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General Plan Annual Progress Report, Including Annual Housing Element Progress Report for 2013

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Introduction

This review provides the Planning Commission and City Council with an annual progress report (APR) of General Plan accomplishments, which has been done since its adoption in June 1999. The General Plan is a comprehensive, long-term plan to guide the future of the City between 1999 and 2019 and covers the following elements: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, safety, and noise. The plan includes goals, which spell out what the City wants to accomplish, and policies that guide day-to-day decisions to bring the City closer to achieving its goals, and programs that specify actions the City will take to implement the General Plan. This report includes General Plan accomplishments from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Review and Acceptance by Local Legislative Body

The State of California Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development will also receive a copy of Benicia's General Plan progress report, but not until it is reviewed and accepted by Benicia's City Council. The City Council can accept this on consent, or as a discussion item.

Performance Measures

The Planning Division has measured implementation of the General Plan by describing the state of each program as follows:

PRIORITY	
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Appendix A contains a listing of all the Goals, Policies, and Programs in the General Plan, organized by section. The first column is color coded by section; the second column shows the reference number; the third column explains whether the statement is a goal, policy, or program; the fourth column provides the corresponding goal/policy/program statement; the fifth column describes the state of each program; the sixth column describes the status; and, the seventh column lists which department or division is responsible for carrying out the program tasks. An outline of Appendix A is shown on the following page.

General Plan Section	No.	General Plan Statement Type	Statement	Priority	Status	Lead
Land Use and Growth Management						
Economic Development						
Industrial Development						
Port Development						
Historic Arsenal						
Downtown						
Other Commercial Development						
Circulation						
Public & Quasi Public						
Parks and Recreation						
Schools						
Water						
Recycling						
Utilities						
Historic Preservation						
Archaeology						
Cultural						
Art						
Visual Character						
Regional/Sub-regional Open Space & Trails						
Biotic Resources						
Water						
Mineral Resources						
Energy						
Healthy Community						
Hazards						
Noise						

Housing Element Reporting

The State Department of Housing and Community Development has standardized forms for addressing the Housing Element portion of this Annual Progress Report, which is contained in Appendix B.

Consistency with the State Office of Planning & Research General Plan Guidelines

The City of Benicia's General Plan contains four chapters and fifteen subsections and is organized by a framework of goals, policies, and programs. The Housing Element is separated from the General Plan as an individual document (Appendix B), due to more frequent, state mandated updates.

CHAPTER	SUBSECTION	CONSISTENT WITH STATE GUIDELINES	STATE MANDATED ELEMENT
1. Introduction	What is the General Plan?	Yes	N/A
	Regional Setting	Yes	
	The Planning Area	Yes	
2. Community Development and Sustainability	Land Use and Growth Management	Yes (includes Sustainable Development and Environmental Justice)	Land Use Circulation Conservation Open Space
	Economic Development	Yes (optional element)	
	Circulation	Yes	
	Community Services	Yes	
3. Community Identity	Historic Resources	Yes (optional element, Community Design)	Land Use Conservation Open Space
	Cultural Resources	Yes, (optional element, Capital Improvements, Public Facilities)	
	Visual Character	Yes, optional element (Community Design)	
	Open Space and Conservation of Resources	Yes	
4. Community Health and Safety	Healthy Community	N/A	Land Use Circulation Conservation Safety Noise
	Hazards to the Community	Yes	
	Responses to Hazards	Yes	
	Noise	Yes	

Last Update to the General Plan

The last comprehensive update to Benicia's General Plan was done in 1999. General Plan Guidelines prepared by the State Office of Planning and Research recommend that General Plans are updated regularly and "revised as new information becomes available and as community needs and values change." The City has not significantly changed its primary goal of maintaining Benicia as

a small town city; the Goals of the General Plan are still applicable and a comprehensive update is not warranted. The exception of course is the Housing Element, which requires periodic review, evaluation, and revision.
Since the last update to the General Plan, Solano Transportation Authority (STA) adopted the Solano Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plans (2012). At a future date when the City's General Plan is updated, such plans will be evaluated for incorporation.

In 2012, the City completed the update to the 2007-2014 Housing Element and received certification by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Currently, staff is working to update to the 5th Cycle Housing Element. The next step is to release the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element and work with the community through the comment period and public workshop to receive public input. It is anticipated that the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element will be released in April 2014.

Priorities Established by Council
The City of Benicia's Strategic Plan, which is reviewed and approved by the City Council, is prepared every two years in concert with the City's budget cycle.

"The Strategic Plan differs from the City's General Plan in that the General Plan reflects the City's long-range vision. The Strategic Plan is a plan for the next two [to] five years that will help the City accomplish the goals of the General Plan with shorter term strategies and actions." (Strategic Plan p. 2)

The current Strategic Plan covers the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. Appendix C contains the City's two-year priorities as presented in the current Strategic Plan. Economic Development and fiscal efficiency are the focus of the Plan's top five priorities.

Policy Amendments
There have been no General Plan policy amendments made during January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Projects (planning activities, general plan amendments, major development applications)
In 2012, the Planning Division processed 14 Design Review applications, 9 Use Permit applications, 1 Parcel Map and 2 Zoning Text Amendments. No major development applications were acted on last year.

Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination
The Planning Division continues to be involved in regional planning activities. In 2013, Planning Division staff worked with many City Departments to accomplish the following: development of a community committee to collaborate on a

master plan for the downtown waterfront park which also involved preliminary coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and San Francisco Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on potential designs; Tri Cities and County Collaborative Planning Group, aka Solano Open Space (a joint powers authority between the cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Vallejo and Solano County for the preservation of open space); collaboration with Solano Transportation Authority (STA) in development of a design for a regional transportation facility (bus hub) in the Industrial Park; collaboration with STA and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to develop a Transportation Plan for the Benicia Industrial Park; and coordination with BCDC on the design to fill in an important gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail system downtown.

Comments from Boards, Commission on General Plan Implementation
On March 13, 2014, the Planning Commission reviewed the General Plan Annual Progress Report for 2013. The Commission's requested clarification on a few programs. The Commission made a few minor edits on the status of two programs which were incorporated into the report and forwarded to City Council for review and acceptance.

City Council considered this report on April 15, 2014 and directed staff to submit the report to HCD. Council also provided direction to staff to perform an evaluation on the General Plan to determine what technical updates are necessary to bring to the General Plan to 2014 standards.

Review of Grant Administration for Land Use Planning Activities
The Planning Division continues to apply for grants when opportunities for work programs arise. The City monitors its Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, originally conceived through a Community Development Block Grant. In order to be more competitive for future funding, the City has applied for and received a Priority Development Area Designation (PDA) for its downtown, and for an Employment Investment Center based PDA for its industrial park. These designations awarded by ABAG make Benicia eligible and more competitive when future funding opportunities arise.

Technological Review, GIS and Website
The Planning Division tracks permit activity with Accela Automation, provides basic Geographical Information Systems (GIS) analysis through the County of Solano's GIS shared interface, updates its website as necessary with pertinent information including planning application forms and guidelines, historic property information, and plans and maps. The City will continue to participate with the Solano County GIS through the pictometry project focused on providing updated aerial and topographic information for the purposes of both

emergency services and improved maintenance and planning of current and future public infrastructure.

Appendix A: Summary of Implementation Changes
General Plan Implementation Report; January 1 – December 31, 2013

Appendix B: General Plan Implementation Report

Appendix C: Housing Element Implementation Report

Appendix D: City Council Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2013 – 2015

APPENDIX A:
SUMMARY OF CHANGES
GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS; JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2013

Summary of Implementation Changes

General Plan Implementation; January 1 - December 31, 2013

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GP Section	No.	General Plan Statement Type	Statement	Priority	Status	Lead
Land Use and Growth Management	2.4.A	Program	Monitor development to ensure it does not overburden the City's infrastructure.	O	As development occurs, impacts and connection fees are collected to provide additional capacity for sewer & water treatment, additional traffic, storm water impacts, etc... The General Plan, Water Master Plan, and Sewer Master Plan ensure orderly growth and adequate service.	Public Works Engineering Division
Citywide Economic Development	2.5.H	Program	Develop an "economic development web page" for Benicia with pertinent economic and demographic information, and profiles of key development sites and vacant buildings available for new businesses.	PC/O	An entirely new website was launched in 2013. See www.BeniciaBusiness.com.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.6.C	Program	For lands designated limited industrial, reduce the length of time and number of steps required for development proposals to proceed, consistent with CEQA, community development policies and ordinances, and the design review process for general industrial lands.	C/O	In November 2013, an ordinance limiting the design review process and the discretionary authority over certain land uses in the Industrial Zoning Districts was adopted. These amendments are being developed in conjunction with Benicia Industrial Park Association (BIPA) and the Chamber of Commerce	Community Development Planning Division

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Industrial Development	2.6.D	Program	Continue to update the overall capital improvements program and infrastructure financing plan for the Industrial Park and other major industrial areas.	O	Update is conducted as a regular part of the Capital Improvement Program process. Moving forward on $1.75M Bus Hub, secured $145K annually in solid waste franchise fee for streets in the Industrial Park, patching and paving East 2nd for 2014 street resurfacing project, exploring different funding options to raise revenue for street maintenance.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.6.E	Program	Develop Industrial Park infrastructure and public services standards, as approved by the City Council. (See also Program 2.28.A.)	PC	Included in Engineering Standards, $250K traffic circulation study underway which will identify and prioritize needed improvements.	Public Works Engineering Division
Downtown	2.12.A	Program	Consider improvements to Solano Square to make it more pedestrian friendly.	PC/O	Completed grant funded improvements to the intersection of First Street and Military including enhanced crossings to Solano Square and installation of new sidewalk along driveway entrance to Solano Square. In addition, Solano Square is part of Benicia's Downtown Priority Development Area, which will make Solano Square eligible and more competitive to receive grants for additional planning improvements.	Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Planning Divisions
	2.12.E	Program	Retain a permanent Main Street Program.	O/2	The current budget allocates $100,000 annually toward the Main Street Program.	City Manager's Office
	2.12.K	Program	As the budget allows, provide amenities such as additional benches along First Street and in adjacent public areas; drinking fountains, public art, shade trees and arbors.	3	The Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan, in which the planning kicked off in 2013, may provide for additional benches and public art along First Street at the Marina Green.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.

