

# The General Plan Resource Directory: Creating Sustainable Communities in Orange County



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Friends of Harbor Beaches, and Parks (FHBP) is a non-profit organization founded in 1997. FHBP's mission is "to promote, protect, and enhance the harbors, beaches, parks, trails, open spaces, natural preserves, and historic sites in Orange County."

Since 2000, FHBP has united conservation and community voices throughout Orange County through its Green Vision Project. Currently more than 80 organizations support the effort to increase the funding for parks, water quality, and open spaces in Orange County. One of the first tasks of the Coalition was to map conservation target lands. Known as the Green Vision Map, this map lays out the knowledge and efforts of the Coalition to preserve important landscapes.

The next major accomplishment of the Coalition was negotiating a comprehensive mitigation program. OCTA's Renewed Measure M includes approximately \$243.5 million (in 2005 dollars) or 5% of the freeway program to mitigate habitat impacts from freeway projects. The transportation sales tax measure was approved by a supermajority of voters in 2006. The measure included funds to acquire, restore, and manage lands. This landscape level approach, with streamlined permitting, is a departure from the earlier piecemeal or project-by-project approach. With this funding, important acquisitions have begun to fill in the gaps in conservation in the County.

In these challenging economic times, other approaches are necessary and we embarked on an effort to include policy language in planning documents that can provide a more sustainable and conservation-oriented future for the County and its 34 cities. Many cities hope to become more sustainable, but need assistance in creating good policy language. This Directory was written to provide that assistance particularly in support of complying with AB 32 – the Global Warming Solutions Act and SB 375 – legislation ties land use, transportation, and housing together to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

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# Acronyms

AB 32	Assembly Bill 32
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
Cal Fire	California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention
CAP	Climate Action Plan
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EOC	Environmental Oversight Committee
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
FBC	Form-Based Codes
FRAP	Fire and Resource Assessment Program
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
GTAC	General Plan Technical Advisory Committee
HCD	California Department of Housing and Community Development
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LOS	Level of Service
m	meter
maf	million acre feet
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MWD	Metropolitan Water District
MWDOC	Municipal Water District of Orange County
NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Planning (or Plan)
OC SCS	Orange County Sustainable Communities Strategy
OCCOG	Orange County Council of Governments
OCTA	Orange County Transportation Authority
OPR	Office of Planning and Research
ppm	parts per million
PUD	Planned Unit Development
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment
RTAC	Regional Targets Advisory Committee
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SB 375	Senate Bill 375
SB 97	Senate Bill 97
SCAG	Southern California Association of Governments
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
SOI	Sphere of Influence
SRA	State Responsibility Area
USGBC	United States Green Building Council
VMT	Vehicle Miles Travelled
WUI	Wildland-Urban Interface
YLWD	Yorba Linda Water District