

Implementation Policy	Implementation Action	Responsible Department(s)	Supporting Agency(s)	Timeframe *	Funding Source
* Timeframe: Short-term (0–2 years), mid-term (2–4 years), long-term (4–7 years)					
GOAL 1: Promote the responsible management of existing open spaces through strategies that balance public use with the preservation and enhancement of ecological health.					
P1.1 Open Space Management Support projects, programs, and policies to coordinate with Orange County, existing regional park districts, private sector, and nonprofit institutions to manage or maintain regional open spaces.	Action 1.1.a Continue to coordinate with Orange County Public Works and OC Parks to discuss maintenance needs, including trash cleanup, invasive plant management, trail conditions, safety concerns, and upcoming projects affecting regional open spaces. Collaborate on regional needs assessments to identify gaps in open space access, particularly in park-poor neighborhoods.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works; Community Development	OC Parks / Orange County Public Works; local nonprofits	Ongoing	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.1.b Create and annually update a contact list of regional partners, staff, nonprofit stewards, local conservancies, and community organizations to streamline communication for issues or opportunities in connecting regional open spaces.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	Nonprofits; neighboring jurisdictions	Short-term	Staff time
P1.2 Land Trusts Support projects, programs, and policies to encourage the establishment of land trusts to help preserve significant open space within the region.	Action 1.2.a Create and annually update a list of active land trusts and conservation organizations operating in Orange County to support communication and referrals.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	Local and regional land trusts; OC Parks; conservation nonprofits	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 1.2.b When landowners inquire about open space preservation, provide them with contact information for trusted land trusts and basic information about conservation easements.	Community Development	Regional land trusts; local conservancies	Ongoing	Staff time
	Action 1.2.c Add land trusts to the City's internal "early contact list" to notify them when potential open space acquisition or preservation opportunities arise such as development proposals near habitat areas.	Community Development; City Manager's Office	Land trusts; OC Parks	Ongoing	Staff time
P1.3 Long-Range Needs Preserve areas of open space that are identified to be sufficient to meet the long-range needs of the City of Fullerton.	Action 1.3.a Following adoption of the Open Space and Conservation Element, pursue preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to evaluate existing parks and open space resources for each individual space. This includes assessing current and future community needs and identifying gaps in park access, acreage, and amenities citywide. Maintain and annually update a list of priority open space areas, such as gap-fill parks, habitat buffers, and trail connectors. Determine an appropriate level of service (LOS) that balances community needs, land availability, and long-term maintenance capacity.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	OC Parks; regional land trusts	Short-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.3.b Identify which Districts would most benefit from additional open space opportunities within the future Parks and Recreation Master Plan or in a standalone document. According to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's 2020 neighborhood-level park access and demographic data, approximately 50 percent of Fullerton residents live in areas with less than three acres of parks or open space per 1,000 residents, compared to approximately 60 percent statewide. While Fullerton performs better than the state average, improvements can be made to increase the 50 percent. Source: https://www.parksforcalifornia.org/parkaccess/?id=152&match=Fullerton&type=city	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.3.c Each budget cycle, identify priority open space opportunities for Council consideration.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Ongoing	Staff time; (Capital Improvement Program) CIP set-asides where feasible
P1.4 Watershed Management Continue management of open space watersheds to limit potential fire and erosion hazards.	Action 1.4.a Review existing City documents that address watershed issues such as the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), Water Master Plan, and Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) and NPDES compliance documents to determine whether any improvements or updates are recommended to better support open space goals. Implement erosion control measures and vegetation management practices in existing and new open spaces.	Public Works; Community Development	Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD)	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 1.4.b Coordinate with OC Parks and neighboring jurisdictions to align watershed fire-prevention and maintenance activities. Coordinate watershed management efforts with the Orange County Flood Control District, OC Parks, and neighboring jurisdictions to support consistent, regional approaches.	Public Works; Fire Department	OC Parks; Orange County Flood Control District; adjacent jurisdictions	Mid-term	Staff time