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	2.12.L	Program	Use the Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan to guide the planning and development of public waterfront improvements; when siting private development; and when designing public access between commercial uses and the waterfront.	O/2	The Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan was negated by Measure C in 2005 with the rezone from a Waterfront Commercial to Open Space Zoning District. The City received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the area. The Planning Center/DC&E was hired to work with staff and the community in developing the master plan. The Master Plan should be completed in 2014.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.12.O	Program	Establish a permanent public green on the waterfront south of B Street at Second Street.	O/PC/1	Improvements on the west side have been implemented. City Council took legislative action to preserve this area for public open space. This land is within the Open Space Zoning District. Currently developing an Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the entire area south of B Street. Plan should be completed in 2014.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
Circulation	2.14.B	Program	Consider physical and operational changes to reduce speeds (e.g., narrow lane widths and signal timing), and increase traffic speed enforcement.	O	Staff works with the Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee; efforts are part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Recent successes include the Downtown Intermodal Project and Western Gateway Intermodal Project	Public Works Engineering Division and Police Dept.
	2.14.C	Program	Consider residential streets with textured pavements and parallel parking.	O	Implemented as part of the development review process. Examples include Harbor Walk along First Street, 221 First Street Mixed Use Project, at Kearney & McAllister in front of Water's End Park. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.D	Program	Where feasible redesign corner radii to corners with tight radii to slow vehicles and alert drivers to pedestrians in crosswalks.	O	Ongoing. Examples include Military/West 2nd, East 4th/J, East 5th/L , First & K Streets. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division

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2.14.E	Program	Consider reducing lane widths, as one method of both slowing traffic and making room for parking, wider sidewalks, or bike lanes.	O	Examples include Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects. Part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
2.14.G	Program	Evaluate the feasibility of finishing sidewalks along streets where they are currently lacking	O	Examples include East 5th Street and St. Dominic's & Robert Semple Safe Route to Schools Projects. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
2.14.I	Program	Identify areas where crosswalk safety can be improved through better lighting and striping, prohibiting right turns on red at specific intersections, installing pedestrian activated push buttons for signals, installing a textured or raised paving material, and employing crossing guards for school children. Prepare a program and schedule for implementing these improvements.	O	Examples include: Military/East 2nd electronic pedestrian crossing sign, Military West/West 7th electronic pedestrian crossing signs, East 2nd/Riverhill Lighted Crosswalk. In 2014, flashing beacons are proposed in front of the Middle School and crosswalks/landings are proposed on Dempsey in front of Matthew Turner School. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
2.15.B	Program	Provide additional trails along the shoreline.	O	Completed shoreline improvement and installation of additional trail 120 feet south of C Street. An additional planned segment will complete the waterfront trail between B and C Streets. Staff continues to seek funding and opportunities to provide trails along the Benicia shoreline. The Planning Division requires public access on development applications within 100 feet of the mean high tide, as required.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
2.15.D	Program	Improve safety and pedestrian movement by building curb extensions that narrow the overall width required by pedestrians to cross the street at major pedestrian waiting areas at street intersections, sidewalks, and landscaped areas	O	Examples include Military/West 2nd Street, East 5th/J Street, East 5th/L Street, and Youth Center Crosswalk, Benicia High School Traffic Signal Project, Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division

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2.15.E	Program	Identify areas where adequate lighting for pedestrians in urban areas is needed. Install additional lighting as appropriate.	O	Examples include pedestrian lighting installed on Military, First, and West 2nd Streets with the Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects.	Public Works Engineering Division
2.15.J	Program	Improve pedestrian and bike access between Downtown and Southampton.	O	Rose Drive Traffic Calming installed bike lanes/Sharrows from McAllister to Cambridge.	Public Works Engineering Division
2.17.A	Program	Preserve the personal service provided by Dial-a-Ride.	O/2	Through Sol Tran JPA and County of Solano, Benicia residents have access to: Intercity Taxi Scrip (ADA Paratransit Riders); Sol Trans Local Taxi Scrip (Medicare, seniors 65+, persons w/disabilities); and Benicia-only Dial-a-Ride Bus Service except Sundays and certain Holidays.	Finance Dept.
2.17.B	Program	Subsidize transit at a level justified by a cost/benefit study.	O	Sol Trans evaluates the performance of the transit system on a monthly basis, and provides these details and opportunities for input through its Technical Advisory Committee. Goals for financial sustainability were also set as part of the 2013 Sol Trans Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).	Finance Dept.
2.17.C	Program	Institute a continuing program to evaluate the transit system to ensure it meets the public's needs.	C/O	Since 2011, Sol Trans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. Sol Trans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013.	Finance Dept.
2.17.E	Program	Set local priorities and needs for future service, taking into account funding uncertainties for Benicia's and other transit systems.	C/O	Since 2011, Sol Trans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. Sol Trans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013, which establishes transit service priorities.	Finance Dept.

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Circulation	2.17.F	Program	Improve inter-modal coordination of transit services.	C/O	Since 2011, Sol Trans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. Sol Trans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.I	Program	Optimize the use of existing transit equipment.	O	This program not operational. All assets transferred to Sol Trans JPA.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.J	Program	Consider a shuttle service between large commercial centers.	O	The Benicia Rocket Service, between the Industrial Park and downtown, was introduced for a trial period. Despite heavy advertising, the usage was minimal and the service was discontinued. Sol Trans continually examines opportunities for service that attract new riders.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.K	Program	Provide intercity bus service to Vallejo and Fairfield commensurate with available funding.	O	Sol Trans currently provides direct intercity bus service between Benicia and Vallejo, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill on Routes 76 and 78. Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) provides direct service from Benicia to Fairfield on Route 40.	Finance Dept.
	2.20.E	Program	Identify streets where traffic should be slowed.	O	Input from Traffic, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Safety Committee. Examples include Hastings Drive, West K Street, East 5th Street, and Military West at Benicia High School and in front of City Park with corrective actions taken place at each location. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.27.A	Program	Review existing plans and work with Caltrans to develop proposals that reflect the consensus.	O	Examples of recent success included 2nd span of Benicia-Martinez Bridge, Park Road Sidewalk Project.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Parks and Recreation	2.32.B	Program	Regularly monitor County, State, and federal funding sources and apply for loans and grants to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate park land and facilities.	O	The City completed renovation of the Commanding Officer's Quarters with a grant from the State of California and received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan. Staff actively seeks grants and has been successful on multiple occasions in being awarded grants for various park and public facilities.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.32.D	Program	Explore public access on private waterfront through collaborative planning or a development review process.	O	Staff collaborates with Planning Division staff when a project along the waterfront triggers a public access requirement and permit from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. A current project will complete a short but key gap in the downtown waterfront trail.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.33.C	Program	Work with the State to keep the State Recreation Area open to the public for day use.	O	The City of Benicia/Solano County/The City of Vallejo signed an agreement with the State Department of Parks and Recreation to open the gates at the SRA seven days a week and make various improvements to the park. The agreement to keep the gates open the additional 2 days a week will conclude on June 30, 2014. The Solano State Parks Committee continues to meet monthly and advocate for both Benicia State Parks.	Parks & Community Services Dept.

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Parks and Recreation	2.33.D	Program	Work with the State to assure that the Capital maintains maximum opening hours for public enjoyment and use.	O	Previously, the City entered into a maintenance agreement to maintain the Capitol grounds. Benicia State Parks Association signed a donor agreement to operate the Capitol and Fisher Hanlon House. In 2013, staff amended the maintenance agreement for the Capitol grounds to include $10,000 in matching funds from AB 1478 to assist the Benicia State Parks Association in constructing the Fisher Hanlon garden irrigation project.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
Water	2.36.F	Program	Assist hospitality-related businesses to actively promote water conservation.	O	In 2013, Public Works assisted the Best Western Hotel located at 1955 East Second Street to replace all toilets with high efficiency toilets.	Public Works Water Quality Division
	2.40.A	Program	Prepare, adopt, and implement a sewer maintenance and replacement program.	O	As a result of River Watch Settlement, the CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Condition Assessment is underway. Fiscal Year 13/14 budget included the hiring of 3 new full-time Field Utility and Streets Apprentices. In addition, funds are/will be set aside for the Capitol Improvement Program for CCTV of gravity sewer lines.	Public Works Wastewater and Field Maintenance Divisions
Historic Preservation	3.1.A	Program	Continue to maintain a current inventory of historic and architectural resources in the city.	C/O	An updated Historic Resources Inventory was approved in 2009 by the City Council. In addition, a grant funded Historic Context Statement was adopted in 2011. In 2013, City Council approved the addition of 251 West G Street as a contributing building to the Downtown Historic Overlay District.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.1.G	Program	Develop a program for property tax incentives.	C/O	Benicia established a Mills Act Program for owners of historic properties in 2003 and has 34 properties that are participating in Mills Act Contracts since its offering.	Community Development Planning Division

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Cultural	3.3.A	Program	Utilize the City's web page and other information sources to advertise cultural activities.	C/O	Information is found on the City's and Library's website. The Arts and Culture Commission maintains a webpage on the Library's website that provides additional information on arts and culture activities.	Library Dept.
	3.3.F	Program	Expand the museum to include other historic buildings.	O	The Benicia Historical Museum Board of Directors has responsibility for expansion of the Museum. The Library collaborates with the Museum Director and assists as needed.	Parks & Community Services, Library Dept. in association with the Benicia Historical Museum Board of Directors
Visual Character	3.10.A	Program	Develop a concept and streetscape plan for Military.	PC/O	Three significant projects have been completed: Western Gateway, Benicia High School Signal, and Downtown intermodal, all of which include improvements along this major west-east spine of Benicia.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	3.13.B	Program	Develop a plan for public and pedestrian access to and along the waterfront and shoreline.	PC/1	Both the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan and the Special Area Plan No. 3: Benicia Waterfront, San Francisco Bay Plan provide guidance and direction to ensure public access is provided. The City received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the area between First Street and the Marina. The Master Plan should be completed in 2014.	Parks & Community Services Dept. and Community Development Planning Division
Healthy Community	4.2.B	Program	Provide and maintain affordable transportation services to and from health facilities (in and out of town), especially for the elderly and disabled.	C/O	Sol Trans Paratransit, General Public Dial-a-Ride, and Routes 76 and 78 provide transit within Benicia and to transfer stations for travel outside of Benicia.	Finance Dept.

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Community Hazards	4.11.B	Program	Develop guidelines for site-specific geologic and geotechnical reports.	3	Regulated by the Subdivision Map Act and local standards.	Public Works Engineering Division
	4.12.B	Program	Adopt a combination of drainage improvement fees and other mechanisms to fund drainage improvements.	C	Revised inspection fees were adopted in 2009. Revenue generating options are currently being explored.	Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Building Division
	4.15.B	Program	Conduct a fire-hazard outreach program to neighborhood groups, the elderly, and the handicapped.	O	Continue annual efforts to provide public education on fire safety and defensible space.	Fire Dept.

