

Environmental Services Strategic Planning Meeting  
September 27, 2018

The aspirations of the group were: Land Use and Growth; Habitats and Forests.

Solutions included: Conservation easements broader role for county, GHG & habitat (policy & \$\$); Better noticing impacted parties ASAP; develop limits to growth wineries and housing; Create habitat plan - forest fragmentation; create watershed;

Aspiration: Land Use & Growth		
Specific Challenge or Problem	Evidence this Challenge or Problem Exists	Impact of the Challenge or Problem on You?
Inconsistencies with environmental review (CEQA)	Read different reports (Mit Neg Dec; ESP)	Community disharmony
Land use decisions are impacting larger community than those noticed (1,000 feet)	Poor applications	Inappropriate Developmental
Control growth (business & housing)	Traffic	Environmental damage
Habitat plan	Experience	Leads to anger & alienation
Watershed plan	Inadequate roadways	Ineffective government
	Lack of housing	
	Deforestation	
	Loss of wildlife	
	Water trucking	

Red indicates the top vote getter(s).

Solution			
Actions to Solve	Who Needs to Be Involved	Pros   Cons	
Better staff training	PBES	Up-to-date on CEQA	Staff time impacted
Neutrality by staff	BOS	Protect resources	
<b>Better noticing impacted parties ASAP</b>	Outside experts	Community would have more faith in process	
Visible signage	Community	Better product	
<b>Develop limits to growth wineries &amp; housing</b>	Business	Quality of life	
Limit activities at wineries not related to wine & wine education		Environmental protection	
<b>Create habitat plan - forest fragmentation</b>		Brings value & quality to Napa Valley	
<b>Create watershed plan</b>		Fair notice to developers	
Identify species in the valley. Mandatory continuing education		Bring water stability & water quality. Carbon sequestration	

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Aspiration: Habitats & Forests		
Specific Challenge or Problem	Evidence this challenge or problem exists	Impact of the Challenge or Problem on You?
Deforestation/clear cutting	Visual evidence	Climate effects, runoff, loss of habitat for animals
Devastation from fires	Fencing wildlife corridors get smaller	Loss of biodiversity; loss of view shed; Increased encounters between people & wildlife
Habitat fragmentation-fencing (exclusionary)	Urban uses vs habitat	Fire damages/costs in wildland urban interface areas
Location of housing (Angwin/Deer Park)-esp. smaller APN	Proposed solar for MS	View shed/habitat fragmentation/reduction of habitat/Ag land/increased costs to protect from fire
GHG emission/climate change	Increased frequency & intensity of winds/increased temperatures/loss of ag land	Less comfortable/increased fire risk & health concerns & associated costs
Increase use of solar farming & other renewable energy	Increased bias around Scotch brooms	Removal costs, crop value, runoff, sedimentation
Invasive species overtaking native plants & animals		

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Law to acknowledge fire risk if you build in forest	Cal Fire/Fire safe councils	Better fire awareness	Loss of insurability
Pre fire intervention: controlled burns/defensible space/fire safe materials-reg. \$\$\$ for fire wise (TOT)/ update codes (example: Cobb construction)	BOS/Building Department	Less fire damage lower insurance rates	Controlled burns have to be done well - time, conditions
<b>Conservation easements broader role for county, GHG &amp; habitat (policy &amp; \$\$)</b>	Landowners	Permanently preserve landowner GHG/reduced	Less \$\$ for county
Review & enforcement of fencing codes - vineyard reg. are good broad view	State Fish & Wildlife	Allows land in unincorporated county to be open space	Challenging for county residents to influence cities
Focus housing in cities	Land Trust	Clarity to renewable energy developers	
Renewable energy ordinance	Open Space District		
Finish climate action plan	Federal government		
Make Ag Preserve/Ag Watershed/Open Space permanent	Environmental NGOS (RCD, etc.)		
Increase funding to remove invasive species & address at right time & process equip grants - fed gov-RCD county match	Cities		

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