P1.5 High Quality Maintenance Continue to support high-quality park and facility maintenance by focusing on key maintenance priorities and investing in maintenance staff, tools, and equipment.	Action 1.5.a Assess existing maintenance tools and equipment annually and identify priority replacements or upgrades. Develop an annual list of top-priority maintenance needs for parks and facilities to guide staffing and equipment purchases.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Short-term; Ongoing	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.5.b Continue to provide annual training for maintenance staff on updated procedures, safety practices, and specialized equipment use.	Parks & Recreation; Human Resources	-	Ongoing	Staff time; City General Fund
P1.6 Maintenance of Sensitive Areas Support programs, policies, and regulations to require maintenance of environmentally-sensitive areas by qualified personnel and/or contractors.	Action 1.6.a Maintain a list of pre-qualified contractors and trained City staff with experience in sensitive-area maintenance to ensure appropriate personnel are used.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Qualified contractors (as needed)	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 1.6.b Require that any maintenance activity in environmentally sensitive areas follow established best management practices (BMPs) to minimize disturbance.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Qualified contractors (as needed)	Ongoing	Staff time
P1.7 Environmentally Sensitive Areas Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to preserve the environmentally sensitive areas of public open spaces.	Action 1.7.a Map and update environmentally sensitive areas within public open spaces to guide maintenance and preservation activities. Make this data available for the public.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.7.b Coordinate with OC Parks or local conservancies when projects may affect shared sensitive habitats.	Community Development	OC Parks; local conservancies	Ongoing	Staff time
P1.8 Passive Open Space Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to encourage diverse, environmentally-sensitive, passive open spaces.	Action 1.8.a Identify locations where passive recreation enhancements such as benches, decomposed granite paths, and habitat-friendly overlooks could be added with minimal environmental impact within a future Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	Parks & Recreation, Public Works	-	Short-term	Staff time; Development Impact Fees
	Action 1.8.b Use native and drought-tolerant plant palettes when enhancing passive open space areas. Because plant palettes are typically selected internally by the Landscape & Tree Division, develop a publicly available list of recommended plant and shrub species to guide consistent, water-efficient landscaping practices.	Parks & Recreation; Landscape & Tree Division	-	Short-term	Staff time; City General Fund
P1.9 Environmental Impact of Support Facilities Design necessary improvements and support facilities, such as fire roads, access roads, and parking areas, to minimize environmental impacts and preserve the visual character of open spaces.	Action 1.9.a Promote low-impact design strategies such as permeable materials, natural screening into new or upgraded support facilities.	Public Works; Community Development	-	Ongoing	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.9.b Review proposed fire road and access improvements with the Fire Department to ensure safety needs are met while minimizing environmental disturbance.	Fire Department; Public Works	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P1.10 Open Space Amenities Support additional park studies to evaluate existing amenities, such as restrooms, ADA accessibility, shaded seating, drinking fountains, and lighting, at Fullerton's open spaces. Continue to improve open space safety through measures such as improved lighting and enhanced security.	Action 1.10.a Conduct an assessment of open space amenities to identify gaps in accessibility, restrooms, lighting, and seating within the potential future Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 1.10.b Create and annually update a prioritization list of small-scale amenity upgrades, such as adding shade, repairing drinking fountains, and replacing outdated fixtures, and address higher-priority items as funding becomes available.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Short-term; Mid-term	Staff time; development impact fees
	Action 1.10.c Coordinate with Police or community safety programs to identify locations where improved lighting or patrol visibility would enhance user safety.	Parks & Recreation; Police Department	-	Ongoing	Staff time

