

## General Development Policies – Environment: Final Survey Results

As part of the public review process for the General Development Policies – Environment, the Planning Department posted a survey on-line to gather citizen input on the draft policies. In addition to being available on-line for approximately 3 weeks in September, 2007, the survey was administered at the September 12, 2007 public meeting. The results are shown below:

### Survey Responses

<b>1. Make the protection of our natural environment a priority in land use and development decisions.</b>		
<b>answer options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree	54.84%	68
Agree	26.61%	33
Neutral	7.26%	9
Disagree	8.06%	10
Strongly Disagree	3.23%	4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>124</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

<b>2. Support local and regional efforts to inventory natural features to enable the identification and protection of environmentally-sensitive areas.</b>		
<b>answer options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree	54.03%	67
Agree	28.23%	35
Neutral	9.68%	12
Disagree	4.84%	6
Strongly Disagree	3.23%	4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>124</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

<b>3. Identify environmentally-sensitive areas - defined by the presence of significant wetlands, streams, and floodplains; tree canopy; and/or topography - in land use plans and development proposals and address how they will be protected or mitigated.</b>		
<b>answer options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Strongly Agree	57.26%	71
Agree	28.23%	35
Neutral	4.84%	6
Disagree	7.26%	9
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>124</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

**4. Consider environmental opportunities and constraints, including watershed conditions, when identifying appropriate future land uses in area plans.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	51.61%	64
Agree	33.06%	41
Neutral	8.06%	10
Disagree	6.45%	8
Strongly Disagree	0.81%	1
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**5. Provide the education, information, and outreach to facilitate the successful implementation of environmental policies.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	39.52%	49
Agree	38.71%	48
Neutral	15.32%	19
Disagree	1.61%	2
Strongly Disagree	4.84%	6
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**6. Target environmentally-sensitive areas when acquiring land for public protection.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	46.77%	58
Agree	39.52%	49
Neutral	8.06%	10
Disagree	4.03%	5
Strongly Disagree	1.61%	2
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**7. Facilitate a land use pattern that accommodates growth while respecting the natural environment.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	45.97%	57
Agree	38.71%	48
Neutral	9.68%	12
Disagree	4.03%	5
Strongly Disagree	1.61%	2
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**8. Pursue strategies to encourage and facilitate redevelopment of abandoned/underutilized sites and development of vacant sites in built-up areas.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	59.68%	74
Agree	25.81%	32
Neutral	10.48%	13
Disagree	1.61%	2
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**9. Facilitate development of well-designed and well-connected mixed/multi-use development in appropriate locations.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	37.90%	47
Agree	37.90%	47
Neutral	14.52%	18
Disagree	7.26%	9
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**10. Encourage more of our new development to be located where transportation facilities, public utilities, and services already exist, or are planned, to minimize impacts to undeveloped areas.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	45.16%	56
Agree	29.84%	37
Neutral	13.71%	17
Disagree	7.26%	9
Strongly Disagree	4.03%	5
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**11. Encourage partnerships to enable the sharing of both public and private facilities.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	31.45%	39
Agree	41.13%	51
Neutral	22.58%	28
Disagree	3.23%	4
Strongly Disagree	1.61%	2
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**12. Integrate plans for existing and future bus routes/service improvements and expansions with adopted future land use plans.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	38.71%	48
Agree	38.71%	48
Neutral	15.32%	19
Disagree	5.65%	7
Strongly Disagree	1.61%	2
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**13. Ensure that public facilities are well-connected to the surrounding area and to each other and take advantage of joint use opportunities.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	42.74%	53
Agree	42.74%	53
Neutral	10.48%	13
Disagree	3.23%	4
Strongly Disagree	0.81%	1
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

**14. Promote and enable environmentally-sensitive site designs.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	46.77%	58
Agree	39.52%	49
Neutral	8.06%	10
Disagree	3.23%	4
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
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**15. Enable site designs and construction practices that: (1) facilitate the use of alternative modes of transportation and reduction of ground level temperatures (2) minimize impacts to natural features (3) reduce the amount and improve the quality of storm water run-off, and (4) use water efficiently.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	50.00%	62
Agree	33.87%	42
Neutral	7.26%	9
Disagree	4.84%	6
Strongly Disagree	4.03%	5
<i>answered question</i>		124
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**16. Minimize impacts to the City's tree canopy to allow it to flourish and to be a healthy, viable part of our environment.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	55.65%	69
Agree	29.03%	36
Neutral	4.84%	6
Disagree	7.26%	9
Strongly Disagree	3.23%	4
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**17. Consider the environmental impacts of land use and development comprehensively and strive to reconcile the various environmental concerns with each other and balance them with the other land development considerations.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	36.29%	45
Agree	44.35%	55
Neutral	12.10%	15
Disagree	4.03%	5
Strongly Disagree	3.23%	4
<i>answered question</i>		124
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**18. Raise awareness and understanding of the environmental costs and benefits of land development and better incorporate this information into the decision-making process.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	46.77%	58
Agree	34.68%	43
Neutral	9.68%	12
Disagree	4.84%	6
Strongly Disagree	4.03%	5
<i>answered question</i>		124
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**19. Ensure that implementation of the City's various land development-related policies and regulations minimize the overall environmental impacts that result from the need to accommodate future growth.**

answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	46.77%	58
Agree	36.29%	45
Neutral	11.29%	14
Disagree	3.23%	4
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
<i>answered question</i>		124
<i>skipped question</i>		0

20. Ensure that public projects are designed and constructed to minimize environmental impacts.		
answer options	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Agree	48.39%	60
Agree	36.29%	45
Neutral	8.06%	10
Disagree	4.84%	6
Strongly Disagree	2.42%	3
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