APPENDIX B:
GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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GP Section	No.	General Plan Statement Type	Statement	Priority	Status	Lead
Land Use and Growth Management	2.1	Goal	Preserve Benicia as a small-sized city.			
	2.1.1	Policy	Ensure that new development is compatible with adjacent existing development and does not detract from Benicia's small town qualities and historic heritage, and to the extent possible, contributes to the applicable quality of life factors			
	2.1.A	**Program**	**Adopt development guidelines that retain the scale and character of the city, preserve public view corridors, and reflect the subdivision and development patterns within exisiting neighborhoods.**	**PC**	**Prior to the adoption of the 1999 General Plan, Benicia adopted the following: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan (1990), Arsenal Historic Conservation Plan (1993), and the Industrial Design Guidelines (1989). In 2007 the City adopted the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan, which set forth new zoning districts and development standards. Updates or new plans are not part of the current work program.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.1.2	Policy	Make efficient use of land in new development areas consistent with the surrounding neighborhood.			
	2.1.3	Policy	Maintain a visual and physical separation from the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo.			
	2.1.4	Policy	Strive to preserve significant areas of vegetation and open space when approving development projects.			
	2.1.5	Policy	An Urban Growth Boundary is established as shown on the General Plan Land Use Diagram in order to separate the City's urban area from its surrounding greenbelt of open lands and to maintain lands near Lake Herman and north of Lake Herman Road in permanent agriculture/open space use. No urban development is allowed beyond the Urban Growth Boundary. "Urban development" shall mean development requiring one or more basic municipal services including, but not limited to, water service, sewer, improved storm drainage facilities, fire hydrants and other physical			
	2.1.6	Policy	No urban development beyond the Urban Growth Boundary shall be served by City water and/or sewer services.			
	2.1.7	Policy	The City shall promote compact urban development within the UGB and shall encourage development of public, semi-public, active recreational, and all other uses deemed desirable for the community inside the UGB.			
	2.1.8	Policy	Prior to December 31, 2023, the Urban Growth Boundary designated on the Land Use Diagram, this policy, Policies 2.1.5, 2.1.6, and 2.1.7 and the definition of Urban Growth Boundary in the Glossary, may be amended only by a vote of the			
	2.2	Goal	Maintain lands near Lake Herman and north of Lake Herman Road in permanent agriculture/open space use.			
	2.2.1	Policy	Protect and maintain agricultural and rural land uses, hillsides, two-lane curving roads, watershed, riparian corridors and upland grasslands.			

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GP Section	No.	General Plan Statement Type	Statement	Priority	Status	Lead
Land Use and Growth Management	2.2.2	Policy	Avoid health risks associated with the inactive IT Panoche Hazardous Waste Facility and land use conflicts with the Syar Quarry.			
	2.2.A	**Program**	**Initiate a variety of planning, regulatory, and financial measures to ensure permanent protection of agricultural and open space uses near Lake Herman and north of Lake Herman Road.**	**O**	**The Sky Valley Open Space Committee was established in 2004 to protect agricultural uses and the watershed north of Lake Herman Road through conservation easements and land acquisition. In 2010/2011 the CA Rangeland Trust assisted the city in pursuing conservation easements. To date, no property was put into conservation easements.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.2.B	**Program**	**Acquire property, development rights, or easements to preserve open space.**	**O**	**At this time, property owners not interested in obtaining conservation easements and no financial resources for open space acquisition.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.2.C	**Program**	**Evaluate incorporating the Northern Area into the Tri-City and County Open Space Area.**	**O/3**	**Both Sky Valley Committee and Tri City and County Cooperative Planning Group have had some discussion about this possibility. Requires an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement between the Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, Vallejo and Solano County.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.3	Goal	Ensure orderly and sensitive site planning and design for large undeveloped areas of the City, design for large undeveloped areas of the City, consistent with the land use designations and other policies in this General Plan.			
	2.3.1	Policy	Require a Master Plan for new industrial and business park developments on properties under common or single ownership which aggregate to more than 40 acres. (Properties include: Seeno, Valero undeveloped area, Pine Lake north of I-780, Port - south, Port - north.)			

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Land Use and Growth Management	**2.3.A**	**Program**	**Ensure adequate funding is available for the long-term maintenance of undeveloped areas preserved when approving land divisions.**	**O**	**Staff routinely evaluates as part of a project application.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.3.2	Policy	Support land divisions where existing buildings with historic or architectural significance are retained and/or improved rather than demolished.			
	2.4	Goal	Ensure that development pays its own way.			
	2.4.1	Policy	Ensure any new development to be fiscally and financially sound and pay its own way with respect to City and School District capital improvements.			
	2.4.A	**Program**	**Monitor development to ensure it does not overburden the City's infrastructure.**	**O**	**As development occurs, impacts and connection fees are collected to provide additional capacity for sewer & water treatment, additional traffic, storm water impacts, etc... The General Plan, Water Master Plan, and Sewer Master Plan ensure orderly growth and adequate service.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.5	Goal	Facilitate and encourage new uses and development which provide substantial and sustainable fiscal and economic benefits to the City and the community while maintaining health, safety, and quality of life.			
	2.5.1	Policy	Diversify the mix of economic development programs in the city to include new programs that address Downtown revitalization, tourism, waterfront development, and clusters of related businesses.			
	2.5.A	**Program**	**Consider developing a labor force database as part of the Business Attraction, Expansion, and Retention Program which includes information on labor force costs by occupation and industry sector, turnover rates, productivity, reliability, and other factors. Maintain and update the database annually.**	**3/O**	**In conjunction with Solano Economic Development Corporation and Solano Workforce Investment Board**	**City Manager's Office Economic Development Division**

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Citywide Econ. Development	2.5.B	Program	Target business attraction efforts toward firms that pay high wages and with jobs that relate to the skills and education levels of Benicia residents.	O	A database is maintained in conjunction with Solano Economic Development Corporation.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.C	Program	Evaluate future uses on a cost/revenue basis, taking into account economic diversity for the long term and environmental and community costs and benefits.	O	This occurs with each substantial development or business application submitted to the City.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.D	Program	Continue to offer incentives for locating in Benicia to businesses that maximize jobs or long-term net revenues to the City of Benicia, or both.	3/O	Types of incentives the City may offer include sales tax rebates or deferrals and/or fee deferrals; case-by-case basis (no budget allocation). City is implementing a Business Resource Incentive Program which is an incentive program for business to reduce energy costs.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.E	Program	Develop business incentives that can be used to attract new businesses (e.g., fee deferral program, use of public financing when appropriate) and performance criteria to ensure that benefits are generated in line with incentives provided.	O	The type of incentive is addressed on a case-by-case basis.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.F	Program	Continue to maintain and update an economic development strategy which focuses on both the acquisition of new businesses and retention of existing businesses.	O	The Economic Development Board and City Council adopted an Economic Development Strategy in 2007. This was updated in 2012 by the Economic Development Board and City Council with the adoption of the Business Action Development Plan (March 2012).	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division

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Citywide Econ. Development	2.5.G	Program	Continue to implement the programs and actions proposed in the City's latest Economic Development Strategy.	O	Ongoing.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.H	Program	Develop an "economic development web page" for Benicia with pertinent economic and demographic information, and profiles of key development sites and vacant buildings available for new businesses.	PC/O	An entirely new website was launched in 2013. See www.BeniciaBusiness.com.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division
	2.5.I	Program	Conduct a bi-annual review of fee burdens for key land uses in Benicia and competing jurisdictions in the region to ensure that Benicia's fees are sufficient and competitive and do not create a deterrent to beneficial development.	1	A fee study is done every year in June. A focused evaluation of Planning and Building Divisions' fees was completed September 2005. The proposed changes resulting from the study were adopted by City Council in November 2005. In 2009, the Council reduced Design Review fees for properties in the Historic Overlay Districts.	Community Development Dept. and Finance Dept.
	2.5.J	Program	Expand the City's economic development strategy to address the potential for eco-tourism (e.g., related to marshlands), recreation, artists, cultural, and historic elements. Conduct a study of the relative merits and strengths of each of these assets in Benicia.	PC/O	Tourism is a key component of the new Economic Development (ED) Strategy; a marketing consultant was retained in October 2009 to being promoting the City's assets more fully. In March 2012, the City adopted the Business Development Action Plan, which updates the ED Strategy and focuses on economic recovery from the Great Recession. Focus of City resources should be on the Industrial Park. No eco-tourism focus to date.	City Manager's Office Economic Development Division

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Industrial Development	2.6	Goal	Attract and retain a balance of different kinds of industrial uses to Benicia.			
	2.6.1	Policy	Preserve industrial land for industrial purposes and certain compatible "service commercial" and ancillary on-site retail			
	2.6.2	Policy	Other land uses should not adversely affect existing industrial and commercial land uses.			
	2.6.A	**Program**	**Where General Plan amendments propose to convert industrial land to non-industrial or non-commercial uses, require the preparation of a fiscal and economic impact analysis to ensure that the conversion does not adversely affect the city's longterm economic development, or the economic vitality of existing industrial/commercial uses.**	**O**	**This would be required at the time of a development application or through a city-initated amendment to the General Plan. No current amendments are proposed at this time, except for those contained in the Draft Lower Arsenal Specific Plan, which has not yet been adopted by the City Council.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.6.B	**Program**	**Develop criteria for evaluating whether a proposed nonindustrial/non-commercial use would impact the viability of existing industrial/commercial uses. Use the criteria to evaluate non-industrial and non-commercial projects proposed in the Industrial Park.**	**C**	**The Section BMC 17.32.020, Note "L" of the Zoning Ordinance sets forth four specific criteria that must be met in order to grant a Use Permit or Variance for nonindustrial/non-commercial projects in the Industrial Zones.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.6.3	Policy	Facilitate continued development of the Industrial Park. Especially encourage general industrial uses to locate in the basin northeast of Downtown (around Industrial Way between East Second and the freeway).			
	2.6.C	**Program**	**For lands designated limited industrial, reduce the length of time and number of steps required for development proposals to proceed, consistent with CEQA, community development policies and ordinances, and the design review process for general industrial lands.**	**C/O**	**In November 2013, an ordinance limiting the design review process and the descretionary authority over certain land uses in the Industrial Zoning Districts was adopted. These amendments are being developed in conjunction with Benicia Industrial Park Association (BIPA) and the Chamber of Commerce.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.6.4	Policy	Link any expansion of Industrial land use to the provision of infrastructure and public services that are to be developed and in place prior to the expansion.			

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	2.6.D	Program	Continue to update the overall capital improvements program and infrastructure financing plan for the Industrial Park and other major industrial areas.	O	Update is conducted as a regular part of the Capital Improvement Program process. Moving forward on $1.75M Bus Hub, secured $145K annualy in solid waste franchise fee for streets in the Industrial Park, patching and paving East 2nd for 2014 street resurfacing project, exploring different funding options to raise revenue for street maintenance.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.6.E	Program	Develop Industrial Park infrastructure and public services standards, as approved by the City Council. (See also Program 2.28.A.)	PC	Included in Engineering Standards, $250K traffic circulation study underway which will identify and prioritize needed improvements.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.6.5	Policy	Establish and maintain a land buffer between industrial/commercial uses and existing and future residential uses for reasons of health, safety, and quality of life.			

