Los Gatos General Plan Environment and Sustainability Element – January 2011

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Vision

Los Gatos is home. ... People feel safe here. The Town provides excellent schools, a wonderful Downtown, diverse shopping experiences, and an open and responsive government. It offers amenities, support, and a high quality of life to all residents, including youth and seniors. ... Its citizens and its government understand the importance of sustainability and are committed to making choices that protect and preserve Los Gatos's valuable natural environment and reduce global environmental impacts.

Categories

(Background Information and Goals, Policies, and Actions)

1. Biological Resources
2. Water Resources
3. Water Service
4. Wastewater
5. Stormwater
6. Solid Waste and Recycling
7. Air Quality
8. Greenhouse Gases
9. Energy Resources

Energy (2 goals)

1. To foster development that reduces the use of nonrenewable energy resources and expands the use of renewable resources and alternative fuels. (6 policies, 2 actions)

   Policies

   - Encourage the use of energy conservation techniques and technology in existing and proposed developments to improve energy conservation.
   - Protect existing development from loss of solar access.
   - Encourage the use of renewable energy sources and alternative fuels.
   - Require new subdivisions to examine the feasibility of incorporating site layouts that allow for passive solar heating and cooling.
   - Encourage new development to incorporate measures that reduce energy use through solar orientation by taking advantage of shade, prevailing winds, landscaping, and sun screens.

   Actions

   - Continue to adopt the following energy saving steps for Town facilities and operations …
   - Study possible measures to improve energy and water efficiency in existing buildings as part of the development of a Climate Action Plan.

2. To promote green buildings that minimize consumption of energy and natural resources. (14 policies, 7 actions)

   No Indicators