

Open Space and Conservation Element

Vision Statement

Pasadena treasures, protects, restores, and expands its natural open space and exemplifies innovative and effective natural resource stewardship and conservation.

Core Principles

These core principles are the values that guide achievement of the City's vision statement.

- Pasadena **cooperates** as a community to conserve natural resources and protect open space.
- Pasadena advocates and develops **connectivity** between its open space resources and surrounding communities.
- Pasadena **partners** with other public and private entities to meet conservation and open space goals.
- Pasadena **leads** and **educates** the community on resource conservation and open space protection.
- Pasadena adopts innovative **technologies** and **techniques** to improve its conservation programs and policies.
- Pasadena provides **equitable access** to open space resources for all residents in all neighborhoods.
- Pasadena **recognizes** and **values** the environmental, social, and economic benefits provided by open space and natural resources.
- Pasadena keeps conservation of natural resources and open space opportunities at the center of all **city decision-making**.

- Pasadena implements this element in an **open** and **transparent** manner.
- Pasadena is **accountable** for the timely, effective and measurable implementation of this element.
- Pasadena meets and exceeds to the **2005 United Nations Urban Environmental Accords**.

Purpose of the Open Space and Conservation Element

- To recognize and identify the various open space and natural resources that Pasadena possesses.
- To acknowledge the value and importance by protecting, maintaining, restoring and increasing open space and natural resources.
- To develop policies that promote the conservation of these resources, and in doing so, enhance the overall quality of life in Pasadena.
- 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.