GOAL 2: Provide comprehensive and forward-thinking planning to guide the development, preservation, and stewardship of future open spaces.

P2.1 Funding Strategy

Support development and implementation of a funding strategy to realize the City's vision for its open spaces.

Action 2.1.a Prepare a summary of available funding sources such as grants, impact fees, and partnerships to guide open space planning and acquisitions and update annually.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development; Public Works	-	Short-term; Ongoing (biennial updates)	Staff time
Action 2.1.b Identify priority open space projects annually for potential grant applications.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Ongoing	Grants

P2.2 Priority Acquisition and Preservation

Pursue conservation and public access opportunities in Coyote Hills and other high-value ecological areas; work with landowners and land trusts to secure protection.

Action 2.2.a Maintain regular communication with landowners and land trusts to stay informed about opportunities for acquisition, easements, or stewardship agreements.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	Landowners; land trusts	Ongoing	Staff time
Action 2.2.b Develop a simple decision framework such as a criteria checklist to evaluate potential conservation or public access opportunities when they arise.	Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
Action 2.2.c Coordinate with regional partners to pursue external funding opportunities to support land preservation efforts in the West Coyote Hills area.	Parks & Recreation	Land trusts; OC Parks; nonprofit conservation groups	Ongoing	Grants

P2.3 New Open Space

Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to create open space as funding and other opportunities become available.

Action 2.3.a Identify potential parcels or underutilized sites that could serve as future open space when redevelopment or partnerships make opportunities available.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
Action 2.3.b Integrate open space opportunities into long-range planning documents and development review processes.	Community Development	-	Ongoing	Staff time

P2.4 Neighborhood Greening

Engage with the community on neighborhood pocket parks, plazas, and community gardens; support increased green space in areas with minimal open space, in particular, within Districts 4 and 5.

Action 2.4.a Develop a shortlist of feasible small-scale greening opportunities such as parklets, shade trees, and small plazas based on community feedback. In particular, conduct targeted community outreach in Districts 4 and 5 to identify interest in pocket parks, plazas, or community garden concepts.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Community members and community organizations	Short-term	Staff time; Development Impact Fees
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GOAL 3: Protect and enhance Fullerton's natural systems by conserving sensitive habitats and waterways, restoring native vegetation and biodiversity, and preserving conservation areas.

