

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO'S SMART INVESTMENTS



MEETING SOLID WASTE DIVERSION GOALS

The City of San Juan Capistrano is working closely with CR&R Disposal. Together they continue to meet the solid waste diversion requirements of AB 939. This state legislation mandated local jurisdictions to meet diversion goals of 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by 2000.



CREATING A MORE WALKABLE HISTORIC TOWN CENTER

The vision is to protect historic buildings and resources in the downtown and promote redevelopment by private property owners to create a more vital and economically-vibrant downtown. The City's draft Historic Town Center Master Plan will seek to create additional street connections to facilitate motor vehicle access through the downtown while creating a more pedestrian friendly area.



MODIFYING PARKING AT DOWNTOWN OUTDOOR DINING LOCATIONS

The City is studying revisions to parking standards to treat the downtown as a single destination with parking demand met by both private lots and City-owned parking lots and structures. Most outdoor dining facilities can be transformed to incorporate more outdoor space, better use of sidewalks, and providing store-front parking.



ADOPTING "FORM-BASED" CODES FOR THE DOWNTOWN

The City has prepared a draft form-based code to manage new development and redevelopment in the downtown to create a more vibrant community focal point. Form-based codes create a high quality public spaces using the organization of the City's physical form to organize future development.



PROMOTING OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION AND CONSERVATION

The City will continue to administer existing open space grants and seek new grants for open space lands purchase and habitat restoration. Success has already been seen through a city-wide open space measure and restoration funding through OCTA's Environmental Mitigation Program.



PROMOTING USE OF DROUGHT TOLERANT NATIVE PLANTS

The City has established and is now maintaining a California Native Plant Demonstration Garden at City Hall. Additionally, the City is conditioning new residential developments to include a landscape policy requiring California natives in the front yard. Residents are discouraged from using ornamental landscaping and turf which creates substantial water demand.



ACHIEVING WATER CONSERVATION

Through the implementation of the City's water conservation ordinance "imported" water demand has been reduced using local groundwater resources to meet on-going water demands. The City continues to refine the operation of its new \$15 million Groundwater Recovery Plant (GRP) to maximize the City's reliance on locally-produced water resources.



For more information on the City of San Juan Capistrano's Smart Investments, please contact: Bill Ramsey at 949-443-6334.

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