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Industrial Development	2.6.F	Program	**Use topography, landscaping, and distance as a buffer between Industrial Park uses and residential uses.**	PC/O	**The General Plan Land Use Diagram indicates a 200-foot buffer, in the form of Open Space Zoning, between lands owned by Valero and adjacent residential uses. The buffer extends from East 2nd above Tenny Drive, to the north past Rose Drive and north of the industrial area along West Channel Road. The City continues to pay close consideration to the mix of uses in the Industrial Park, both in terms of buffers and compatibility; e.g. General Plan, pg. 33, Policy 2.1.1 aims to ensure that new development is compatible with existing (compatible = capable of existing without detrimental effects.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.7	Goal	Attract and retain industrial facilities that provide fiscal and economic benefits to - and meet the present and future needs of - Benicia.			
	2.7.1	Policy	Attempt to attract high-wage and high-revenue producing companies to Benicia.			

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	2.7.A	**Program**	**Conduct a study of the City's competitiveness for high-wage businesses. Based on the results, determine which types of high-wage businesses could realistically be attracted to Benicia and develop an appropriate business attraction strategy.**	**C**	**The industrial/office market and the jobs-workers imbalance are part of the Economic Development Strategy.**	**City Manager's Office Economic Development Division**
Port Development	2.8	Goal	Maintain the viability of the Port now and in the future to benefit the City of Benicia.			
	2.8.1.	Policy	Avoid encroachment by future incompatible uses, and where possible, reduce encroachment from existing incompatible uses, in concert with Policy 2.11.1.			
	2.8.A	**Program**	**Ensure that definitions of "water-related industrial" and "waterfront" land uses are consistent with "water dependent"uses as defined in the Seaport Plan.**	**C**	**The San Francisco Bay Area Seaport Plan (prepared in partnership by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission) was adopted in 1996, and last amended in January 2012. The Plan designates the Port of Benicia as an active 3-berth "marine terminal". This use and associated ancillary uses such as ship repair, supportive ground transportation, marine related services, and trucking and railroad yards are permitted uses in Benicia's Water-Related Industrial Zoning District.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.9	Goal	Ensure adequate land for port activity.			
	2.9.A	**Program**	**Work with the Port to evaluate the future level of port activity and need for land in order to sustain an economically viable Port operation.**	**O**	**This effort is part of the City's Economic Development Division's work plan.**	**City Manager's Office**
	2.9.1	Policy	Encourage and create opportunities and methods for cooperative planning of the Port, Arsenal, and Pine Lake.			
	2.10	Goal	Provide for carefully-defined visual and physical public access where security and safety considerations permit.			

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	2.10.A	**Program**	**Explore the feasiblility of public access to and providing recreation use in the Port in a manner which does not compromise the economic viability or safe operation of the Port.**	**C/O**	**Currently addressed by way of development projects requiring BCDC review.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept. and Community Development Planning Division**
	2.11	Goal	Encourage the retention and continued evolution of the lower Arsenal into a historic/cultural/commercial/industrial center of mutually compatible uses.			
	2.11.1	Policy	Retain and expand the mix of compatible and balanced uses in the lower Arsenal area.			
	2.11.2	Policy	Continue to allow live/work uses in the lower Arsenal where it can be demonstrated that adequate buffers exist, including noise buffers, and that the presence of residents would not significantly constrain industrial operations, including the flow of goods and materials.			
	2.11.3	Policy	Support the development of the Pine Lake area as an attractive, aesthetic gateway with a water feature.			

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Historic Arsenal	2.11.A	Program	**Require protection of dramatic views of the strait and the incorportation of a gateway/water feature into any development plans for the Pine Lake area.**	C	**The gateway/water feature element will be implemented if and when a development application is filed by the property owner, Benicia Industries. Any development application for this area would be reviewed for consistency with applicable General Plan policies. Protecting views of the strait are regulated by the Zoning Ordinance, which places a 24 ft. height limit on properties within 150 feet of the shoreline; the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan sets forth a maximum of 2.5 stories; in addition, the City coordinates with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission for all projects within 100 ft. of the mean high tide. When the Water's End subdivision plan was developed, analysis on impacts on views to Pine Lake was completed.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.12	Goal	Strengthen the Downtown as the City's central commercial zone.			
	2.12.1	Policy	Emphasize retail sales and service businesses along First Street, preferring retail commercial on the street level and encouraging other commercial, office, and housing as important supporting uses on upper floors.			

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Downtown	2.12.A	Program	Consider improvements to Solano Square to make it more pedestrian friendly.	PC/O	Completed grant funded improvements to the intersection of First Street and Military including enhanced crossings to Solano Square and installation of new sidewalk along driveway entrance to Solano Square. In addition, Solano Square is part of Benicia's Downtown Priority Development Area, which will make Solano Square eligible and more competitive to receive grants for additional planning improvements.	Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Planning Divisions
	2.12.B	Program	Work to attract economically viable businesses that will create night-life Downtown such as restaurants, cafes, movie theaters, and other entertainment uses.	O	The City contracts with Benicia Main Street to provide business attraction/retention downtown. Notable new businesses include Rellik Tavern (since 2009).	City Manager's Office
	2.12.C	Program	Continue business recruitment and marketing efforts for Downtown. Provide promotional information on Benicia's economic and demographic profile, available sites and building space, a directory of support services, and an expedited approvals program.	O	Ongoing.	City Manager's Office
	2.12.D	Program	Develop public/private partnerships to implement financing mechanisms such as a Business Improvement District to fund capital improvements and repairs to Downtown.	O	Downtown merchants created a Business Improvement District (BID) in 2012 for the primary purpose of installing and maintaining decorative tree lights. The BID will expire in five years.	City Manager's Office
	2.12.E	Program	Retain a permanent Main Street Program.	O/2	The current budget allocates $100,000 annually toward the Main Street Program.	City Manager's Office

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Downtown	2.12.F	Program	**Promote additional civic and compatible public and private uses in the Civic Center area.**	3	**On hold due to economic factors. Joint collaboration with Community Development and Parks and Community Services.**	**City Manager's Office, Community Development Dept. and Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.12.2	Policy	Permit a mix of residential and commercial uses including detached single-family homes and live/work quarters in the first row of blocks east and west of First Street. Allow small retail commercial businesses on parcels closest to First Street, and small, less intense uses (such as offices, personal services, and bed-and-breakfast establishments) anywhere within the block.			
	2.12.G	Program	**Review and modify the zoning ordinance, as needed, to accommodate a mix of uses in the blocks immediately east and west of First Street.**	C	**In 2007, the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan was adopted. The focus of the plan was to accommodate a mix of uses along First Street and ensure the historic character of the downtown was maintained through new development standards.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	2.12.3	Policy	Seek to make Downtown a thriving and vigorous community center offering a variety of activities and attractions for residents and visitors.			
	2.12.H	Program	**Continue to promote special events in the Downtown such as a farmers' market, street fairs, art and music festivals. Encourage events that remain open in the early evening. (See policies in Noise section.)**	O	**The City collaborates with Benicia Main Street to ensure the continuation and expansion of such events.**	**City Manager's Office**
	2.12.I	Program	**Work with existing restaurants and cafes to provide sidewalk food service where the service will not impede pedestrian flow and where adequate sidewalk space exists.**	C/O	**The City allows sidewalk table seating with an encroachment permit through the Engineering Division.**	**City Manager's Office and Public Works Engineering Division**

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Downtown	2.12.J	Program	Maintain public parks, streets, and sidewalks located Downtown in a clean and safe condition.	O	Work with Parks and Community Services Dept. This is done as part of existing City maintenance programs.	Public Works Dept.
	2.12.K	Program	As the budget allows, provide amenities such as additional benches along First Street and in adjacent public areas; drinking fountains, public art, shade trees and arbors.	3	The Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan, in which the planning of kicked off in 2013, may provide for additional benches and public art along First Street at the Marina Green.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.12.4	Policy	Create a social, recreational, and economic anchor at the waterfront end of First Street.			
	2.12.L	Program	Use the Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan to guide the planning and development of public waterfront improvements; when siting private development; and when designing public access between commercial uses and the waterfront.	O/2	The Urban Waterfront Restoration Plan was negated by Measure C in 2005 with the rezone from a Waterfront Commercial to Open Space Zoning District. The City received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the area. The Planning Center/DC&E was hired to work with staff and the community in developing the master plan. The Master Plan should be completed in 2014.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.12.M	Program	Investigate the feasiblity of a multi-use Community Center.	C	The new Community Center, formerly the Mills Elementary School, was renovated and opened in 2011.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.

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Downtown	2.12.N	Program	By the end of the year 2000, decide on the feasibility of restoring three City-owned structures - the former Southern Pacific Railway Depot and Jurgensen's Saloon, and the Von Pfister Adobe.	PC/3	Jurgensen's Saloon has been fully restored and moved to the corner of First Street and West E Street. The Depot has received a conceptual plan for improvements, but there is no funding to implement it. The VonPfister Adobe has not been restored; the Parks Dept is working with the Benicia Historical Society to place/designate the Adobe on the State Historic Register in order to receive funding for restoration.	City Manager's Office and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.12.O	Program	Establish a permanent public green on the waterfront south of B Street at Second Street.	O/PC/1	Improvements on the west side have been implemented. City Council took legislative action to preserve this area for public open space. This land is within the Open Space Zoning District. Currently developing an Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the entire area south of B Street. Plan should be completed in 2014.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.12.P	Program	Investiage the possiblity of developing a west-side marina.	3	No work has been done to date.	City Manager's Office
	2.12.Q	Program	Develop a tourist oriented web page that includes photos and information about Benicia as a tourist destination, such as information on lodging, historic places, restaurants, artists galleries and studios, and recreational and natural resources.	C	The site has been completed and is maintained and updated regularly. www.visitbenicia.org	City Manager's Office

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	2.12.R	Program	**Continue to support promotional maps for visitors that identify locations of restaurants, services, specialty retail, recreational, and other facilities that cater to visitors and tourists.**	2/O	**The City continues to make available information on many attractions and collaborates with Benicia Main Street to further this endeavor. Directional signage was installed in 2009. Staff and Benicia Main Street will release a walking brochure and map, noting visitor attractions in June 2012.**	**City Manager's Office**
Other Commercial Development	2.13	Goal	Support the economic viability of existing commercial centers.			
	2.13.1	Policy	Direct new commercial ventures first, towards Downtown, and to other existing economic centers (instead of dispersing resources to new areas).			
	2.13.A	Program	**As part of the Business Attraction, Expansion, and Retention Program, maintain an available commercial space and site database with information on size, lease rates, tenant improvements, etc., and make it readily available to prospective businesses.**	O	**Commercial listings are integrated with the City's Economic Development webpage.**	**City Manager's Office**
	2.13.2	Policy	Preclude extension of the existing commercial development east along Military East and south along East Fifth Street.			
Circulation	2.14	Goal	Enhance Benicia's small-town atmosphere of pedestrian-friendly streets and neighborhoods.			
	2.14.1	Policy	Give priority to pedestrian safety, access, and transit over automobile speed and volume.			
	2.14.A	Program	**Reexamine City standards to allow the development of local streets with the minimum pavement width needed in residential areas, at the same time assuring that emergency access is maintained and that pedestrian and vehicular safety are preserved.**	C	**This is incorporated into new development and existing development is addressed with the City Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program toolbox.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.14.B	Program	**Consider physical and operational changes to reduce speeds (e.g., narrow lane widths and signal timing), and increase traffic speed enforcement.**	O	**Staff works with the Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee; efforts are part of the City's Neighbohood Traffic Calming Program. Recent successes include the Downtown Intermodal Project and Western Gateway Intermodal Project.**	**Public Works Engineering Division and Police Dept.**