P3.1 Conservation of Sensitive Natural Resources Support regional and subregional efforts to conserve habitat for sensitive species and plant communities.	Action 3.1.a Participate in regional habitat conservation meetings and information exchanges to stay aligned with current conservation priorities.	Community Development	Regional conservation agencies	Ongoing	Staff time
	Action 3.1.b Maintain updated maps of sensitive species locations to guide project review and natural resource planning.	Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.2 Waterways Preservation Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to preserve the City's public creeks and lakes such as Tri City Lake, Bastanchury Greenbelt Creek, and Laguna Lake. (See Chapter 16: Water of the 'Fullerton Community' section of 'The Fullerton Plan' for related policies and actions.)	Action 3.2.a Conduct a periodic visual assessment of public waterways to identify maintenance needs, erosion issues, or habitat degradation. (See Chapter 16: Water of the 'Fullerton Community' section of 'The Fullerton Plan' for related policies and actions.)	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 3.2.b Coordinate with regional water agencies when preservation actions may affect shared water bodies or flood control channels. (See Chapter 16: Water of the 'Fullerton Community' section of 'The Fullerton Plan' for related policies and actions.)	Public Works	OC Public Works; OC Flood Control	Ongoing	Staff time
P3.3 Watershed Management Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to manage open space watersheds to limit potential fire and erosion hazards.	Action 3.3.a Review watershed management practices to incorporate erosion control measures and fire-smart vegetation management into existing and future open spaces.	Public Works; Fire Department	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.4 Comprehensive Tree Management Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to comprehensively plan for, manage, and promote trees throughout the City.	Action 3.4.a Update the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) as needed to guide long-term tree planting, care, and replacement.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Ongoing	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 3.4.b Prioritize planting drought-tolerant trees in areas with limited canopy coverage as coordinated with the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP).	Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Development Impact Fees
P3.5 Wildlife Management Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to promote and encourage residents and visitors to respect the natural environment of wildlife inhabiting and/or migrating to Fullerton's open spaces.	Action 3.5.a Develop educational materials and/or signage encouraging wildlife-safe behaviors by visitors.	Public Works	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.6 Wildlife Habitat Protect and enhance Fullerton's existing habitats, including coastal sage scrub, chaparral communities, oak species, riparian corridors, and annual grasses and wildflowers, to support native biodiversity and ecological health.	Action 3.6.a Identify locations annually for targeted habitat enhancement efforts, such as erosion repair, native plant installation, and invasive species removal.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time; grants
	Action 3.6.b Promote native plant palettes for restoration activities in sensitive habitat areas. Develop a publicly available list of recommended plant and shrub species to guide consistent, water-efficient landscaping practices.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.7 Habitat Protection Promote the restoration and naturalization of degraded or underutilized areas through native vegetation planting and habitat enhancement, in partnership with organizations such as the Fullerton Arboretum and Botanical Garden (CSUF) and other volunteer groups.	Action 3.7.a Continue to coordinate volunteer restoration events annually with local organizations to restore degraded habitat areas.	Parks & Recreation	Fullerton Arboretum; volunteer groups	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 3.7.b Develop simple restoration guidelines for volunteers to ensure consistency in planting and maintenance.	Parks & Recreation	Fullerton Arboretum; volunteer groups	Short-term	Staff time
P3.8 Support Biodiversity Implement maintenance strategies that prioritize native vegetation and manage detrimental invasive plant and animal species in natural habitat areas. Promote vegetation that attracts desirable species and discourages those that pose nuisance or ecological risks.	Action 3.8.a Create an annual schedule for invasive species monitoring and removal in priority open space areas.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.9 Low Impact Access Provide defined trails, interpretive signage, and seasonal closures to protect sensitive habitats when allowable.	Action 3.9.a Identify locations where defined trails or minor rerouting could reduce off-trail impacts.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
P3.10 Invasive Control and Fire Smart Stewardship Implement ongoing invasive species removal and fuel-smart vegetation management to reduce wildfire risk while protecting habitat quality.	Action 3.10.a Coordinate annual fuel-load reduction efforts in priority open space areas while avoiding sensitive habitats.	Fire Department; Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Staff time
	Action 3.10.b Integrate invasive species removal into routine open space maintenance schedules.	Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P3.11 Enhancement of Conservation Areas Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to preserve and enhance established conservation areas.	Action 3.11.a Create a list of enhancement priorities for each conservation area to guide maintenance and restoration efforts, including East Coyote Hills, Ralph B. Clark Regional Park, Panorama Nature Preserve, Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, and West Coyote Hills.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Mid-term	Staff time
P3.12 Mitigation of Impacts on Sensitive Areas Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to consider and mitigate project level impacts to sensitive habitat areas at the site and building design stages.	Action 3.12.a Integrate early biological review into development applications located near sensitive habitat areas to identify potential impacts and required mitigation measures early in the review process.	Community Development	-	Long-term	Staff time
P3.13 Mitigation of Impacts on Waterways Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to consider and mitigate project level impacts to public waterways at the site and building design stages. (See Chapter 16: Water of the 'Fullerton Community' section of 'The Fullerton Plan' for related policies and actions.)	Action 3.13.a Require early consultation with Public Works for any development proposals that could impact waterways or drainage corridors.	Community Development; Public Works	-	Ongoing	Staff time

GOAL 4: Increase accessibility and inclusivity of open space resources and enhance a connected trail system that links the community to these open spaces.

