and remodels in the City undergo a thorough and comprehensive review by the appropriate City Departments.

Program Description: This program reinforces the existing development review program that includes the Community Development Department, Engineering, and the Fire Department. Because of a number of policies, this review process will need to be expanded. This program will consist of the following elements:

- The Planning Director will review existing procedures that pertain to the City's development review process. Under the General Plan, the Community Development Department will now be required to review all new development to ensure it is conformance with the standards of the General Plan.
- Engineering will be asked to make recommendations, as part of their review of grading plans in ways to minimize the alteration of the natural terrain.
- This development review process will also enable the City to ensure that future development is consistent with key provisions of the General Plan. These will include, but not be limited to, the adherence to pertinent requirements with respect to the under-grounding of power and telephone utilities, lighting, and landscaping.
- The Fire Department will continue to be involved in the review of the site plans for new development. Fire suppression equipment, fire flow, emergency vehicle access, and defensible space are among issues that will be considered as part of this review.
- A "Development Review Checklist" will be prepared that outlines staff responsibilities in the development review process.

Program Implementation: Development review procedures are ongoing and will continue over the life of the General Plan.

Comprehensive Development Review Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will commence immediately.	Community Development Department, Engineering Department, and Fire Department.	General Fund – The program will be financed by the General Fund. The cost associated within the review of individual projects will be paid for by development fees.

Related Programs: Zoning Ordinance Revision/General Plan Conformity.

Emergency Preparedness Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to continue to implement and, if necessary, expand the City's current emergency preparedness planning efforts.

Program Description: This Plan, required by the State Office of Emergency Management, outlines responsibilities and procedures the City will follow in the event of an emergency or City-wide disaster. This required plan will be a cornerstone in ongoing efforts to promote emergency preparedness in the community. Towards, this end, this program will consist of the following components:

- The City will prepare and shall regularly update this Multi-Hazard Functional Plan for responding to emergencies as required by State and Federal regulations.
- A database will be created that would identify medical professionals, heavy equipment operators, and volunteers trained in first aid and search-and-rescue. The database would identify other volunteers that would assist in the staffing of emergency collection centers, distribution centers, and otherwise assist in the recovery efforts. This database would also identify the location of swimming pools, hydrants, and other information germane to emergency preparedness. The database information would also be developed as part of the implementation of the Information Database Program. This information and the appropriate procedures would then be incorporated into the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan, as required.
- The City will pursue potential sources of funding to assist in the financing of the program's development and ongoing implementation. These grants may include those available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Emergency Preparedness Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be implemented during the 2006 fiscal year.	Fire Department.	General Fund and Possible Grants. The creation of the database could involve a considerable amount of labor (and expense).

Related Programs: Community Safety Outreach Program and Information Database Program.

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Environmental Review Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to minimize adverse environmental effects from new development through the use of the City's environmental review process.

Program Description: This program consists of two components: (1.) the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and (2.) the City's Specific Plan Ordinance. Public and private development projects are subject to the requirements of CEQA. As part of this review, the City staff will make a determination as to the extent of environmental analysis that must be undertaken as part of any future discretionary action. The City has adopted "Local" CEQA Guidelines. The Local Guidelines, together with the State's Guidelines, will continue to be adhered to over the life of the General Plan. The City shall continue to evaluate the environmental impacts of new development and provide mitigation measures as required by CEQA.

Program Implementation: This program consists of regulations that are in place at this time. They will continue to be implemented over the life of the General Plan.

Environmental Review Regulations Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will continue to be ongoing over the life of the General Plan's implementation.	Community Development Department.	General Fund - The maintenance of the overall program will be financed through the General Fund. The environmental review of individual development projects will be borne by the developer/property owner.

Related Programs: Specific Plan Program, Noise Control Program, and Local Clean Air Program.

Fire Abatement Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to reduce the risk of wildfire and structural fire. This program focuses on the continued implementation of the existing Ordinance No. 95-202 (An Ordinance of the City of La Habra Heights Amending the La Habra Heights Municipal Code with Respect to the Abatement of Weeds, Rubbish, and Other Flammable Materials).