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Circulation	2.14.C	Program	Consider residential streets with textured pavements and parallel parking.	O	Implemented as part of the development review process. Examples include Harbor Walk along First Street, 221 First Street Mixed Use Project, at Kearney & McAllister in front of Water's End Park. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.D	Program	Where feasible redesign corner radii to corners with tight radii to slow vehicles and alert drivers to pedestrians in crosswalks.	O	Examples include Military/West 2nd, East 4th/J, East 5th/L , First & K Streets. Included in the City's Neighbohood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.E	Program	Consider reducing lane widths, as one method of both slowing traffic and making room for parking, wider sidewalks, or bike lanes.	O	Examples include Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects. Part of the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.F	Program	Where feasible, provide pedestrian sidewalks in all residential areas along both sides of the street.	O	Implemented as part of the development review process. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.G	Program	Evaluate the feasibility of finishing sidewalks along streets where they are currently lacking	O	Examples include East 5th Street and St. Dominic's & Robert Semple Safe Route to Schools Projects. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.14.H	Program	Identify areas where sight distance for vehicle drivers and pedestrian safety can be improved with signs, tree placement, landscaping, parking policy, building design, and streetscape. Prepare a program and schedule for implementing these improvements.	O	Examples include intersections of Military/West 3rd, East 5th/L Street, N Sfter/O'Hare Drive. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Circulation	**2.14.I**	**Program**	**Identify areas where crosswalk safety can be improved through better lighting and striping, prohibiting right turns on red at specific intersections, installing pedestrian-activated push buttons for signals, installing a textured or raised paving material, and employing crossing guards for school children. Prepare a program and schedule for implementing these improvements.**	**O**	**Examples include: Military/East 2nd electronic pedestrian crossing sign, Military West/West 7th electronic pedestrian crossing signs, East 2nd/Riverhill Lighted Crosswalk. In 2014, flashing beacons are proposed in front of the Middle School and crosswalks/landings are proposed on Dempsey in front of Matthew Turner School. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.14.2	Policy	Discourage street widenings and the removal of on-street parking to ease traffic flow.			
	2.15	Goal	Provide a comprehensive system of pedestrian and bicycle routes which link the various components of the community: employment centers, residential areas, commercial areas, schools, parks, and open space.			
	2.15.1	Policy	Make pedestrian and bicycle circulation, and safety improvements a high priority for transportation funding, utilizing locally generated revenues and State and federal grants.			
	2.15.A	**Program**	**Construct public improvements that accommodate and enhance pedestrian and bicycle access.**	**O**	**Examples include those mentioned in Program 2.14.I - plus, improvements to East 3rd Street Pedestrian Tunnel. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program toolbox.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**

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Circulation	2.15.B	Program	Provide additional trails along the shoreline.	O	Completed shoreline improvement and installation of additional trail 120 feet south of C Street. An additional planned segment will complete the waterfront trail between B and C Streets. Staff continues to seek funding and opportunities to provide trails along the Benicia shoreline. The Planning Division requires public access on development applications within 100 feet of the mean high tide, as required.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.15.C	Program	Provide proper signing for improved trails, fire break trails, and interpretive trails.	O	As trails are developed signage is provided.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.15.D	Program	Improve safety and pedestrian movement by building curb extensions that narrow the overall width required by pedestrians to cross the street at major pedestrian waiting areas at street intersections, sidewalks, and landscaped areas.	O	Examples include Military/West 2nd Street, East 5th/J Street, East 5th/L Street, and Youth Center Crosswalk, Benicia High School Traffic Signal Project, Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.15.E	Program	Identify areas where adequate lighting for pedestrians in urban areas is needed. Install additional lighting as appropriate.	O	Examples include pedestrian lighting installed on Military, First, and West 2nd Streets with the Downtown & Western Gateway Intermodal Projects.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Circulation	2.15.F	Program	**Widen the Rose Drive/State Park Road at I-780 overpass to accommodate pedestrians and bicycle traffic.**	C	**This project was completed in October 2011 and received an American Public Works Association Project of the Year Award.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.15.G	Program	**Create a protected landscaped sidewalk for West 7th Street between I-780 and Military West.**	PC	**Sidewalk safety repairs related to erosion are completed with safety fencing installed.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.15.2	Policy	Encourage the development of pedestrian paths in hill areas as a way to link neighborhoods to schools, parks, employment centers, and convenience commercial destinations.			
	2.15.H	Program	**Continue to implement the pedestrian pathway system in the City's Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan especially linkages between the City's residential neighborhood and commercial districts.**	O	**Examples include St. Catherine's Subdivison and pathway between Community Park and Lake Herman Recreation Area.**	**Public Works Engineering Division and Parks & Community Services Dept**
	2.15.I	Program	**Facilitate the connection of future Benicia-Martinez Bridge pedestrian/bike lanes to the city pedestrian/bike network Connect paths from existing and proposed regional trail systems to the Boundary Hills and Benicia-Martinez Bridge.**	PC	**Construction of the bike lanes and sidewalk has been completed.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.15.J	Program	**Improve pedestrian and bike access between Downtown and Southampton.**	O	**Rose Drive Traffic Calming installed bike lanes/Sharrows from McAllister to Cambridge.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.16	Goal	Ensure access needs of individuals with disabilities.			
	2.16.1	Policy	Provide for adequate public access in all forms (walks, buildings, transportation) in conformance with the Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA).			
	2.16.A	Program	**In places that accommodate the public, remove barriers to access or provide alternative services when barriers cannot be removed.**	O	**Examples include SolTrans' Paratransit Program, and walkway and bike projects mentioned in Program 2.15.J.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.16.B	Program	**Require that publicly sponsored programs, activities and transportation facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities (including employees).**	O	**Examples include: the annual handicap ramp program, ADA improvements to City Hall and SolTrans' Paratransit Program.**	**Public Works Engineering Division and Parks & Community Services Dept**
	2.16.2	Policy	Encourage private entities to maintain places of business that are physically accessible to all.			

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Ciculation	2.16.C	Program	Assess the cost and feasibility of Policy 2.16.2, including any changes in opportunities or costs for businesses to occupy historic structures.	3	No work has been done to date.	City Manager's Office
	2.17	Goal	Provide an efficient, reliable, and convenient transit system.			
	2.17.1	Policy	Continue to provide transit service to all—and subsidized paratransit service to all qualified—potential users, including youth, the elderly and the disabled, modifying routes and schedules as demand changes.			
	2.17.A	Program	Preserve the personal service provided by Dial-a-Ride.	O/2	Through SOLTRANS JPA and County of Solano, Benicia residents have access to: Intercity Taxi Scrip (ADA Paratransit Riders); SolTrans Local Taxi Scrip (Medicare, seniors 65+, persons w/disabilities); and Benicia-only Dial-a-Ride Bus Service except Sundays and certain Holidays.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.B	Program	Subsidize transit at a level justified by a cost/benefit study.	O	SolTrans evaluates the performance of the transit system on a monthly basis, and provides these details and opportunities for input through its Technical Advisory Committee. Goals for financial sustainability were also set as part of the 2013 SolTrans Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP).	Finance Dept.
	2.17.C	Program	Institute a continuing program to evaluate the transit system to ensure it meets the public's needs.	C/O	Since 2011, SolTrans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. SolTrans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.D	Program	Allow preferential parking for public transit vehicles.	C/O	This is provided throughout the City.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Circulation	2.17.E	Program	Set local priorities and needs for future service, taking into account funding uncertainties for Benicia's and other transit systems.	C/O	Since 2011, SolTrans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. SolTrans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013, which establishes transit service priorities.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.F	Program	Improve inter-modal coordination of transit services.	C/O	Since 2011, SolTrans has provided transit service in the former Benicia Breeze and Vallejo Transit service areas. SolTrans completed a Short Range Transit Plan in June 2013.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.G	Program	Provide attractive and pedestrian-friendly transit stops and buses, including bike racks on buses.	PC/1	Completed construction of the Intermodal Transit Facility on Military West and at City Park; In 2011, new bike racks were installed throughout the downtown and the Community Park.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.17.H	Program	Provide transit shelters with good visibility and benches, thus enhancing the pedestrian-transit interface.	PC /1	New shelters will be installed in City Park across from Solano Square. New development projects may be required to provide bicycle parking as outlined in the Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the City seeks ways to improve existing shelters, e.g. new bus shelter along East 5th, north of Military East.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.17.2	Policy	Consider nontraditional use of the existing transit system for tours, shuttles, and special events, (e.g., First Street shuttle, First Street to Community Park shuttle, First Street to Arsenal shuttle, State Park shuttle).			
	2.17.I	Program	Optimize the use of existing transit equipment.	O	This program not operational. All assets transferred to SolTrans JPA.	Finance Dept.

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Circulation	2.17.J	Program	Consider a shuttle service between large commercial centers.	O	The Benicia Rocket Service, between the Industrial Park and downtown, was introduced for a trial period. Despite heavy advertising, the usage was minimal and the service was discontinued. SolTrans continually examines opportunities for service that attract new riders.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.3	Policy	Coordinate transit service and trip reduction efforts with other agencies.			
	2.17.K	Program	Provide intercity bus service to Vallejo and Fairfield commensurate with available funding.	O	SolTrans currently provides direct intercity bus service between Benicia and Vallejo, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill on Routes 76 and 78. Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) provides direct service from Benicia to Fairfield on Route 40.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.L	Program	Coordinate school district/city bus schedules for optimum efficiency.	C/O	SolTrans coordinates with the School District to provide regularly scheduled fixed-route service that serves schools during peak hours.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.M	Program	Coordinate transit planning with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and Solano County, and coordinate future mass transit planning with all other regional efforts.	O	SolTrans continually strives to coordinate its transit operations with other agencies throughout the region.	Finance Dept.
	2.17.N	Program	Participate in Major Investment Studies (MIS) to assure that transit alternatives are fully considered.	O	This is researched as part of Short Range Transit Plan updates.	Finance Dept.
	2.18	Goal	Encourage the provision of convenient rail service to Benicia with a station near the Benicia Bridge.			
	2.18.1	Policy	Work with BART, Caltrans, BCDC, the Solano Transportation Authority, and MTC in planning a rail station near the Benicia-Martinez Bridge.			

