

33.809 Comprehensive Natural Resource Plans

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33.809.010 Purpose

For sites within one or more of the City's natural resource overlay zones, a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan is intended to allow for the following:

- A.** Comprehensive consideration of future plans for sites where multiple development, disturbance, or resource enhancement actions are anticipated over time within one or more natural resource overlay zones. An adopted resource plan may substitute for case by case Environmental Review, Pleasant Valley Resource Review, or River Review. Comprehensive Natural Resource Plans may be completed at various levels of detail. Generally, the more specific the plan, the less review will be required as the future development is built;
- B.** Comprehensive consideration of the long-term cumulative impacts of development within a natural resource overlay zone, with attention paid to site-specific goals and objectives. With a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan impacts to natural resources may be avoided by coordinating the timing of different development actions;
- C.** Mitigation and resource enhancement strategies that occur throughout the life of the plan, with greater flexibility for when and how specific mitigation actions occur in relation to specific development impacts;
- D.** Comprehensive consideration of resource management and enhancement projects for large natural areas or open space uses;
- E.** A more integrated structure for considering overlay zone mapping refinements; and
- F.** Greater coordination with local, state and federal agencies.

33.809.020 When a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan Is Allowed

A Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan is allowed as an alternative to Environmental Review, Pleasant Valley Resource Review, or Greenway Review for sites that are fully or partially within one or more of the following natural resource overlay zones:

- A.** Environmental Protection;
- B.** Environmental Conservation;

- C. Pleasant Valley Natural Resource;
- D. River Natural; or
- E. River Water Quality.

33.809.030 Duration of a Comprehensive Natural Resources Plan

The Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan may be approved for up to 10 years. The plan must include proposed development, disturbance, or resource enhancement activities, and possible future development, disturbance, or resource enhancement activities that might occur within the next 10 years.

33.809.040 Procedure

A Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan is processed through a Type III procedure. Some proposals in a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan may be identified as tentatively approved, and subject to an additional Type 1x procedure at a later date. The additional review will evaluate more detailed proposals and ensure conformance with the plan.

33.809.050 Amendments to a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan

Amendments to a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan are required for any development within the boundaries of the River Natural, River Water Quality, Pleasant Valley Natural Resources, environmental conservation, or environmental protection overlay zones that is not in conformance with the approved Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan. Amendments are not required for development listed as exempt from the relevant overlay zone regulations. Amendments are subject to the same approval criteria as the initial resource plan. The thresholds and procedures for amendments are stated below.

- A. **Type III procedure.** Unless the resource plan specifically provides differently, the following amendments to a resource plan are processed through a Type III procedure:
 - 1. Any proposed development or disturbance within the environmental protection overlay;
 - 2. A proposed reduction in the area of the environmental protection overlay;
 - 3. An increase in the area proposed for development or disturbance more than 10 percent from what was included in the original resource plan;
 - 4. Substantial changes to conditions of approval; or
 - 5. Proposed development that was previously reviewed, but was denied because it was found not to be in conformance with the approval criteria.
- B. **Type II procedure.** Unless the resource plan specifically provides differently, amendments to a resource plan not specifically stated in Subsection A. above are processed through a Type II procedure.

33.809.100 Application Requirements

An application for a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan must include the following components:

