

Appendix F - Climate Action Plan City Plans Alignment

The Ukiah 2040 General Plan, as well as the 2024 City Council Strategic Plan, set the initial tone for climate action, sustainable development, and conservation of Ukiah’s natural resources. The Ukiah 2040 General Plan established a local goal “to create a more resilient community that is prepared for, responsive to, and recoverable from hazards created or made worse by climate change” and calls for the adoption of a Community Climate Action Plan (CAP).¹ The City Council Strategic Plan provides a comprehensive framework that prioritizes focus on core functions and ensures City Departments are working together to meet the needs of our residents and businesses.

The following table lists the relevant 2040 General Plan implementation measures (2040 GP) and City Council Strategic Plan action items (CCSP) that are in direct alignment with emissions reductions Measures established in the Ukiah CAP.

City Plan Alignment ^{1,2}	Description
2040 GP AG-I	Support Community Gardens. The City shall revise the Zoning code to streamline the regulatory permitting process to support the creation of additional community gardens within the City.
2040 GP AG-M	Local Purchasing. The City shall research and prepare a local preference purchasing policy for future adoption to promote and support local preference purchasing policies for the City of Ukiah, local school districts and other institutions as a means to foster awareness and build relationships across the regional economy.
2040 GP ED-5	To ensure Ukiah’s long-term economic success and sustainability by diversifying and expanding tourist attractions.
2040 GP ES-A	The City shall update its Hillside Ordinance periodically to provide regulations and provisions that balance hillside development and preservation. At a minimum the Hillside Ordinance shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect of natural terrain and hillside areas on the west side of Ukiah; • Promote habitat connectivity and scenic viewsheds; • Include development standards for grading, road and trail improvements, density, structure design and placement, clustering, erosion and sediment control, habitat preservation; and • Promote wildfire safety standards and site development regulations.
2040 GP ES-B	Landscaping Standards The City shall update the Zoning Code to include landscaping standards to require drought-resistant and native plants.
2040 GP ES-C	Open Space Management Revise the Zoning Code to include standards for maintaining open space and green areas within new developments.
2040 GP ES-E	Prepare an Urban Forest Master Plan The City shall prepare an Urban Forest Master Plan that includes the types of trees appropriate for Ukiah and locations where the city would receive the greatest benefits of new trees. This plan should include trees within commercial and residential areas, as well as those at city parks and facilities. This plan shall be updated every five years.
2040 GP ES-F	Tree Protection Ordinance The City shall review its Tree Management Guidelines and study the feasibility of preparing a Tree Protection Ordinance.

¹ City of Ukiah. 2022. 2040 General Plan. Available at: https://ukiah2040.com/images/docs/202212_release/UKGP_EntireGP.pdf

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2040 GP ES-J	Water Conservation Guidelines The City shall prepare guidelines for drought period water conservation strategies for residential zones.
2040 GP ES-K	Creek and Stream Protection Zone Establishment for New Development The City shall establish creek and stream protection zones for waterways that extend a minimum of 30 feet (measured from the top of a bank and a strip of land extending laterally outward from the top of each bank), with wider buffers where significant habitat areas or high potential wetlands exist. The City shall prohibit development within a creek and stream protection zones, except as part of greenway enhancement, including habitat conservation, bike and walking paths, wildlife habitat, and native plant landscaping). City approval is required for the following activities within the creek and stream protection zones. 1. Construction, alteration, or removal of any structure; 2. Excavation, filling, or grading; 3. Removal or planting of vegetation (except for removal of invasive plant species); or 4. Alteration of any embankment.
2040 GP ES-L	Erosion Prevention Program The City shall revise the Zoning Code to include design standards for new development that require riparian habitat integration into project design as a means of avoiding potential impacts of river sedimentation and lessening the effects of erosion.
2040 GP ES-M	Adopt a Municipal Climate Action Plan (CAP) The City shall adopt a municipal Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality for all municipal operations and meet State and City GHG emission reduction goals.
2040 GP HO-1b	Continue the City’s Energy Efficiency Public Benefits Fund and renewable energy and energy efficiency rebate programs.
2040 GP HO-1d	Continue providing informational materials to the public through the Green Building Information Center and at the public counter. Provide updated information regarding sustainable and green building practices and materials and provide information on the maintenance of residential units.
2040 GP HO-1e	Develop standards and design guidelines for residential development in the Medium Density Residential (R-2) and High Density Residential (R-3), Community Commercial (C-1) and Heavy Commercial (C-2) zoning districts. Given the significant increase in the City’s RHNA over the next eight years, the City proposes to create development standards and design guidelines that would both facilitate development at the allowable densities and provide guidance and certainty in design standards to ensure quality housing is developed in the community.
2040 GP LU-A	Downtown Pedestrian Improvements LU – 3.4 The City shall, in collaboration with interested public agencies and downtown businesses, prepare a study of potential sidewalk and streetscape improvements, including lighting, wider sidewalks, clearly marked pedestrian crossings, benches, landscaping, signage, sidewalk seating areas, and public art, to create a safe, convenient, and pleasant pedestrian environment Downtown.
2040 GP MO-C	Right-of-Way Needs The City shall revise and update the projected street right-of-way needs for completion of the City’s future mobility network to ensure provision of complete streets and completion of the planned citywide bicycle and pedestrian networks.
2040 GP MO-D	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Performance Measures The City shall adopt criteria for assessing significant transportation impacts based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) consistent with State CEQA Guidelines, incorporating best practices including guidance provided by the Governor’s Office of Planning & Research (OPR).
2040 GP MO-E	VMT Modeling The City shall develop a model for assessing VMT for new development consistent with new VMT performance measures.
2040 GP MO-F	TDM Program The City shall, in coordination with Caltrans and the Mendocino Transit Authority, amend the Development Code to include a menu of options to facilitate and encourage alternate modes of travel and transportation.

