

Framework Review Form

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Committee: Climate Action Commission

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Framework Title (please complete one form per Framework): Natural Environment

In light of the **Vision, Pillars, and Guiding Principles** prepared by GPA and accepted by City Council (<https://www.planpetaluma.org/documents#gpuvision>):

What are the most important policies in this framework? We recommend identifying the top 5 (or fewer) policies and ranking them in order of importance.

Policy	Explanation
ENV-1.1: Environmental Stewardship	This is the most important, because it is foundational to all the others.
ENV-2.4: Maintain Natural Lands	This is next, because if we don't maintain what we have, we aren't doing our job.
ENV-3.2: Protect the River and Creeks	Similar to the preceding one, protection of our assets is paramount.
ENV-2.1: Create Network of Healthy Habitats	Continuity of natural landscapes is critical for wildlife. This policy is really inclusive of ENV-2.2; they should be combined, because there is not a clear and adequate distinction between them.
ENV-4.1: Utilize Green Infrastructure	Green infrastructure is the most ecologically sound approach to addressing stormwater and its role in healthy natural systems.

What concerns do you have about the policies in this framework? For example, are they unclear? Should they be softened or strengthened? Do you disagree with the policy direction?

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All	To the extent these may become unfunded "mandates," they are useless; they need to be reflected in the City's adopted budgets each year.
ENV-2.1 & 2.2	As noted above, these should be merged.
ENV-3.1, 3.3, and 3.4	To what extent are these already in place and/or governed by State standards?
ENV-5.1 & 5.2	I am concerned that these are not substantive enough. I believe we should actively seek to learn about Native American traditional practices and how they can and ideally should be adopted or adapted in the care of our natural environment to improve upon current conditions.