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Circulation	2.18.A	Program	Consider mixed use, commercial and industrial uses that compliment the train station.	3	The train station is part of the Solano Transportation Authority Livable Communities Plan update, 2012. Project description includes evaluation of alternative sites to construct a Capitol Corridor Commuter Train Station along the I-680 corridor. Project would include a train platform, park and ride facility with 200+ spaces, bus transfer station, long-term bicycle storage, and access improvements. Potential sites are surrounded by industrial zones that allow limited mix of workforce serving uses. Commercial Zones are in proximity; allows live-work by right. The Benicia Industrial Park Traffic Circulation Plan currently underway will evaluate future potential sites.	Commuity Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.18.B	Program	Plan for convenient auto and transit access to and auto parking at the train station to encourage its use.	3	Train station included in Solano Transportation Authority's Livable Communities Plan update, 2012. Project description includes a train platform, park and ride facility with 200+ spaces, bus transfer station, long-term bicycle storage, and access improvements.	Commuity Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.19	Goal	Promote a regional (San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda) and local (Martinez, Port Costa, and Crockett) ferry service.			
	2.19.1	Policy	Work with MTC to establish ferry service. Communicate regularly with them regarding plans and funding for ferry service.			

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	2.19.A	Program	Identify ferry service market potential and terminal location options.	3	On hold pending further consideration of Intermodal Station and Vallejo Transit staffing issues.	City Manager's Office and Finance Dept.
	2.20	Goal	Provide a balanced street system to serve automobiles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit, balancing vehicle-flow improvements with multi-modal considerations.			
	2.20.1	Policy	Maintain at least Level of Service D on all city roads, street segments, and intersections.			
	2.20.A	Program	Identify areas where it would be beneficial to reduce and divert through vehicular traffic from local residential streets. Implement appropriate neighborhood traffic control programs in these areas.	O	Input from Traffic, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Safety Committee. Examples include West K Street and Hastings Drive traffic controls. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.20.B	Program	Locate new development where there is adequate existing or planned future road and highway capacity and where local residential streets will not be significantly impacted.	C/O	Benicia's adopted Level of Service (LOS) is "D". Traffic impacts of new development are evaluated as part of the project review process. If warranted, a project specific traffic study is prepared and if the project exceeds a LOS of D, then appropriate mitigation measures are required.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.20.C	Program	Encourage use of alleys for commercial loading activities when it will not block driveways or mid-block access to the street.	C/O	This occurs during the development review process. Staff recommends this approach to deliveries where appropriate.	Community Development Planning Division
	2.20.2	Policy	Seek alternatives to road widenings.			
	2.20.D	Program	Continue to identify and implement acceptable alternatives to in-town roadway widening, extensions, and large intersections.	O	Examples include East 2nd/Military signal modifications and East 2nd/HWY780 freeway signal project. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Circulation	2.20.E	Program	Identify streets where traffic should be slowed.	O	Input from Traffic, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Satefy Committee. Examples include Hastings Drive, West K Street, East 5th Street, and Military West at Benicia High School and in front of City Park with corrective actions taken place at each location. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.20.F	Program	Consider lane narrowing, driver education, traffic speed alert trailers, and other traffic calming remedies.	O	Examples of action taken on West K Street, Hastings Drive, Military West and East 5th Streets. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Four new solar powered radar speed signs.	Public Works Engineering Division and Police Dept.
	2.20.G	Program	Advertise the use of transit, bicycling, and walking for commuting, shopping, recreation, and school trips.	O	Administered by the Solano Transporation Authority.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.20.H	Program	Reserve right-of-way for new alternate transportation facilities that contribute to street and roadway congestion relief.	O	The City currently retains many existing unimproved alley and street rights-of-way for future uses. Release of these rights-of-way only occurs if it can be clearly determined that no future use is required for transportation purposes.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.20.I	Program	Coordinate traffic signal improvements and synchronization and continue to implement timing changes.	O	Examples include East 2nd/HWy780 Signal Project, West 7th/HWY780 Signal Project, and West 7th Street and East 2nd Street Signal Synchronization Projects.	Public Works Engineering Division
Circulation	2.20.J	Program	Develop adequate funding for keeping streets, alleys and sidewalks in good repair.	O	Annual street maintenance is included in the City's budget process. Need new, dedicated funding source.	Public Works Engineering Division

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Circulation	2.20.K	Program	Identify and prioritize transportation facilities maintenance projects for roadways, sidewalks, and off-street trails and paths.	O	This program is always part of the City's Capital Improvement Program.	Pubic Works Engineering Division and Parks & Community Services Dept
	2.20.L	Program	Identify areas of the city that are pedestrian-unfriendly and develop corrective plans.	O	The Solano Transportation Authority's Countywide Pedestrian Plan listed the top priority as the State Park Road Bike/Ped Path, which was completed in October 2010.	Pubic Works Engineering Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.20.3	Policy	Maintain Lake Herman Road as a rural, two-lane, curving scenic route.			
	2.21	Goal	Encourage Benicia residents and employees to use alternatives to the single-occupant automobile.			
	2.21.1	Policy	Provide and promote a range of travel alternatives to the use of the private automobile.			
	2.21.A	Program	Advertise the benefits of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures and conduct public outreach programs to educate the public about options available within the city.	O	Administered by the Solano Transporation Authority.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.21.B	Program	Implement Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) appropriate to Benicia.	O	Ongoing.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.21.2	Policy	Encourage new development patterns that facilitate bicycling, walking, and transit for commute, shopping, recreation,			
	2.21.C	Program	Consider denser, mixed-use developments, particularly in the Downtown area.	C/O	This occurs through the implementation of the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan with accompanying form-based development regulations. The plan allows for mixed-uses and employs zero lot lines and limited setbacks to achieve greater densities than previously permitted.	Community Development Planning Division

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	2.21.D	Program	**Consider the feasibility of extending East Second Street from East "L" Street to East "K" Street.**	C	**Reviewed during facility planning of the Police Department and determined not feasible or desirable.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.22	Goal	Alleviate traffic congestion near school sites.			
	2.22.1	Policy	Work closely with the School District in addressing traffic congestion near schools.			
Circulation	2.22.A	Program	**Develop a plan jointly with the School District for reducing traffic congestion at and near school sites.**	O	**Implemented jointly by the City, Benicia Unified School District Liaison Committee, and the Traffic, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Safety Committee. Included in the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - and Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Program.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.22.B	Program	**Encourage the School District to continue the comprehensive crossing guard program.**	O	**Implemented jointly with the Benicia Unified School District Liaison Committee. Included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - and Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Program.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**

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Circulation	2.22.C	Program	Adjust phasing/timing of signal lights on routes to schools, and consider providing increased crossing guards and/or police direction of traffic.	O	Implemented jointly by the Police Dept. and the City, Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) with direction from the BUSD Liaison Committee. Separate school resource offices are assigned to Benicia High School and Middle School. New safe route to school maps completed. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - and Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.22.D	Program	Encourage the School District to implement citywide busing and promote carpools for trips to school.	O	Implemented jointly with the Benicia Unified School District Liaison Committee. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - and Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.22.E	Program	Promote School District provision of adequate off-street parking, drop-off and pickup facilities, and designated carpool parking at each school.	O	Implemented jointly with the Benicia Unified School District Liaison Committee. Also included in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program - and Solano Transportation Authority Safe Routes to School Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.22.F	Program	Study the need for and feasibility of a pedestrian bridge linking the middle school and high school.	3	Staff will continue to look for funding opportunities.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.23	Goal	Ensure adequate parking while maintaining aesthetic landscape features.			
	2.3.1	Policy	Provide adequate on-street and off-street parking.			

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Circulation	2.23.A	Program	Continue to allow on-street parking where needed for abutting uses (e.g., Military East).	O	This is allowed and discussed with applicants in affected areas. The Zoning Ordinance allows uses smaller than 2,000 sq. ft. to potentially have reduced parking and the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan allows onstreet parking to count towards parking requirements.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	2.23.B	Program	Preserve and improve the East Second and "E" Street parking lot. Consider double-deck parking if need warrants.	O	Past efforts included workshops and conceptual designs. No consensus; project on hold for now.	Economic Development Division
	2.23.C	Program	Allow flexible parking requirements for uses smaller than 2,000 square feet.	C	Passed by the City Council in 2001, Ordinance 01-6 allows the Community Development Director to consider deviations from the parking requirement for uses less than 2,000 sq. ft. if certain circumstances warrant approval. BMC 17.74.020 "K".	Community Development Planning Division
	2.23.D	Program	Update parking requirements based on actual local parking generation studies wherever, appropriate, and consider parking proximity to transit corridors.	PC/O/3	The Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan, adopted in 2007, provided more flexible parking requirements in the newly created Zones:Town Core, Town Core Open, Neighborhood General, Neighborhood General Open. The Department recommends revising parking requirements throughout the rest of the City as resources (funding) become available.	Community Development Planning Division
	2.23.2	Policy	Reduce the visibility of parking lots.			

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Circulatio	2.23.E	Program	Allow future parking to be divided into smaller lots with generous internal and perimeter landscaping.	C/O	The Zoning Ordinance requires parking lots to be landscaped. Staff evaluates the applicability of this program during project review. There are no objections to breaking large parking lots into smaller lots as long as parking requirements are met.	Community Development Planning Division
	2.23.F	Program	Recommend parking to be located behind or alongside (but not in front of) buildings, where possible.	C/O	Recommended as part of making development more pedestrian friendly. In downtonw, the development standards require parking to be located behind buildings.	Community Development Planning Division
	2.24	Goal	Continue to provide safe and direct access to the Industrial Park.			
	2.24.1	Policy	Continue to ensure public access to private roads in the industrial and Port areas.			
Circulation	2.24.A	Program	Investigate establishment of Industrial Park bus service.	C/O	In September 2002, the City established the "Rocket Service" to the Industrial Park. In May 2003, the service discontinued due to lack of ridership. This will continue to be researched as part of Short Range Transit Plan updates.	Finance Dept.
	2.24.B	Program	Investigate alternate routes that would better accommodate access from the freeway to the Port and Industrial Park.	C	As part of the traffic fee program, various projects to be funded by the program were analyzed. One of those was the East 2nd/Park Road connector, which is intended as a future alternate entryway into the industrial pakr from East 2nd Street.	Public Works Engineering Division
	2.24.C	Program	Identify solutions to circulation problems associated with truck traffic by maintaining a database of truck-related citizen or business complaints in combination with truck counts and accident data.	O	Review of the situation created by truck traffic in the City is conducted annually as part of the Citywide Accident Review process.	Public Works Engineering Division