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2040 GP MO-J	Short-term Transportation Study The City shall complete a transportation study to make recommendations for the purpose of increasing the provision of multi-modal transportation facilities, enhancing safety, lowering the rate of collisions and reducing travel delays.
2040 GP PI-A	Wastewater Annual Review The City shall annually review the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system to ensure the financing structure and viability of the system.
2040 GP PI-E	Solid Waste Reduction The City shall review existing programs, and study the feasibility of new or expanded programs related to waste reduction. These efforts should be coordinated with preparation of the City's Climate Action Plan and incorporated where necessary.
2040 GP SF-U	Cooperative Pest Management The City shall collaborate with state and federal land management agencies on pest and fuel management activities.
2040 GP SF-W	Water Supply Infrastructure The City shall regularly assess the integrity of existing water supply infrastructure through water tests and inspections of water lines and prioritize developments in areas with adequate water supply infrastructure.
CCSP AI-1	Implement a housing plan that works to support the development of sustainable housing for all income levels.
CCSP AI-10	Provide ongoing education and active engagement of City staff, members of committees and commissions, contractors, consultants, residents, and independent community groups in alignment with the goals of improving environmental standards and promoting sustainable policies
CCSP AI-11	Address the climate implications of all policies and actions that come before the Ukiah City Council that have the potential to impact greenhouse gas emissions, carbon sequestration, and disaster preparedness within the City
CCSP AI-12	Continue to support Resolution 2022-44: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ukiah Endorsing the Declaration of a Climate Emergency and a Call to Action to Restore a Safe Climate ...and support the implementation of the related initiatives.
CCSP AI-13	Support the development and implementation of a Climate Action Plan
CCSP AI-14	Determine current conditions, needs and opportunities, and focus on specific capital improvement projects for the following areas: Streets; Sewer; Storm Drains; Water; Electric; Landfill
CCSP AI-15	Conduct regular evaluation of utility rates to ensure sustainability of services
CCSP AI-17	Prioritize the protection of the community's investment in improved infrastructure.
CCSP AI-2	Responsively engage with our neighborhoods to align services with changing needs
CCSP AI-21	Support and implement the participation agreement with the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District
CCSP AI-23	Support newly-developed partnerships with Ukiah Valley water agencies and finalize agreements to consolidate services for improved efficiency, capability and resiliency
CCSP AI-30	Identify and support the development of public infrastructure needed to support growth
CCSP AI-34	Continue to support the implementation of the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan
CCSP AI-36	Develop and implement an improved downtown parking plan
CCSP AI-37	Continue to support the development of the Great Redwood Trail
CCSP AI-38	Explore designs and plans to develop enhanced gateways into the city.
CCSP AI-4	Work to preserve, conserve, and protect the natural resources/features of the Ukiah Valley and open space
CCSP AI-5	Develop a Complete Streets transportation network that enables safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities.

Note: GP = 2040 General Plan; CCSP = City Council Strategic Plan

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2. City of Ukiah. 2024. City Council Strategic Plan. Available at: <https://stories.opengov.com/ukiahca/published/XPsHTwWMYs>