Program Description: The City of La Habra Heights will continue to enforce its existing brush clearance requirements and other efforts related to fire abatement. This program will consist of the following components building upon policy direction provided in the General Plan:

- The City will continue to enforce its existing brush clearance requirements and regulations. The City will also continue to utilize Fire Department personnel to monitor brush clearance and abatement in the City.
- The City Fire Department will require the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority (PHLNHPA) to comply with all pertinent regulations, including the existing contract governing brush clearance. The PHLNHPA will be required to adhere to the contract with respect to compliance with fire abatement in those areas near development.
- The City will continue to enforce local requirements governing weed abatement and brush clearance along local streets.
- The City will continue to disseminate information to the community regarding brush clearance and fire safety measures. Methods by which this information may be disseminated may include the use of the City's website, brochures, and the government access television. The City will also oversee the development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) that will identify areas where brush clearance should be emphasized.

Implementation: The major elements of this program (the existing local ordinances) are currently in place. These components of the program will continue to be implemented.

Brush Clearance and Fire Abatement Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
The program will be ongoing over the life of the General Plan. The basic regulations and ordinances required for implementation are in place.	Fire Department.	General Fund - No additional fiscal impact since the existing programs are in place.

Related Programs: Risk Reduction and Mitigation Program, and Roadway Safety Program.

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Fire Department and Emergency Medical Needs Assessment Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to ensure that adequate equipment and staffing resources are available to meet the existing and projected demand.

Program Description: As part of the City's budgetary process, the fiscal needs of the various departments that serve the community are evaluated. This program goes beyond the regular budgetary process to ascertain whether there are any additional changes required to meet current and projected demands. The key elements of this program will include an evaluation of a number of policies and issues identified as part of the General Plan's development.

- The General Plan contains policies that call for all future equipment acquisitions to consist of vehicles that can better maneuver the local streets. City personnel must be continuously trained in the proper use and maintenance of such equipment.
- Certain design standards have been established by the City of La Habra Heights and the Fire Department to ensure that site planning and building design consider public safety and fire prevention. These standards include requirements governing emergency access, roadway widths, clearance around structures, location of fire hydrants, etc. These standards will be reviewed and revised as necessary.
- The needs assessment, conducted on an annual basis, will also consider those resources necessary to meet the demand for emergency medical response and service. The issues that will be considered will include, but may not be limited to, equipment, staffing, training, and new station facilities. The possible addition of a new fire station in an area of the City that is currently underserved or an optimal location for a new station that could better serve the entire City, was an issue raised in the General Plan. This issue will also be considered in the needs assessment study.

Program Implementation: This program is new and will be implemented following the approval of the General Plan. A report will be prepared and submitted to the City Council by the first quarter of 2004.

Fire Department Needs Assessment Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing and will continue to be implemented.	City Administration and Fire Department.	Fire Department Fund. The funding required to implement this program will come from the Fire Department Fund.

Related Programs: Law Enforcement Safety Program, Emergency Preparedness Program, Information Database Program, and Capital Improvements Program.

Hazardous Materials Safety Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to reduce the risk to persons and property from hazardous materials.

Program Description: The City shall continue to cooperate with County, State, and Federal agencies involved in the regulation of hazardous materials storage, use, and disposal. Key components of this program include the following:

- The City shall work with the Fire Department in requiring hazardous materials users and generators to prepare safety procedures for responding to accidental spills and emergencies. The Fire Department shall also work with local law enforcement officials in regulating the transport of hazardous materials through the City.
- The City will also continue to promote the safe disposal of “hazardous and toxic substances” used in private households through the support of “Hazardous Materials Collections” conducted at specific locations and times within the City.
- The City will monitor ongoing operations of the existing oil and natural gas production operations. The City will establish communications with the appropriate agencies, such as the State Division of Oil and Gas, Los Angeles County, and the Environmental Protection Agency, to ascertain the closure times, to obtain hazard contingency plans, and other pertinent information, etc.
- The City will request public information related to emergency response plans, up-to-date maps of wells, pipelines, shut-off valves, and other information that will assist the Fire Department in the event of a fire, spill or other incident.