<p>P4.1 Access and Use of Open Space Support projects, programs, and regulations to increase access to and use of open space resources while respecting the natural environment within Fullerton and to its neighboring cities.</p>	<p>Action 4.1.a Create a list of small-scale access improvements such as trailhead enhancements, seating, shade, and minor path connections during routine open space maintenance cycles, and prioritize areas for implementation.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Short-term</p>	<p>Staff time; City General Fund; CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) grants</p>
	<p>Action 4.1.b Update park and open space informational materials to better communicate public access points and rules about trails.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.2.a Identify feasible locations for ADA-accessible trails, pullouts, and viewing areas, considering slope and habitat constraints.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time, Development Impact Fees</p>
	<p>Action 4.2.b Identify high-priority areas that would benefit from accessibility improvements, and incorporate universal design principles into future park and facility upgrades.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
<p>P4.2 Accessibility for All Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to ensure that, when natural topography allows, public open spaces are accessible to people of all abilities.</p>	<p>Action 4.3.a Identify missing trail or bikeway connections between open spaces and integrate them into the Capital Improvement Program, with particular emphasis on Districts 4 and 5, and document potential connection improvements. Establish an implementation timeline for trails that have not yet been constructed, such as the Union Pacific right-of-way trail.</p>	<p>Public Works; Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time; City General Fund; Development Impact Fees</p>
	<p>Action 4.3.b Collaborate with OC Parks and neighboring cities to align cross-jurisdictional trail connections.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>OC Parks; adjacent cities</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.4.a Confirm the current inspection and maintenance schedules used for City trails, and identify any areas requiring urgent improvements.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Short-term; Ongoing</p>	<p>Staff time; City General Fund</p>
<p>P4.3 Trail Linkages to Open Space Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations to promote recreational trails and the bikeway system to link open spaces to public areas and neighborhoods.</p>	<p>Action 4.4.b Upgrade trail surfaces or drainage where recurring wear or erosion is identified.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time; City General Fund</p>
<p>P4.4 Connected Trail System Continually evaluate and maintain the City's network of paths and trails for hikers, walkers, runners, cyclists, mountain bikers, and equestrians.</p>	<p>Action 4.5.a Create a consistent citywide wayfinding signage standard for trails and open spaces. Update the Recreational Trail Design Standards in the Municipal Code to include a comprehensive wayfinding or signage system.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>Staff time; CNRA Urban Greening Program</p>
	<p>Action 4.5.b Identify access areas, trail segments, viewsheds, trail junctions, access points, and major decision points that would benefit from improved wayfinding signage; prioritize these locations and implement improvements as funding becomes available.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>City General Fund; Development Impact Fees</p>
<p>P4.5 Navigating Open Spaces Support projects, programs, policies, and regulations that promote easy access to and navigation within the City's open spaces and trails by installing wayfinding signage and creating plans for multi-modal access when allowable.</p>	<p>Action 4.6.a Include universally accessible play, exercise, or sensory-friendly elements in park renovation plans.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>CA State Parks Community Access Program</p>
	<p>Action 4.6.b Work with local nonprofits and cultural groups to co-host inclusive outdoor programs and events.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Sponsorships</p>	<p>Short-term</p>	<p>Staff time; sponsorships</p>
	<p>Action 4.7.a Expand free or low-cost outdoor programs, such as guided hikes, fitness classes, or nature education, based on community interest.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>Short-term</p>	<p>Staff time; partnerships</p>
	<p>Action 4.7.b Assess opportunities to increase access to open spaces in underserved areas.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
<p>P4.6 Accessible and Inclusive Promote accessibility and inclusivity in park facilities and programs through universal design and diverse, community-responsive activities.</p>	<p>Action 4.8.a Conduct a trail amenities and access study evaluating ADA parking, restrooms, shade, benches, and wayfinding improvements. Incorporate study findings into future capital improvement prioritization.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>CNRA grants; staff time</p>
<p>P4.7 Programming Support programs and services that bring residents together, serve all age groups, and are responsive to community needs and desires.</p>	<p>Action 4.9.a Develop and post signage with recommended etiquette guidelines for multi-use paths.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.9.b Collaborate with the Police Department on periodic education campaigns promoting safe trail behavior.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Police</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.10.a Identify locations with safety concerns or areas that would benefit from improvements, and install crosswalk visibility enhancements, traffic calming measures, or bike lane improvements near major park and trail access points, prioritizing high-need locations.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time; City General Fund; Development Impact Fees</p>
<p>P4.8 Trail Studies Support additional trail studies to assess existing amenities, including trailhead retrofits, ADA-compliant parking, accessible restrooms, shade opportunities, trail improvements, wayfinding, and benches.</p>	<p>Action 4.11.a Identify potential trail connections, alignments, or easements in Districts 4 and 5 for integration into long-term network planning.</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation; Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.11.b Partner with schools and community groups to identify priority local routes that improve access to nearby open spaces.</p>	<p>Community Development; Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Short-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
<p>P4.9 Safe Shared Use Promote context-specific e-bike speed limits and etiquette guidelines on multi-use paths to reduce conflicts and ensure safe shared use.</p>	<p>Action 4.12.a Assess abandoned or underutilized rail corridors for potential trail conversion, including ownership, easement, and environmental considerations.</p>	<p>Public Works; Parks & Recreation</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Mid-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
	<p>Action 4.12.b Engage with corridor owners and regional agencies to explore acquisition, leases, or joint-use agreements.</p>	<p>Public Works</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Long-term</p>	<p>Staff time</p>
<p>P4.10 Safety Improvements Continue enhancing sidewalks, crossings, and bike lanes that lead to parks and trails to ensure safer access to open spaces.</p>					
<p>P4.11 Extended Network Support research and development of an improved trail network in Districts 4 and 5 to enhance connectivity with existing open spaces.</p>					
<p>P4.12 Rail-to-Trail Strategy Transform abandoned or underutilized rail corridors into linear parks and trail spurs to close gaps in the network, as allowable and where permitted by land use regulations.</p>					

