

Open Space and Conservation Element

Vision Statement

Pasadena, an exceptional city in Southern California, prides itself on its historic neighborhoods, vibrant business districts, verdant urban forest, expansive mountain views, world-class leadership in conservation, and beautiful natural open space. Pasadena preserves, restores, and expands its natural open space and models stewardship and conservation. Pasadena partners with neighboring communities and agencies to meet open space and conservation goals which enhance the quality of life.

Core Principles

- Pasadena will be a City that encourages broad community participation in natural resource conservation and open space protection.
- Pasadena will be a City that adheres to the 2005 United Nations Urban Environmental Accords goals.
- Pasadena will be a City that leads, facilitates, and educates the community to promote resource conservation and open space protection.
- Pasadena will be a City that improves and adds conservation programs and policies as new technologies emerge.
- Pasadena will be a City that advocates for the connectivity between the open space resources of the City and surrounding communities.
- Pasadena will be a City that provides equitable access to open space resources for all residents in all neighborhoods.
- Pasadena will be a City that recognizes and values the environmental, social, and economic benefits provided by open space and the urban forest.

Purpose of the Open Space and Conservation Element

- To recognize and identify the various natural resources that Pasadena possesses.
- To acknowledge their value and importance by protecting, maintaining, restoring and increasing these resources.
- To develop policies that promote the conservation of these resources, and in doing so, enhance the overall quality of life in Pasadena.
- To keep conservation of natural resources at the center of all city decision-making.
- To promote efforts that will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment.
- To protect the health and welfare of the community.
- To preserve ecological systems.
- To ensure long-term economic, social and environmental vitality.