Program Implementation: This program consists of program elements that are in place at this time. They will continue to be implemented over the life of the General Plan.

Hazardous Materials Safety Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
Certain elements of this program are ongoing while others will need to be established (for example, the monitoring of the oil well closure). The program will be fully implemented in fiscal year 2006.	Fire Department.	General Fund - The majority of the Finding will be through the City's General Fund.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program.

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Information Database Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to develop a comprehensive source of information that may be used by all departments in the City (Fire, Planning, and Building and Safety). This information would be used in the City's planning, environmental review, building, and health and safety functions. The database will be centered on a computerized Geographic Information System (GIS).

Program Description: There are numerous General Plan policies that call for the development of an "information clearinghouse" that could be used by City departments. Some elements of the GIS system may also be available for general public use. The overall process that the City will follow in the development of this Information Database Program includes the following:

- City staff will compile a list of attributes, variables, and information that will be integrated into the database. Staff will then solicit proposals from qualified vendors that could assist in preparing a "needs assessment."
- The purpose of the needs assessment is to determine what will be required to accommodate the anticipated requirements of the database. The needs assessment should identify a range of options that will be equally varied in terms of cost. These options may range from outsourcing to the creation of an "in-house" GIS system.
- The findings of the needs assessment and implementation will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Program Implementation: This program is a new program. However, some information is available to facilitate the development of a GIS.

Information Database Program		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will begin to be implemented in fiscal Year 2005.	Community Development Department.	General Fund - The General Fund will provide the initial finding for the feasibility study.

Related Programs: Brush Clearance and Fire Abatement Program, Capital Improvement Program, Community Safety Outreach Program, Environmental Review Program, Fire Department Needs Assessment, and Zoning Ordinance Revision – General Plan Conformity Program.

Law Enforcement Safety Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to review the current law enforcement services on an on-going basis as well as identifying ways public safety may be enhanced.

Program Description: The City, as part of its annual budgetary process, reviews the fiscal aspects related to the provision of law enforcement services in the City. This program embodies both existing activities as well as proposed additional elements. Overall, this program commits the City to complete the following activities:

- The City shall continue to meet with law enforcement service providers to discuss issues.
- The City shall review its current contract to ensure the law enforcement needs of the community are being met.

Program Implementation: This program, for the most part, encompasses numerous existing programs that are currently being implemented.

Law Enforcement Safety Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will continue to be implemented over the life of the General Plan.	City Administration.	General Fund. The cost of this program will continue to be borne by the General Fund.

Related Programs: Fire Department and Emergency Medical Needs Assessment Program and Roadway Safety Program.

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Local Clean Air Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to ensure that existing clean air requirements are implemented.

Program Description: This program embodies both existing activities as well as proposes additional program elements. Overall, this program consists of the following:

- The City will require all developments to comply with the requirements of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 403 that is designed to control fugitive dust emissions.
- The City will require all street sweeping activities (related to construction) to adhere to the SCAQMD's protocols.
- The City of La Habra Heights will continue to participate in the regional planning efforts being undertaken by the SCAQMD. The City will modify its website to ensure that a link to the SCAQMD's web-site is provided.
- The City of La Habra Heights will continue to participate in the regional planning efforts being undertaken by the SCAQMD and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to develop and implement strategies to improve regional air quality.
- The City will provide information regarding the control of odors from animal wastes. The information collected by the City will be posted in the information kiosks and website.

Program Implementation: This program will involve the City in ensuring that the existing air emission regulations are being implemented at the local level.

Local Clean Air Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be implemented in 2006.	Community Development Department and City Administration.	General Fund – The primary sources of funding will be the City's General Fund.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program.

Noise Control Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to reduce environmental noise in the community. The program’s foundation will rest on the continued implementation of the City of La Habra Heights Noise Control Ordinance.