GOAL 5: Strengthen Fullerton’s open spaces to support native biodiversity, enhance climate resilience, and maintain ecological function through initiatives such as rewilding, habitat restoration, and nature-based solutions

P5.1 Connectivity Partnerships Coordinate with Orange County and other regional partners to support connectivity and wildlife access improvements region-wide.	Action 5.1.a Participate in regional habitat connectivity planning efforts with OC Parks, California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), and neighboring cities.	Parks & Recreation	OC Parks; CDFW	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 5.1.b Share relevant GIS layers or ecological data with regional partners to support cross-jurisdictional linkage planning.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Regional partners	Mid-term	Staff time
P5.2 Rewilding Implement urban rewilding projects to reintroduce natural processes, restore natural ecosystems, and promote biodiversity.	Action 5.2.a Identify suitable low-maintenance areas within parks and open spaces for rewilding and native habitat restoration. Assess and map high-potential sites. Integrate habitat strategies into the future Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Develop guidance for incorporating native habitat elements into future park renovations, new park development, and routine maintenance activities.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time; CA Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) restoration grants
	Action 5.2.b Implement phased rewilding pilot projects using native plant palettes, naturalized landscaping, and habitat-forming features.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Mid-term	CNRA grants; Development Impact Fees
P5.3 Habitat Linkages Prioritize rewilding in areas that enhance or establish habitat linkages and wildlife corridors, as identified in Essential Habitat Connectivity and Natural Areas designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.	Action 5.3.a Integrate California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Essential Habitat Connectivity and Natural Areas data when identifying rewilding sites and habitat restoration projects within the city. Evaluate opportunities to better understand and improve ecological connectivity citywide, including mapping habitat patches, identifying barriers (such as roadways, fencing, lighting, and other infrastructure), and assessing where targeted enhancements could support multi-species movement between open spaces. Focus analysis on key corridors and transition areas, including West Coyote Hills, East Coyote Hills, existing drainage corridors, and gaps between conserved open space areas.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Regional agencies, land managers, and ecological experts	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 5.3.b Expand native vegetation or corridor-supportive landscaping along identified habitat linkage areas. Develop a set of planning and design guidelines for locating sensitive land uses near schools, senior housing, and high-traffic roadways.	Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	CNRA grants
P5.4 Wildlife Movement Design Incorporate wildlife-friendly infrastructure such as vegetated buffers, restored corridors, green infrastructure, and suitable vegetation along with features like culverts and buffer zones to create pathways for wildlife movement and foster a more resilient, biodiverse city.	Action 5.4.a Promote wildlife-friendly design features such as vegetated buffers, native understory planting, or naturalized drainage during park upgrades.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Ongoing	CNRA grants; Development Impact Fees
	Action 5.4.b Coordinate with Public Works to assess opportunities for wildlife-compatible culverts or undercrossing during infrastructure retrofits. As part of future maintenance projects, identify opportunities to install vegetative buffers, such as hedgerows, or bioswales between roads and sensitive land uses. Prioritize high-performing vegetation species suited to pollution absorption and local climate when	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Long-term	Staff time; statewide wildlife connectivity grants
P5.5 Movement Mitigation Assess and mitigate barriers to wildlife movement caused by roads, levees, and urban development when allowable and where permitted by land use regulations.	Action 5.5.a Identify priority locations where roadways or developed areas act as wildlife movement barriers.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Long-term	Staff time
	Action 5.5.b Incorporate mitigation measures, such as directional fencing, signage, or vegetated buffers, when feasible during public works projects.	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	CNRA wildlife corridor grants
P5.6 Wildlife Corridors Identify, protect, and enhance wildlife and recreational corridors connecting Coyote Hills, Laguna Lake, Brea Dam, Craig Regional Park, the Fullerton Loop, and the California State University, Fullerton Arboretum and Botanical Garden.	Action 5.6.a Map existing and potential wildlife corridors connecting Coyote Hills, Laguna Lake, Brea Dam, Craig Regional Park, the Fullerton Loop, and the Arboretum.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 5.6.b Prioritize native vegetation and habitat enhancements along mapped corridors during capital and maintenance projects.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Mid-term	Staff time; Development Impact Fees; CNRA restoration grants
P5.7 Community Stewardship Support volunteer days in collaboration with community members, nonprofits, and schools. Promote inclusive participation in habitat restoration through stewardship programs, youth engagement initiatives, and interpretive signage in rewilded open spaces.	Action 5.7.a Partner with schools, nonprofits, and community groups to host regular habitat restoration volunteer events.	Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time; sponsorships
	Action 5.7.b Install interpretive signage at rewilded or restored sites to highlight ecological benefits, restoration goals, and community involvement. Design and introduce educational signage at key natural areas such as West Coyote Hills, East Coyote Hills, the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, and along major trail corridors to provide clear and engaging information about native ecosystems, local wildlife, and habitat restoration efforts. Incorporate multilingual content, maps, and QR codes linking to City or partner websites for additional information.	Parks & Recreation	-	Long-term	City General Fund; CNRA grants
P5.8 Resilient Landscaping Prioritize the use of native, drought-tolerant, and climate-resilient plants in Fullerton’s parks and landscaped open spaces to enhance habitat value, conserve water, and support pollinator species.	Action 5.8.a Incorporate native, low-water, and habitat-supportive plant species into future landscape plans and renovations. Phase out non-native, high-water-use plantings during ongoing landscape replacements. Create a list for public use.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Short-term	Staff time; Development Impact Fees
P5.9 Ecologically Beneficial Features. Incorporate ecologically beneficial elements, such as pollinator gardens, wildflower meadows, bioswales, and native plant corridors, into public parks, street medians, and along trail networks.	Action 5.9.a Identify high visibility park areas, medians, or trail edges suitable for pollinator-friendly or habitat-supporting landscape conversions.	Parks & Recreation; Public Works	-	Mid-term	CNRA Urban Greening; Development Impact Fees
	Action 5.9.b Integrate bioswales, habitat nodes, or native plant corridors into future park and trail improvements.	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Stormwater grants; CNRA nature-based solutions funds
P5.10 Urban Canopy Enhance canopy and shade tree coverage along walking routes, school frontages, bus stops, and park perimeters to reduce heat exposure and strengthen wildlife connectivity. Prioritize planting in areas with low canopy coverage, particularly in Districts 4 and 5, to deliver co-benefits for both the community and local wildlife.	Action 5.10.a Prioritize street tree planting and shade canopy expansion along walking routes, school frontages, and transit stops in low-canopy areas.	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Urban & Community Forestry Program; Development Impact Fees
	Action 5.10.b Replace underperforming or dying trees with climate-resilient native or regionally adapted species.	Public Works	-	Ongoing	City General Fund; CNRA tree planting grants

GOAL 6: Ensure Fullerton's infrastructure network is adaptively managed to strengthen resilience against climate change impacts, including extreme heat, increased flood risk, and other hazards.