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	2.25	Goal	Improve auto and non-auto access into the Old Arsenal, without disrupting existing neighborhood, historic, and environmental values.			
	2.25.1	Policy	Consider alternative modes of transportation to the auto in planning new access and in improving existing routes into the Arsenal.			
	2.25.A	**Program**	**Improve access into the Arsenal from I-680.**	**O**	**In future budget request. Included in Solano Tranportation Authority's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
Circulation	**2.25.B**	**Program**	**Depending on City's determination of need and impacts, decide whether to connect the Lower Arsenal with the Downtown, such as through East "H" Street, including bike, pedestrian, and emergency access.**	**3**	**The connection of the Lower Arsenal to the downtown is identified in Solano Transportation Authority's Countywide Bicycle Transportation Plan for pedestrian and bicycle access. The Draft Lower Arsenal Mixed Use Specific Plan (not yet adopted) calls for improved bicycle connectivity to the Arsenal from Downtown through East H Street by way of a new "West Edge Path" to Jackson Street (pg. 2-5 Draft Lower Arsenal Mixed Use Specific Plan); however, the plan may still be revised during the adoption process.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.26	Goal	Ensure that scenic and environmental amenities of I-680 and I-780 are not compromised.			
	2.26.1	Policy	Promote the use of freeway right-of-way for alternative commute methods (e.g. car pool lanes, transit, and off-road			
	2.26.2	Policy	Encourage the preservation of I-780 as four lanes, but support spot widenings at selected locations (e.g., the approach to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge on/off merge lanes) to address future capacity problems while still maintaining a four-			
	2.26.3	Policy	Support Caltrans' Benicia–Martinez Bridge project, advocating the following: (1) continued toll collection in the northbound direction with the toll plaza located at the southern end of the bridge; (2) elimination of existing lane merge problems at the I-680/I-780 interchange; (3) retaining direct access to existing interchanges at East 2nd and East 5th Streets, (4) accommodating rail transit on the bridge in the future, and (5) only widen I- 680 upon evaluation of alternatives.			

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Circulation	2.26.4	Policy	Ensure that the Benicia–Martinez Bridge project adequately reflects the community's concerns.			
	2.26.A	**Program**	**Continue to monitor and comment on Caltrans planning activities and documentation as the bridge planning process continues.**	**C**	**New span of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge has been completed.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.27	Goal	Ensure an active community deliberation process in response to Caltrans proposals now and in the future.			
	2.27.1	Policy	Monitor Caltrans' planning process for I-680 and I-780 improvements and communicate the City's concerns and			
	2.27.2	Policy	Ensure the continuation of the following City policies in discussions with Caltrans about changes to I-680 and I-780: A) Preserve the Lake Herman interchange vista look-out and rest area. B) Relocate the Industrial interchange northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp from the south end of the Sulphur Creek overcrossing at Bayshore Road to the north end at Industrial Way. C) Use the existing toll building at the existing Benicia-Martinez Bridge for a passenger train station for the UP rail line. Provide adequate access to and automobile parking at the station. Provide for the station to accommodate a light rail passenger line on the new bridge. D) Preserve direct access to and from I-780 at East Second and East Fifth Streets. E) Preserve the existing westbound exit from I-780 at Columbus Parkway and ensure that existing commercial buildings are not removed. F) Keep I-780 four lanes. Support spot widenings at selected locations (e.g., the approach to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge on/off merge lanes) to address future capacity problems while still maintaining a four-lane mainline freeway. G) Only support the widening of I-680 to six lanes upon evaluation of alternatives.			
			H) Do not permit sound walls or retaining walls along I-780; Permit sound walls and retaining walls that the community believes would provide benefits that outweigh drawbacks.			
	2.27.3	Policy	Ensure that the Benicia residential and business community is informed about Caltrans' project planning activities, and solicit public input on Caltrans projects.			
	2.27.A	**Program**	**Review existing plans and work with Caltrans to develop proposals that reflect the consensus.**	**O**	**Examples of recent success included 2nd span of Benicia-Martinez Bridge, Park Road Sidewalk Project.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.28	Goal	Improve and maintain public facilities and services.			
	2.28.1	Policy	Require that new development not reduce the levels of service in existing neighborhoods below City standards.			

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Public & Quasi-Public	**2.28.A**	**Program**	**Establish standards for city services and facilities, as approved by the City Council (see also Program 2.6.E).**	**C**	**Standards have been established and are updated as required. The Department enforces engineering and construction standards, safety standards, and wate/wastewater treatment standards, which are either published by the City or an outside regulatory agency. Many of the standards, such as water/wastewater, are thresholds of service and water quality.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	2.29	Goal	Provide for churches to locate where conflicts with adjacent land uses will be minimized.			
	2.29.1	Policy	Inside the Urban Growth Boundary, alow churches outright in community commercial zones and as a conditional use in other zones. Make every effort to provide lands for needed religioug assembly when planning large new projects in these zones.			
	2.29.2	Policy	Encourage the location and design of church facilities to be compatible with neighboring properties.			
	2.29.3	Policy	In any future developments, consider earmarking land for quasi-public uses.			
Parks and Recreation	2.30	Goal	Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation programs.			
	2.30.1	Policy	Enhance existing city recreation facilities and programs.			
	2.30.A	**Program**	**Develop programs that promote higher and better use of Benicia's recreation facilities and programs. [Recreation facilities include parks and buildings.]**	**O**	**The Community Services Division continually creates and implements ongoing programs that use facilities and parks.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.30.B	**Program**	**Conduct periodic surveys about ways to improve City recreation facilities and programs**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.30.C	**Program**	**Direct the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Commission to annually audit and recommend additions to and updates of the Parks Master Plan.**	**O/3**	**The Parks and Community Services Department has requested funding to update the Parks Master Plan, but no funding has been provided.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**

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Parks and Recreation	2.30.D	Program	Establish cooperative relationships with public agencies and applicable public interest groups in developing plans for parks and recreation programs.	O	The Parks and Community Services Department has worked with public agencies and interested groups to develop programs and facilities.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.30.E	Program	Distribute special park features (e.g., gazebos, bandstands, fountains, sculpture, overlooks, etc.) at key locations in neighborhood and community parks to enhance neighborhood character, provide a focus for a park, or create a place for viewing.	O	Staff continues to work with developers to install such features but no City-initated features are proposed at this time due to lack of funding.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.30.F	Program	Continue to share City park facilities with the School District and consolidate park and school lands wherever feasible.	O	Staff provides facility requests per the Joint Use Agreement; works with School District to expand availability of facilities.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.30.G	Program	Develop a process to evaluate existing facilities and determine their utilization.	O	With input from staff, the Parks Recreation and Cemetery Commission, and the community facility utilization is evaluated by staff.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.30.2	Policy	Increase resident awareness of the available recreational opportunities in the city.			
	2.30.H	Program	Develop public information materials (including a color map and table of citywide recreation facilities), and a comprehensive sign system about parks and recreational opportunities.	O	Quarterly, a brochure is distributed promoting programs and facilities. Staff utilizes a Public, Educational, Governmental channel and the city website to provide information and promote programs.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.30.3	Policy	Incorporate water conservation into park planning and design.			
	2.30.I	Program	Use primarily native plant species and other drought tolerant plants in all parks and open space areas.	O	Where possible, native and drought tolerant plants are used to replace depleted plantings and for new plantings.	Parks & Community Services Dept.

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Parks and Recreation	**2.30.J**	**Program**	**Use drip irrigation and other water efficient irrigation methods in all parks.**	O	**Both Drip Irrigation and Water-Efficient Irrigation methods are used. An evapotranspiration controller system has been installed at the Community Park, Benicia High School, Jack London, Community Center, City Hall, and Waters End, East Second Street, and Skillman Park.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.30.4	Policy	Protect plant and animal life as part of any park improvement project involving sensitive habitat areas of local or regional significance.			
	2.30.5	Policy	Design park improvements to facilitate accessibility and maintenance.			
	2.30.K	**Program**	**Regulate concessions stands in park and recreation areas consistent with the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan.**	O	**Nutritious menus at concession stands to continue to facilitate healthy choices.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.30.6	Policy	Continue to establish appropriate uses and programs for Lake Herman Regional Park that (a) preserve and maintain its natural condition and scenic value while providing for increased, passive, low impact recreational opportunities and (b) maintain and/or enhance Lake Herman's wetlands to attract a variety of wildlife to the area; (c) preserve rock outcroppings and creekside vegetation.			
	2.31	Goal	Maintain safety at parks/open space.			
	2.31.1	Policy	Improve and maintain safety in existing parks and design park improvements to facilitate security and policing.			
	2.31.A	**Program**	**Continue coordination with the City police department to provide mobile patrol of parks and open space areas.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Parks and Community Services Dept. and Police Dept.**
	2.31.B	**Program**	**Continue coordination with the City Fire Department regarding fire season warning and control, emergency vehicle access, support facilities, and response.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Parks and Community Services Dept. and Fire Dept.**

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	2.31.C	Program	Continue to coordinate with neighborhood watch programs to provide added security at parks, along trails, and in the open space areas.	O	Ongoing.	Parks and Community Services Dept. and Police Dept.
	2.31.D	Program	Coordinate with the Benicia Unified School District regarding safety concerns at joint use facilities.	O	Ongoing.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.32	Goal	Expand the City's park system to accommodate future community needs.			
	2.32.1	Policy	Establish new parks/recreation areas.			
	2.32.A	Program	Ensure that lands dedicated for park land are of sufficient in size to accommodate the uses and facilities proposed, graded for those uses, and free of hazardous and toxic waste materials for each park site.	O	Staff continually works on this. In addition, the General Plan provides standards for three categories of City Parks: Regional (10 acres per 1,000 people), Community (2.5 acres per 1,000 people), and Neighborhood (3.5 acres per 1,000 people).	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.32.B	Program	Regularly monitor County, State, and federal funding sources and apply for loans and grants to acquire, develop, and rehabilitate park land and facilities.	O	The City completed renovation of the Commanding Officer's Quarters with a grant from the State of California and received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan. Staff actively seeks grants and has been successful on mulitple occasions in being awarded grants for various park and public facilities.	Parks & Community Services Dept.

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Parks and Recreation	2.32.C	Program	Identify and incorporate the needs of neighborhoods in developing new parks and facilities.	C/O	The Parks Master Plan designates future park sites based on needs determined at the time the plan was prepared (completed July 1997). However, park needs have changed as neighborhood demographics shift. The Parks Master Plan should be updated every 5 years to determine if identified park needs have changed in neighborhood areas. Currently there is no funding to update the Parks Master Plan.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.32.2	Policy	Continue to develop and enhance recreational benefits of the shoreline and seek public access along the watefront.			
	2.32.D	Program	Explore public access on private waterfront through collaborative planning or a development review process.	O	Staff collaborates with Planning Division staff when a project along the waterfront triggers a public access requirement and permit from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. A current project will complete a short but key gap in the downtown waterfront trail.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.33	Goal	Assure long-term maintenance of the State Parks.			
	2.33.A	Program	Develop a Strategic Plan for addressing State park issues.	O	Joint jurisdiction with State Parks.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.33.B	Program	Work with the State to maintain and improve both parks and identify needed improvements. [For example, utility lines that cross the State Recreation Area should be re-routed.]	O	Staff works with State Parks regarding maintenance and operation of the State Capitol and the Benicia State Recreation Area.	Parks & Community Services Dept.