- A. An inventory of identified significant natural resources and functional values present within the site. Identified resources and functional values are those identified and described in the applicable City-adopted Natural Resources Inventory. The applicant may choose to provide a site-specific environmental assessment, prepared by a qualified consultant, to more precisely determine the location, type, extent, and quality of the City designated natural resources on the site. This assessment may verify or challenge the site feature information in the City's inventory. Site features include, for example, physical aspects of the site such as streams, wetlands, seeps and springs, topography, floodplains, vegetation, special habitat areas, or use of the site by plant/animal species of interest;
- B. A description of proposed natural resource overlay zoning map refinements to be approved with the adoption of the resource plan;
- C. A list of proposed development within natural resource areas to be approved with the adoption of the resource plan. The list must identify the development that will be allowed without further land use reviews, and the development that will be tentatively approved;
- D. Other information necessary to understand the natural resource impacts associated with the listed development proposals;
- E. A list of management objectives and strategies that will be used to maintain or enhance identified resources and functional values;
- F. A description of the specific natural resource enhancement and mitigation actions proposed with the resource plan. This may include actions to be taken both on- and off site, as well as specific physical actions and programmatic actions related to natural resource conservation and protection;
- G. Site plans and other maps necessary to understand the listed development and mitigation actions anticipated over the life of the resource plan, including maps of areas where mitigation and enhancement will occur and where development and uses will occur;
- H. Timetables for the development, disturbance, mitigation, and resource enhancement actions;
- I. A summary of anticipated state and federal permits required for the proposed development, disturbance, mitigation, and resource enhancement actions; and
- J. The supplemental application requirements that would be required if the proposal were going through Environmental Review, Pleasant Valley Resource Review, or Greenway Review.

33.809.200 Approval Criteria

A Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan, or an amendment to a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan, will be approved if it meets the following approval criteria:

- A. The plan establishes coordinated phasing of the development, disturbance, or resource enhancement actions within the natural resource overlay zones, with the goal of avoiding impacts that might arise if each action were planned separately. The plan includes the timing of anticipated construction access routes, building construction sequencing, and disturbance area boundaries for the site as a whole;

- B. The plan will integrate natural resource conservation, protection and enhancement with other site planning plan goals and objectives;
- C. On balance, the proposed mitigation plan demonstrates that all anticipated significant detrimental impacts on identified resources and functional values will be compensated for within the life of the plan. Each mitigation action is not required to directly correlate with a specific development proposal, but the overall mitigation plan will be evaluated against the overall list of anticipated uses and development actions, including cumulative impacts. The mitigation plan must include performance standards for judging mitigation success, a specific timetable for mitigation actions during the life of the plan, and a specific monitoring schedule; and

The plan must demonstrate that all relevant approval criteria that would apply if the proposal was proceeding through an Environmental Review, Pleasant Valley Natural Resource Review, or Greenway Review, including approval criteria from an adopted Natural Resource Management Plan, are met. If the proposed Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan (CNRP) will replace a Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP), approval criteria from the NRMP do not have to be addressed. An NRMP is being replaced if the CNRP covers at least half of the area covered by the NRMP, and if an ordinance has been adopted that repeals the NRMP.

Consideration will be given to the level of detail provided with the plan application. Proposals that address most of the relevant approval criteria, but are not detailed enough to address all of the relevant approval criteria may be identified for tentative approval. Conditions of approval may be imposed to list those aspects of the plan subject to tentative approval, and to specify which approval criteria need further evaluation through a later review. The decision may also specify standards for future development or resource enhancement activities.

33.809.250 Overlay Zone Map Refinement

The boundaries of the environmental conservation, environmental protection, and Pleasant Valley Natural Resource overlay zones may be modified as part of a Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan in any of the three situations stated below. All other requests for boundary changes are processed as a change of an overlay zone, as stated in Chapter 33.855, Zoning Map Amendments.

- A. Creation of new resource areas. The natural resource overlay zone will be expanded as part of the Comprehensive Natural Resource Plan to include areas identified for mitigation.
- B. Loss of existing resource areas. The natural resource overlay zone may be removed from an existing natural resource zone where approved development will eliminate the natural resource.
- C. Minor modification of natural resource zone boundaries based on a more detailed site-specific environmental study. The natural resource zone line location may be modified to more accurately reflect the location of the identified resources and functional values on the site. The identified resources and functional values are those identified and described in the applicable City-adopted Natural Resources Inventory. The applicant may supplement the City's inventory information with a site specific assessment. The proposed new overlay

zone line must be consistent with any legislative intent expressed when the overlay was applied to the site.

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