P6.1 Tree City Designation Maintain Fullerton's Tree City USA designation by implementing urban forest management practices that promote tree health, increase canopy coverage, enhance climate resilience, and engage the community in stewardship efforts.	Action 6.1.a Update and maintain the City's Community Forest Management Plan, including canopy goals and maintenance standards.	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Staff time; Urban & Community Forestry Program
	Action 6.1.b Host annual community planting and tree-care events in partnership with schools and nonprofits.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Sponsorships	Short-term	Staff time; sponsorships
	Action 6.1.c Prioritize tree planting in low-canopy neighborhoods to support equity and climate resilience, with an emphasis on disadvantaged and impacted communities as defined in the Environmental Justice Element.	Public Works; Community Development	-	Mid-term	Urban & Community Forestry grants
P6.2 Resilient Design Prioritize the preservation and restoration of open spaces and natural areas in Fullerton that provide multi-benefit climate services such as carbon sequestration, heat reduction, and habitat connectivity while also reducing wildfire risk through vegetation best practices. Focus efforts particularly in underserved areas to enhance community resilience and protect critical ecosystems.	Action 6.2.a Integrate climate resilience metrics such as carbon storage, heat reduction, and wildfire mitigation into evaluation criteria for open space preservation and restoration projects.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Mid-term	CNRA climate resilience grants
	Action 6.2.b Target restoration and greening investments in heat vulnerable and underserved neighborhoods.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	CNRA Urban Greening Program
P6.3 Green Streets Promote the development of green streets that integrate native vegetation, permeable surfaces, and stormwater management features to enhance urban habitat, improve water quality, and reduce runoff.	Action 6.3.a Identify corridors suitable for green street treatments and incorporate priority segments into the CIP.	Public Works; Water Division	-	Mid-term	Stormwater grants; Development Impact Fees
	Action 6.3.b Update City street improvement guidelines to include permeable paving, bioswales, and native planting where feasible.	Public Works	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P6.4 Green Infrastructure Promote the integration of rooftop gardens, vertical greenery, and other green infrastructure solutions to enhance urban biodiversity, improve air quality, manage stormwater, and reduce energy consumption, while ensuring compliance with the City's landscaping and irrigation standards.	Action 6.4.a Develop voluntary design guidance for rooftop gardens, green walls, and other green infrastructure features for use in public and private projects.	Community Development; Public Works	-	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 6.4.b Evaluate appropriate City facilities for potential small scale green roof or vertical greenery demonstration projects.	Public Works	-	Long-term	CNRA nature-based solutions grants
P6.5 Cooling Corridors Prioritize the use of shade trees, reflective or sustainable materials, and shade structures along pedestrian priority corridors, trails, schools, bus stops, senior centers, and pathways to open spaces. Continue providing accessible information on heat-related concerns and the locations of cooling centers throughout the city.	Action 6.5.a Create a map or website showing cooling centers in the city; create a list of new priority cooling corridors near schools, transit stops, senior centers, and park access points, and prioritize them for shade improvements. Maintain updated public information on cooling centers, heat-related safety, and local resources.	Community Development; Public Works; Parks & Recreation; Emergency Management	-	Ongoing	Urban & Community Forestry grants, staff time
	Action 6.5.b Integrate shade trees, shade structures, or cool paving materials into street and park improvement projects along designated cooling corridors.	Community Development; Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Development Impact Fees; CNRA Urban Greening
P6.6 Natural Water Management Infrastructure Promote bioswales, rain gardens, permeable pavements, and detention features in parks, streets, and parking lots per the Fullerton's Water Utility's Water Conservation Ordinance.	Action 6.6.a Identify locations in parks, parking lots, and rights-of-way where bioswales, rain gardens, or permeable pavements can be incorporated into upcoming projects.	Public Works; Water Division; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Stormwater/water conservation grants
	Action 6.6.b Ensure green stormwater features meet long-term maintenance requirements under the Water Conservation Ordinance.	Public Works; Water Division	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P6.7 Landscaping and Irrigation Enhance Fullerton's landscaping and irrigation requirements to incorporate drought-tolerant native plants, promoting water conservation, climate resilience, and habitat restoration.	Action 6.7.a Update landscape and irrigation requirements to emphasize drought-tolerant native plants, soil health, and efficient irrigation.	Community Development; Water Division	-	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 6.7.b Provide developer and landscape professional information on updated landscaping requirements.	Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
P6.8 Air Quality Mitigation Enhance air quality mitigation strategies by recommending vegetative buffers, advanced filtration systems, and site design measures to reduce exposure near major transportation corridors, the Fullerton Transportation Center, and industrial facilities throughout the city.	Action 6.8.a Integrate vegetative buffers, enhanced filtration, and other air quality mitigation measures into development conditions for sensitive uses near major roads or industrial areas.	Community Development; Public Works	-	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 6.8.b Consult with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) on best practices for applying air quality mitigation strategies in land use review.	Community Development	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P6.9 Greening Air Improvements Support and implement Fullerton's Community Forestry Ordinance and Community Forest Management Plan to improve air quality and reduce urban heat through targeted tree canopy expansion and the installation of vegetated buffers in high-exposure areas.	Action 6.9.a Prioritize tree planting and vegetated buffers in areas exposed to poor air quality, including freeway edges, industrial zones, and transit hubs.	Public Works; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Urban & Community Forestry grants
	Action 6.9.b Monitor progress on canopy expansion and vegetated buffer installation through periodic urban forestry updates.	Public Works	-	Long-term	Staff time
P6.10 Complete Streets Encourage smart growth and complete streets design principles, when allowable and where permitted by land use regulations, which integrate air quality protection measures, such as shade trees and green infrastructure.	Action 6.10.a Update street design standards to reflect complete streets principles, including shade trees, green infrastructure, and pedestrian safety features.	Public Works; Community Development	-	Mid-term	Staff time
	Action 6.10.b Prioritize complete street corridors that overlap with cooling corridors or active transportation improvements.	Public Works	-	Short-term	Staff time
P6.11 VMT Reduction Prioritize transportation and mobility improvements in Fullerton that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas emissions by expanding pedestrian-friendly corridors, bicycle networks, and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. Emphasize connectivity near public transit, schools, and industrial facilities, and underserved neighborhoods to promote equitable and sustainable mobility options.	Action 6.11.a Expand active transportation networks focusing on connectivity to schools, transit, parks, job centers, and underserved neighborhoods, with priority given to communities identified as disadvantaged or impacted in the Environmental Justice Element.	Public Works; Community Development	-	Mid-term	Staff time; transportation/climate resilience grants
	Action 6.11.b Support installation of EV charging at strategic civic facilities and integrate EV ready requirements into relevant development standards. Identify opportunities to install EV charging stations at high-traffic public facilities such as community centers, parks, and libraries that are accessible to all residents.	Community Development; Public Works	-	Short-term	State EV infrastructure grants
	Action 6.11.c Work with regional partners such as Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to align transit and mobility investments with VMT reduction goals.	Community Development; Public Works	OCTA; SCAG	Long-term	Staff time

