

City of Sacramento's General Plan Update

The City is updating its General Plan. "The 2040 General Plan is the City's blueprint for how and where Sacramento will grow over the next 20 years. It contains policies that guide everything from transportation, to the type of homes available, to jobs, entertainment, public safety and much more."

The City will be holding one of three Citywide Visioning Workshops on April 29 at the Oak Park Community Center from 5:30 - 7:30pm. At this family-friendly event, food will be provided. A brief presentation will begin at 5:45pm. An RSVP is requested but not required.

April 29 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Oak Park Community Center, Room A/B

3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Sacramento 95817

RSVP: www.sac2040gpu3.eventbrite.com

Visioning workshops webpage: <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Major-Projects/General-Plan/Participate>

Read more about the 2040 General Plan and sign up for updates:

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Urban Forest Master Plan

In August 2016 the City of Sacramento updated its tree ordinance. The City is in the process of updating its Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) "to preserve the health and stewardship of Sacramento's urban forest." The plan "will address the protection, maintenance, sustainability, and enhancement" of Sacramento's tree canopy.

The City convened an Urban Forest Master Plan Stakeholder Representative Group, had pop up events, and conducted an online survey that was completed in 2018. Here is the City's webpage on the UFMP: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Maintenance-Services/Trees/About-Urban-Forestry/Urban-Forest-Master-Plan>

ENA Board member Francesca Reitano is a member of the Stakeholder Group and participated in two meetings held in 2018; a Stakeholder Group meeting where the City will present the draft plan will be held soon.

Trees for Sacramento is part of the Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) and is also part of the stakeholder group. They provided Francesca with several documents containing their recommendations for the UFMP as well as for the UFMP Best Practices manual. Trees for Sacramento recommends that the Plan:

- Emphasize the link between preserving and enhancing our tree canopy and fighting the effects of climate change
- Require Sacramento to take steps to equitably bring canopy into all our neighborhoods

- Change the rules for tree removal to encourage preservation of existing tree canopy
- Call for the City to incorporate wherever possible existing trees into new development
- Call for the City to require all new development to set aside enough space to support a vibrant tree canopy
- Urge the City to raise the profile of the Urban Forest Section to the public, to the development community, and within the City
- Require transparency and accountability in Urban Forest financing and staffing

The ENA Board and the ENA tree committee are considering supporting these recommendations. If you wish to view the documents that were provided to the Board and the ENA tree committee, or wish to join the Elmhurst tree committee/Elmhurst tree advocates email list, please email elmhursttrees@elmhurstna.com.