

CITY OF WALNUT CREEK

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



APPENDICES

Appendix 1

General Plan Goals and Policies Related to the Climate Action Plan

Below is a list of relevant General Plan 2025 goals and policies that explicitly relate to this Climate Action Plan's emission reduction measures. These policies and actions both influenced and supported the Climate Action Plan emission reduction measure development process.

The policies and actions below are listed by General Plan policy or action number. For full text related to these policies and actions, please refer to the City of Walnut Creek General Plan 2025, available on the City's website at: http://www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/cd/planninggp_2025.asp.

- 3.1.1. Encourage mixed-use development at and near the Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill BART Stations.
- 6.2.1. In the Pedestrian Retail District, require pedestrian-oriented uses at street level.
- 6.2.2. Promote building layouts and designs that create pedestrian interest and encourage people to "park once and walk."
- 6.4.1. Encourage diverse housing options, including mixed-use, higher-density developments.
- 10.1.1. Apply land use designations that encourage transit-oriented development around the BART stations and in the Core Area.
- 12.1.1. Review the use of park-and-ride lots to maximize use.
- 12.1.2. Update the transportation systems management (TSM) ordinance or resolution, as needed.
- 12.1.3. Encourage transportation demand management (TDM) programs in new development.
- 12.2.1. Adopt a voter approved Urban Limit Line, either as mutually voted on countywide or relating solely to Walnut Creek.
- 15.1.1. In new development where street connections are possible, encourage both street and walkway/bikeway connections and discourage use of cul-de-sacs.
- 21.1.1. Revise City Design Review Guidelines to encourage developers to include the following features in the development of new and the redevelopment of existing shopping centers:
 - Pedestrian walkways and bikeway connections that create safe paths of travel through the shopping center and parking, and to transit and nearby sidewalks
 - Attractive and convenient bicycle parking
 - Orientation of buildings to transit facilities, where applicable

- 23.3.1. Work with the County toward ensuring that development of the Pleasant Hill BART station area is compatible with and accessible to adjacent areas within the incorporated city.
- 26. 2. Incorporate natural features such as trees, hillsides, and rock outcroppings into new development.
- 26.3. Preserve and add to the city’s tree canopy.
- 26.4. Protect tree resources on public and private property.
- 26.5.1. Assess the effectiveness and efficiency of, and if necessary modify, the City’s Tree Preservation Ordinance.
- 26.5.2. Plan for the replacement of trees that have been removed.
- 26.5.3. Set standards for – and require new developments to have – adequate tree canopy
- 26.7.1. Consider adopting a “dark sky ordinance” aimed at reducing light spillage both upward and onto adjoining properties.
- 27.1.1. Develop incentives to use green building techniques.
- 27.1.1. Consider adding an energy audit requirement to the City’s review processes.
- 27.1.2. Consider adding an energy-audit requirement to the City’s review process.
- 27.1.2. Explore incentives to use green building techniques.
- 28.1.1. Conduct an energy audit of all City activities and functions.
- 28.1.2. Provide City departments with incentives to conserve energy.
- 28.2.1. Adopt residential and commercial energy-conservation ordinances.
- 28.2.2. Adopt a solar-access ordinance.
- 28.2.3. Develop incentives to help small businesses become more energy efficient.
- 28.2.4. Develop incentives for new development or substantial redevelopment to incorporate energy conservation.
- 28.2.5. Where appropriate, include energy-conservation projects in the City’s Capital Improvement Plan.
- 29.1.1. Study the feasibility of applying water conservation techniques, including the use of drought tolerant plants, in city parks.
- 29.2.1. Explore possibilities for safe and effective use of reclaimed or recycled water consistent with State law (e.g., for landscape irrigation and toilet flushing in commercial buildings).
- 29.2.2. Work with local water agencies on water conservation efforts, education, and promotion.
- 29.2.3. Encourage water use consistent with the City’s adopted water conservation guidelines.
- 29.2.4. Follow existing standards and guidelines for water-conserving landscaping, and encourage the planting of native and drought tolerant plants.
- 30.1.1. Implement source-reduction and waste-diversion programs within City government.
- 30.1.2. Give preference to recycled content and environmentally friendly products in City procurement.
- 30.2.1. Locally implement the State’s 1993 Source Reduction and Recycling Element.
- 30.2.2. Consider adopting a comprehensive source-reduction and recycling plan specific to Walnut Creek.
- 30.2.3. Promote and participate in residential and commercial waste prevention and diversion programs.
- 30.2.4. Make recycling convenient for small businesses.
- 30.2.5. Develop size, location, and design standards for commercial and multifamily trash and recycling facilities and enclosures.

- 30.2.6. Consider an ordinance requiring businesses and multifamily dwellings to participate in recycling and waste-reduction programs.
- 30.2.7. Require the recycling of construction waste for all City and private projects.
- 30.2.8. Encourage shared recycling facilities among businesses, especially those with limited space, for example, within the Core Area.
- 30.2.9. Provide accessible disposal containers, including recycling containers, at appropriate locations downtown and at City public facilities and parks.
- 30.3.1. Work with waste management companies to institute curbside residential organic waste-collection programs.
- 30.3.2. Encourage restaurants to recycle organic waste.
- 31.1.1. Support local transportation control measures (TCMs) and other ideas in the latest Bay Area Clean Air Plan.
- 31.1.2. Develop a local, voluntary Clean Air Plan.
- 31.1.3. Participate in the BAAQMD Spare the Air program.
- 31.2.1. Review parking lot landscaping requirements to ensure adequate width and depth to allow for appropriate tree canopy.
- 31.2.2. Investigate policies that promote cleaner air, such as commercial reflective roofing ordinances.
- 31.2.3. Promote residential development and redevelopment opportunities near transit and commercial centers, and encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use.
- 31.3.2. Adopt a wood smoke ordinance.