GOAL 7: Strengthen community participation in open space and conservation decisions by actively engaging residents, regional partners, and organizations in the protection and enhancement of local natural resources

P7.1 Conservation Partnerships Collaborate with regional agencies, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions to advance conservation and resilience goals.	Action 7.1.a Maintain regular coordination with regional partners, including OC Parks, CDFW, and local nonprofits, to align conservation priorities and share resources.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	OC Parks; CDFW; local nonprofits	Ongoing	Staff time
	Action 7.1.b Partner with California State University, Fullerton to support research, mapping, or monitoring efforts that inform open space management.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	CSU Fullerton	Mid-term	Staff time
P7.2 Plan and Engage Proactively Promote long-term open space and conservation success through regular planning, transparent reporting, and ongoing community engagement.	Action 7.2.a Develop an annual engagement process to gather community input on open space priorities, maintenance, and improvements.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 7.2.b Prepare or update periodic reports summarizing progress on open space actions and share them publicly. Integrate community input into updates to relevant plans, programs, or maintenance schedules.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Mid-term	Staff time
P7.3 Public Awareness Enhance public awareness of urban wildlife, habitat conservation, and sustainable coexistence through targeted education and outreach initiatives.	Action 7.3.a Develop educational materials, digital and physical, to highlight local wildlife, habitat protection, and coexistence practices.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	-	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 7.3.b Collaborate with schools, community groups, and local nonprofits to host informational workshops or nature walks.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Schools; CSU Fullerton; nonprofits	Mid-term	Staff time; sponsorships
P7.4 Community Stewardship Encourage community participation in habitat restoration, monitoring, and stewardship activities.	Action 7.4.a Support volunteer habitat restoration days in partnership with local organizations and schools.	Parks & Recreation; Community Development	Schools; CSU Fullerton; nonprofits	Short-term	Staff time; sponsorships
	Action 7.4.b Identify accessible locations suitable for ongoing community-led stewardship projects. Document and make these materials available to the community	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Staff time
P7.5 Partnership Model Support collaboration among local nonprofits, community groups, California State University, Fullerton, public schools in Fullerton, etc. to advance open space and engagement initiatives.	Action 7.5.a Develop a partnership framework outlining how nonprofits, schools, and CSU Fullerton can participate in conservation or educational programs.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	Schools; CSU Fullerton; nonprofits	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 7.5.b Co-host recurring events or programs with at least one outside partner each year to support open space engagement.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	Schools; CSU Fullerton; nonprofits	Mid-term	Staff time
P7.6 Transparent Dashboards Continue to ensure transparency by regularly sharing updates with the community on open space maintenance, safety, and environmental health data as available. Provide visible results from community engagement efforts.	Action 7.6.a Create or maintain a user-friendly online dashboard summarizing maintenance activities, trail conditions, safety updates, and environmental indicators (as available).	Parks & Recreation; IT	-	Long-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 7.6.b Publish clear summaries of community engagement outcomes, such as volunteer hours, restoration activities, and program participation.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Staff time
P7.7 Community Led Monitoring Provide multilingual materials and events and community engagement in underserved areas; develop engagement programs for youths and seniors; and host workshops across Fullerton and park-adjacent venues for future open space programming initiatives.	Action 7.7.a Offer multilingual materials and outreach to ensure open space programming is accessible to underserved communities.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Short-term	Staff time
	Action 7.7.b Develop youth- and senior-focused programs to support community-led monitoring or nature engagement.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Mid-term	Staff time; City General Fund
	Action 7.7.c Host workshops and engagement events in park-adjacent or community-centered locations to expand program reach.	Community Development; Parks & Recreation	-	Ongoing	Staff time