Program Description: This program embodies existing activities and proposes additional program elements. Overall, this programs consists of the following:

- The City will enforce its noise control ordinance in the construction of new development. In the environmental review of development, the City will evaluate the need for additional mitigation as part of the environmental review (CEQA) process. Finally, the City’s noise standards will be enforced for existing development.
- The City’s existing Noise Control Ordinance will be reviewed to determine if it addresses the City’s unique noise control requirements. The ordinance will undergo revision as required to ensure that homes are protected from objectionable point sources. The use of alarms (house and car) and other stationary noise sources will be revisited as part of this review.
- The City will support the ongoing enforcement of the State of California Vehicle Code with respect to vehicle noise.
- The City will, with neighbor communities, request the Los Angeles Department of Airports and the Federal Aviation Administration to relocate the approach pattern (fly-over) for inbound aircraft from the east. This will substantially reduce the overall ambient noise levels during the more noise-sensitive time periods.

Program Implementation: The City will continue to implement its noise control ordinance.

Noise Control Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing and will continue to be implemented over the life of the General Plan.	Community Development Department.	General Fund – The General Fund will continue to be the predominant funding source.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program and Code Compliance Program.

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Public Transit Review Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to acknowledge and support transportation alternatives that will have a positive benefit on clean air, noise reduction, and overall traffic congestion.

Program Description: The City currently operates a Dial-a-Ride service in conjunction with the City of Whittier and the airport shuttle. The majority of the City's "Prop A" funds are traded to other cities and the money is transferred to the General Fund. Key activities of this program include the following:

- The City will evaluate the need to modify routes, schedules, and fares of local Paratransit service providers to achieve circulation goals and policies.
- The City will work with Paratransit service agencies in adjacent communities to identify the most beneficial routes and stops in the City.
- A City staff person will be assigned as a liaison between the City and Paratransit providers.

Program Implementation: This is a new program.

Public Transit Review Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
Annual review commences in 2006.	City Administration.	This program will be financed using Prop A funds.

Related Programs: None.

Resource Protection Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to implement those policies included within the Environmental Resource Management Element that calls for the “protection” of plants and animals in the conservation areas administered by the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority (PHLNHPA) or successor agency. This program emphasizes the need for education rather than regulation.

Program Description: There are numerous policies included in the General Plan that acknowledge the area’s wealth of natural resources. In fact, the Plan recognizes the large portion of the City’s land area that is included in the PHLNHPA conservation area. As a result, the General Plan, and this implementation program, emphasizes those voluntary programs that may be undertaken to demonstrate the City’s commitment in being a “good neighbor” to the wilderness areas. Activities that may be considered as part of this program include the following:

- A substantial amount of information has been prepared describing the flora and fauna that is commonly found within the protected wildlife conservation areas. The City will continue to cooperate with resource agencies and providers in the dissemination of brochures and other information.
- The City will continue to support the maintenance of the conservation areas administered by the PHLNHPA as native habitat preserves. The City will oppose any efforts to commercialize and intensify the public use of these areas.
- The City Administration will establish a formal process by which the City will be notified of any planning-related activities for those conservation areas located within or adjacent to the City.
- The City will encourage the PHLNHPA and the other successor agency to disseminate information regarding safety (such as attractants to natural predators).

Program Implementation: This is a new program.

Resource Protection Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2006.	City Administration.	General Fund – This program will be financed by the General Fund.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program.

Implementation Program

Risk Reduction and Mitigation Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to provide the City with a comprehensive database containing safety related information.

Program Description: This program embodies existing activities and proposes additional program elements. Overall, this programs consists of the following:

- The City Engineer will review records that document historic flooding and ponding problems in the City.
- The City will request the water district to provide maps indicating the location and extent of potential inundation from the rupture of reservoir tanks.
- Geotechnical studies collected from individual developments will be catalogued and stored in the City for future reference.
- The City will strongly encourage the California Geological Survey to initiate a detailed investigation of the Whittier Fault to more precisely ascertain the level of risk the fault poses on local communities.
- The various risks and constraints identified in past and current studies may be integrated into the City's GIS system.

Program Implementation: This program is a new program that will commence immediately.

Risk Reduction and Mitigation Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be implemented in 2006.	Engineering Department.	General Fund – This program will be financed through the General Fund. The cost of preparing special studies will be paid for by other sources.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program, Information Database Program, and Emergency Preparedness Program.

Roadway Safety Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to improve traffic safety on local roadways.

