

Purpose: In November 2009, City Council directed staff to prepare a Communitywide Sustainability Action Plan, with guidance from a diverse committee, representative of the community. The Sustainability Plan is consistent with a series of actions taken in recent years, as City Council has identified sustainability as an organizational and legislative priority:

- Dec 2008: City Emissions Inventory finalized
- March 2009: Approved General Plan Amendments identifying Sustainable General Plan Policies
- Nov 2009: Approved Municipal Climate Action Plan: 22.8% GHG reduction (funded with Air Quality mitigation fees) and directed preparation of Community-wide Sustainability Action Plan (funded with grant from Placer County APCD)
- Jan 2010: Established a 38-member Sustainability Action Plan Committee

Process: The Sustainability Action Plan Committee and City staff met monthly beginning in February. A Core Group of Committee members has met several times in July - through Sept. to finalize the draft plan.

Features of the Communitywide Sustainability Action Plan:

- ◆ Baseline year 2008 Emissions Inventory for carbon, NO_x (nitrogen oxides contribute directly to the City's exceedance of state and federal ozone standards) and particulate matter. The community inventory shows that 46% of carbon emissions, and 61% of NO_x emissions are from on-road mobile sources. Energy use is the next largest contributor of emissions.
- ◆ Projections to 2020 (business as usual and assuming implementation of plan measures). With implementation of measures, by 2020, per capita generation of carbon would be reduced from 7.5 metric tons/year to 6.0 metric tons /year, a 20% reduction.
- ◆ An inventory of programs and policies already in place that are sustainable (e.g., increase energy-efficiency, reduce vehicle trips, conserve resources, reduce operational costs for city and business community and other savings opportunities).
- ◆ A menu of voluntary and incentive-based measures to supplement or enhance existing and planned energy-efficiency and resource conservation programs; and that rely on community partnerships and community engagement to effectively implement and support those programs.
- ◆ Documents measures that would assist the City in meeting state mandates that directly affect the Community, such as reducing water consumption by 20% by 2020 (SB 7), and meeting revised standards for measuring solid waste diversion (SB 1016).

