

2010 Strategic Plan: A Healthy Environment A Sustainable City

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Environmental Commission Presentation

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2010 Strategic Plan: Environmental Task Force

- Vision Statement
 - Our vision is a City that places a high value on clean air, clean water and neighborhood quality; a city that understands the importance of a clean environment to our economic well being, the importance of measuring future progress in these areas, and the critical role of education and involvement of the public.
- Goals Established:
 - Goal 1: Create a Sustainable City Program
 - Goal 2: Enhance Open Space to Improve the Quality of Life for Residents in All Neighborhoods
 - Goal 3: Restore Wetlands and Riparian Habitat
 - Goal 4: Improve Air Quality
 - Goal 5: Improve Water Quality and Better Manage Water Resources

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Accomplishments to Date: Sustainable City

- Goal 1: Create a Sustainable City Program
 - Created Municipal Environmental Preferred Purchasing Policy
 - Created an Inventory of Current City Sustainable Activities
 - Conducted Public Education through PW, PRM, HHS, Harbor
 - Created Municipal Green Building Policy
 - Collaboration with Regional Agencies and Efforts
 - Green Port Policy

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Accomplishments to Date: Open Space

- Goal 2: Enhance Open Space to Improve the Quality of Life for Residents in All Neighborhoods
 - Adopted Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan
 - Dedicated all City-Owned Parks
 - Added 31 Park Acres by Creating or Expanding 24 Parks
 - Identified 715 Additional Park Acres for Acquisition or Conversion
 - Three Joint Recreational Facility Projects have been Completed with LBUSD
 - Participated in the Creation of the Riverlink Plan
 - Colorado Lagoon Wetland and Marine Science Education Center

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Accomplishments to Date: Wetlands

- Goal 3: Restore Wetland and Riparian Habitat
 - Ongoing Collaboration with California Coastal Conservancy, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Wetlands Recovery Project to Identify Wetland Restoration Projects
 - Deforest and Dominguez Gap
 - Wrigley Heights
 - Drake-Chavez Greenbelt
 - El Dorado Park & Nature Center
 - Los Cerritos Wetlands
 - Willow Springs (Sports Park)
 - JPA Formed to Acquire and Manage Los Cerritos Wetlands

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Accomplishments to Date: Air Quality

- Goal 4: Improve Air Quality
 - Recommended Update of Long Beach Air Quality Element
 - Green Flag Vessel Speed Reduction Program
 - Green Port Policy
 - General Plan Update Underway Focusing on Mixed Use Development and Transit
 - Implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan Including Bike Stations and Establishing Bicycle Connections Throughout the City
 - Allocated \$2.5 Million for Harbor Arbor Urban Reforestation Program

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Accomplishments to Date: Water Quality

- Goal 5: Improve Water Quality and Better Manage Water Resources
 - \$5.3 Million Catch Basin Program (Trash Capturing Devices)
 - Adopt-a-Street Program
 - Working Collaboratively with Other Agencies Developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan
 - Regular Beach Water Testing
 - Beach Advisory Hotline and Website
 - Desalination Plant (Prototype)

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Environmental Commissions

- Other Examples
 - Austin, TX
 - Berkeley, CA
 - Los Angeles, CA
 - Minneapolis, MN
 - Phoenix, AZ
 - Sacramento, CA
 - San Francisco, CA

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Identifying Next Steps

- Continue to Implement Strategic Action Steps Referenced in the 2010 Strategic Plan
- Develop a Community Process for Creating an Environmental Commission or Sustainable City Board

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