Program Description: This will be a new program that will embody a number of existing activities. The key elements of this program include the following:

- A speed study for selected roadways will be conducted on an annual basis to determine if speed limits are appropriate. The City will work with the local law enforcement provider to ensure that local ordinances related to weight restrictions and speed limits on local streets are enforced. The City will conduct periodic traffic counts on Hacienda Road and Harbor Boulevard. Following the completion of the traffic counts; a report will be provided to the Planning Commission and City Council.
- The City Engineer shall survey local streets in the City to ascertain the level of repair that may be required. Recommendations will be made to the City Council. Following City Council review, the selected improvements will be included in the 5-year Capital Improvement Program.
- The local law enforcement provider will be required to vigorously enforce local traffic laws. The City will consider the need for haul routes in future construction projects, where appropriate.
- The City's off-site and/or on-street parking restrictions shall be enforced. City staff will evaluate all local streets in the City to ascertain those areas where "no parking" restrictions should be implemented.
- The City will evaluate ways to reduce "cut-through" traffic.

Program Implementation: This is a new program.

Roadway Safety Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing and will continue to be implemented.	Engineering Department.	General Fund – This program will continue to be financed through the General Fund. The financing of specific improvements may come from other sources.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program and Capital Improvement Program.

Implementation Program

Specific Plan Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to ensure that new development within larger parcels or those parcels that may contain environmentally sensitive resources is consistent with the City's programs and policies governing such development. The program's foundation will rest on City regulations that govern the preparation of Specific Plans in the City. The objective of the Specific Plan requirements is to provide for a more detailed and specialized level of planning review and analysis. This designation requires the preparation and adoption of a Specific Plan, as defined in California Government Code Sections 65450 et. seq., for larger properties.

Program Description: The applicant shall be responsible for the preparation and submittal of a Draft Specific Plan along with the required application forms and fees. The application will not be considered complete for processing until the Draft Specific Plan has been reviewed by and is satisfactory to the Director of Planning, and all required environmental review is completed. The City of La Habra Heights Zoning Ordinance indicates the review process. Upon receipt in proper form of a completed Specific Plan application, a public hearing shall be set and notice of such hearing given in a manner consistent with the requirements contained in the Zoning Ordinance.

Program Implementation: The City will continue to implement its specific plan ordinance.

Specific Plan Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing.	Community Development Department.	General Fund – The implementation of the program will be financed by the General Fund. The cost for the preparation of the specific plans will be borne by the applicants.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program, Code Compliance Program, and the majority of the remaining programs.

Source Reduction and Recycling Program

Program Purpose: This program is ongoing and promotes the continued implementation of the City’s Source Reduction and Recycling Program pursuant to the requirements of AB 939.

Program Description: Overall, this program consists of the following:

- The City will continue to implement the Source Reduction and Recycling Element.
- The City will continue to monitor the success of the on-site recycling program. The City is currently reviewing and revising its Source Reduction and Recycling Element to encourage additional recycling.
- The City will continue to support current recycling programs by other public and private agencies such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H Club, etc.
- The City will incorporate the current “Green Waste” efforts into the City’s Source Reduction and Recycling program.
- The City will continue to implement the Source Reduction and Recycling element pursuant to AB 939.

Program Implementation: This program is an ongoing program that will continue to be implemented.

Source Reduction and Recycling Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This existing program will be expanded. Full implementation is anticipated by 2006.	City Administration.	General Fund – The majority of the program’s funding will be from the General Fund.

Related Programs: Green City Conservation Program and Environmental Review Program.

Implementation Program

Trails Program/Trails Feasibility Study

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program will be to determine the need for new trails (pedestrian, equestrian and bicycles, and to identify the location and extent of such improvements.

Program Description: The City is eligible to obtain Article III (TDA) funds that may be used for pedestrian and bicycle paths. To date, the City has not uses these funds and may lose the money if it is not allocated for a use. These funds may be used in the development of a comprehensive trail system. This program consists of the following elements:

- The City will inventory the existing trails and right of way easements for roads or trails.
- City will evaluate the feasibility of establishing safe pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian linkages throughout La Habra Heights, including one along Hacienda Road. The City will undertake a study to identify those candidate roadways that may be safely used by pedestrians and bicyclists.

