

COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

Policy 1.1.9 Sustainable Development and Green Buildings

POLICY PURPOSE

This policy is designed to encourage sustainable development throughout the City of Sunnyvale, to provide education and information to the community, and to serve as an acknowledgement by the City Council of the importance of sustainable development concepts and practices.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the City to encourage new and remodeled development within the City to incorporate sustainable design principles in the following disciplines:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality

The City of Sunnyvale adopts the following policy statements in recognition of the importance of sustainable development:

Public Facilities

1. Remodeled City facilities will incorporate sustainable design practices in the areas noted above (e.g. carpeting, paint, recycled content materials, recyclable materials, concrete, Certified Wood, etc.) to the extent practicable.
2. New public facilities shall comply with the Green Building Program standards effective at the time the project is funded or submitted for building permits, whichever occurs first.
3. As material specifications and standards for maintenance and remodeling of City facilities are reviewed, inclusion of sustainable design practices (e.g. carpeting, paint, recycled content materials, recyclable materials, environmentally-friendly cleaning products, concrete, Certified Wood, etc.) will be considered by staff.
4. City staff are encouraged to attend green building seminars and workshops to keep current with industry innovations and products.

Private Development

1. Provide education and outreach to residents, businesses, and development community.
2. New construction shall comply with the Green Building Program standards effective at the time the project is funded or submitted for building permits, whichever occurs first
3. Provide incentives for industrial/office development to incorporate green building design practices.

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In applying the Green Building Program, consideration shall be made to also apply the City's Bird Safe Building Design Guidelines.

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Lead Department: Community Development