Program Implementation: This program is a new program that will provide for the creation of a new task force that will evaluate the feasibility of developing new trails.

La Habra Heights Trails Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
The program will begin in 2006.	City Administration.	General Fund. Potential funding sources include grants and Proposition A revenue.

Related Programs: Roadway Safety Program.

Water Conservation Program

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to implement those General Plan policies that call for water conservation.

Program Description: The water conservation program is a new program that will consist of the following components:

- The City will request “will serve” letters for all new development in surrounding communities to be provided by the building contractor. The City will continue to require “will serve” letters for individual residential developments.
- The City’s water conservation regulations will continue to be implemented.
- The City will continue to cooperate with regional programs aimed at water conservation.
- The City will promote the use of drought-tolerant landscaping where appropriate as a means to reduce water useage.

Program Implementation: Many of the components are currently being implemented and will continue.

Water Conservation Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program is ongoing and will continue to be implemented.	Community Development Department and Building Department.	General Fund – This program will continue to be financed by the General Fund.

Related Programs: Environmental Review Program and Water Quality Program.

Implementation Program

Water Quality/Flood Control Program

Program Purpose: The program's purpose is to promote and support those activities that reinforce clean water requirements related to storm water runoff. Other components of this Program will promote flood protection.

Program Description: This program consists of the following elements:

- The City will enforce local and other regulations governing storm water runoff and control.
- The water conservation regulations will continue to be implemented at all times.
- Any development that may be affected by potential flooding or development that exacerbates an existing flooding problem must undergo the requisite hydrology studies to ascertain the nature and extent of mitigation.
- Septic tank maintenance will continue to be enforced, as applicable, to ensure that they do not adversely impact groundwater.
- Animal wastes must be properly disposed of and protocols to protect the water quality must be adhered to.
- The City will continue to monitor those State and Federal clean water mandates including, but not limited to, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements.

Program Implementation: This is a new program.

Water Quality Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program will be fully implemented in the Fiscal Year 2006.	Building Department and Engineering Department.	General Fund – This program will continue to be financed through the General Fund.

Related Programs: Water Conservation Program.

Zoning Ordinance Revision – General Plan Conformity

Program Purpose: The purpose of this program is to ensure the City's Municipal Code, including the Zoning regulations, are consistent with the General Plan and its goals, in terms of both zoning maps and ordinance text. The Zoning Ordinance revision will emphasize conformity to the General Plan and will consider a number of key issues including, but not limited to, tree preservation, view preservation, grading standards, etc. The full suite of conventional and unique planning tools may be considered in the development of ordinances that will implement Land Use Element Policies 6 and 7. These tools may include but are not limited to proportional relationships between structural and site characteristics such as lot size, house size, floor area ratios, cubic content ratios, setback ratios, graded area and volume ratios, and impervious coverage ratios.

Program Description: Conformity between the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance and maps are required by the State since the latter is the primary implementation mechanism for the former. This program will require City staff to initiate a comprehensive revision of the Zoning Ordinance (including the Zoning Map) to ensure that it is consistent with the General Plan's policies and programs. The Zoning Ordinance Revision program will involve the review of the following:

- The Zoning Ordinance establishes regulations governing conforming and non-conforming uses and structures. The Land Use Element includes policies that remove the current requirements for termination of non-conforming uses and structures. This and other sections will be amended to reflect the directives of the General Plan.
- City staff will review and amend the Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Ordinance revision will commence following the adoption of the General Plan.
- The City will implement the Land Use Plan Designations of the Land Use Element. The City will be diligent in the review of projects in neighboring jurisdictions that may affect traffic on local streets.

Program Implementation: This program is a new program.

Zoning Ordinance Revision – General Plan Conformity Program Implementation		
Timing of Implementation	Implementation Responsibility	Funding Source
This program's implementation will occur immediately following General Plan adoption.	Community Development Department.	General Fund – This program will be financed by the General Fund.

Related Programs: Zoning Ordinance Revision – View Preservation and Zoning Ordinance Revision – Community Character.