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Parks and Recreation	2.33.C	Program	Work with the State to keep the State Recreation Area open to the public for day use.	O	The City of Benicia/Solano County/The City of Vallejo signed an agreement with the State Department of Parks and Recreation to open the gates at the SRA seven days a week and make various improvements to the park. The agreement to keep the gates open the additional 2 days a week will conclude on June 30, 2014. The Solano State Parks Committee continues to meet monthly and advocate for both Benicia State Parks.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.33.D	Program	Work with the State to assure that the Capital maintains maximum opening hours for public enjoyment and use.	O	City entered into a maintenance agreement to maintain the Capitol grounds. Benicia State Parks Association signed a donor agreement to operate the Capitol and Fisher Hanlon House. Staff amended the maintenance agreement for the Capitol grounds to include $10,000 in matching funds from AB 1478 to assist the Benicia State Parks Association in constructing the Fisher Hanlon garden irrigation project.	Parks & Community Services Dept.
	2.34	Goal	Ensure adequate school facilities to serve all residential areas.			
	2.34.1	Policy	Approve new residential projects only if adequate school facilities are available or will be available when needed.			

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Schools	**2.34.A**	**Program**	**Continue to work with the School District to identify appropriate sites if needed for future expansion and new construction of public schools.**	**C/O**	**Staff routinely enforces this program with any large residential application through the environmental review process, which, among other things, evaluates impacts on school capacities. In addition, the City Manager regularly meets and coordinates with the Benicia Unified School District.**	**Community Development Planning Division and City Manager's Office**
	2.35	Goal	Cooperate with the School District to provide opportunities for citizen use of the schools.			
	2.35.1	Policy	Continue to seek innovative ways for the City to use school facilities and grounds jointly with the School District.			
	2.35.A	**Program**	**Continue to maintain and implement the joint-use agreement between the City and BUSD.**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.35.B	**Program**	**Maintain zoning that, in the event any schools are closed or relocated, will support the reuse of closed school sites for public or quasi-public uses.**	**C/O**	**The General Plan Zoning Map designated existing school sites with a Public and Semi-Public Zoning District.**	**PW/CDD Planning Division**
Water	2.36	Goal	Ensure an adequate water supply for current and future residents and businesses.			
	2.36.1	Policy	Approve development plans only when a dependable and adequate water supply to serve the development is assured.			
	2.36.2	Policy	Continue to pursue and secure adequate water sources of the highest quality available.			
	2.36.A	**Program**	**Pursue use of reclaimed wastewater—especially for major industrial users—where feasible.**	**3**	**City will consider reclaimed waste-water reuse as a part of an overall effect to reduce treated water consumption.**	**Public Works Waste Water Division**
	2.36.3	Policy	Implement measures to reduce water consumption.			

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Water	**2.36.B**	**Program**	**Initiate water conservation programs and conduct drought contingency planning.**	**O**	**Due to Drought and State Water Project actions, the City is undertaking renewed efforts.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	2.36.C	**Program**	**Continue to implement City-adopted water conservation Best Management Practices (BMP). (see Glossary)**	**O**	**Due to Drought and State Water Project actions, the City is undertaking renewed efforts.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	2.36.D	**Program**	**Continue to require development to utilize adopted City standards for low-water-use landscaping.**	**O**	**Program implemented as part of development review and approval process. Funding (10million) now available from agreement with Valero. New State Water Efficient Landscape Standards became effective January 2010**	**Community Development Dept. Planning Division**
	2.36.4	Policy	Encourage public and private uses to minimize water use and to recycle processed water whenever and wherever feasible.			
	2.36.E	**Program**	**Promote the retrofitting of public buildings with water conservation features.**	**O**	**Program shared with Parks and Community Services Dept. Funding ($10M) now available from agreement with Valero.**	**Community Development Dept. and Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	2.36.F	**Program**	**Assist hospitality-related businesses to actively promote water conservation.**	**O**	**Program is implemented through the Public Works Water Quality Division.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	2.37	Goal	Identify and preserve groundwater resources.			
	2.37.1	Policy	Work with the RWQCB to protect groundwater quality.			
	2.37.2	Policy	Ensure the cleanup of groundwater contamination resulting from the IT Panoche Hazardous Waste Facility.			
	2.38	Goal	Protect water quality.			
	2.38.1	Policy	Continue to require the use of feasible and practical Best Management Practices (BMP) to protect receiving waters from adverse effects of construction and urban runoff.			

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Water	**2.38.A**	**Program**	**Continue the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) and the Industrial Pretreatment Program and continue to implement the Erosion Control Ordinance.**	O	**Ongoing and implementing new Phase 2 Storm Water Requirements.**	**Public Works Water Quality and Engineering Divisions**
	2.39	Goal	Provide safe drinking water and improve its taste and odor.			
	2.39.1	Policy	Ensure that water quality goals are consistently met.			
	2.39.A	**Program**	**Continue to cooperate in regional efforts by organizations such as the CALFED Program to improve the quality of the City's source water.**	O	**Implemented through both the Water Treatment Division and Solano County Water Agency.**	**Public Works Water Division**
	2.39.B	**Program**	**Continue to optimize treatment operations in conjunction with the implementation of the City's five- and 10-year Capital Improvements Programs.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Public Works Wastewater and Water Divisions**
	2.39.C	**Program**	**Educate the public about City efforts to improve the taste and odor of its drinking water.**	O	**The City issues an annual water quality report to all customers (in May & June).**	**Public Works Water Division**
	2.40	Goal	Ensure adequate wastewater treatment capacity to serve all development shown in the General Plan.			
	2.40.1	Policy	Approve changes in land use designations for new development only if adequate wastewater treatment capacity is assured.			
	2.40.2	Policy	Promote use of reclaimed wastewater where feasible.			
	2.40.A	**Program**	**Prepare, adopt, and implement a sewer maintenance and replacement program.**	O	**As a result of River Watch Settlement, the CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) Condition Assessment is underway. Fiscal Year 13/14 budget included the hiring of 3 new full-time Field Utility and Streets Apprentices. In addition, funds are/will be set aside for the Capitol Improvement Program for CCTV of gravity sewer lines.**	**Public Works Wasteswater and Field Maintenance Divisions**

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Water	**2.40.B**	**Program**	**Continue to implement the City's Wet Weather Management Plan.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Public Works Wastewater Division**
	2.40.3	Policy	Encourage developments with projected high strength discharges to reduce pollutants directly to the City's wastewater system.			
	2.40.C	**Program**	**Educate developers about recycling and other technological methods where feasible.**	O	**Managed by the City Manager's Office, supported by Fire Dept, in conjunction with solid waste and recycling contractor.**	**Fire Dept.**
	2.40.D	**Program**	**Continue to pursue the City's Pollution Prevention Program for all users of the City's wastewater system including commercial, industrial, and residential.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	2.40.E	**Program**	**Continue to pursue the City's pretreatment program for industrial dischargers.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	2.41	Goal	Minimize WWTP operational upsets, potential discharge of inadequately treated wastewater, and the emission of odor and noise.			
	2.41.1	Policy	Continue efforts to replace the gaseous chlorine system with a less hazardous chemical (such as a liquid chlorine system) that will address the potential safety impacts to the neighborhood surrounding the WWTP.			
	2.41.2	Policy	Continue to work with neighbors to implement programs that minimize odor, noise, and potential safety impacts to the neighborhood surrounding the WWTP.			
Recycling	2.42	Goal	Enhance the recycling of solid waste.			
	2.42.1	Policy	Strive to accomplish the mandated objectives of the California Integrated Waste Management Act.			
	2.42.A	**Program**	**Adopt and implement a Source Reduction and Recycling Plan (SRRP) and Hazardous Household Waste Plan (HHWP) which include components for waste characterization, source reduction, recycling, composting, special waste diversion, education, public information, disposal facility capacity, funding, and the safe use, disposal, and recycling of household hazardous materials.**	C	**Completed**	**Fire Dept.**
	2.42.B	**Program**	**Encourage local recycling facilities to be available to the public.**	C	**Completed**	**Fire Dept.**
	2.42.C	**Program**	**Pursue establishment of curbside service that would pick up and compost yard waste and make it available to City residents for a reasonable cost.**	C	**Completed**	**Fire Dept.**

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Utilities	2.43	Goal	Allow installation of telecommunications equipment and distribution networks that maintain and protect health, safety, and quality of life and avoid visual clutter.			
	2.43.1	Policy	Minimize the visual impacts of siting exposed commercial antenna structures in scenic corridors and residential and historic districts.			
	2.43.A	**Program**	**Establish design requirements for commercial antennas and associated equipment and distribution networks.**	**C/O**	**Benicia's Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance was adopted in 2006 and sets forth requirements for design.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
Historic Preservation	3.1	Goal	Maintain and enhance Benicia's historic character.			
	3.1.1	Policy	Encourage reuse of historic buildings; if feasible, encourage relocation rather than demolition.			
	3.1.A	**Program**	**Continue to maintain a current inventory of historic and architectural resources in the city.**	**C/O**	**An updated Historic Resources Inventory was approved in 2009 by the City Council. In addition, a grant funded Historic Context Statement was adopted in 2011. In 2013, City Council approved the addition of 251 West G Street as a contributing building to the Downtown Historict Overlay Distrct.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.1.2	Policy	Enhance the economic potential of historic and architectural assets.			
	3.1.3	Policy	Preserve historic trees and landscapes. (Refer to the Arsenal Historic Conservation Plan, November 1993, for guidance on historic trees and landscaping.)			
	3.1.B	**Program**	**Become a Certified Local Government (CLG) by applying to the State Department of Historic Preservation.**	**C**	**Benicia was granted CLG status in 2007 and currently maintains its status and submits required annual reports to the State Office of Historic Preservation.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.1.C	**Program**	**Define the boundaries necessary to preserve the historical significance of the Camel Barn complex.**	**3**	**Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources.**	**Community Development Planning Division**

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Historic Preservation	3.1.D	Program	Continue to work and cooperate with the Benicia Historical Society on historic preservation issues.	O	Staff regularly coordinates and continues involvement with and from the Historical Society.	Community Development Dept. Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	3.1.4	Policy	Promote the preservation and enhancement of historic neighborhoods, commercial areas, and governmental districts.			
	3.1.5	Policy	Permit new development, remodeling and building renovation in historic districts when consistent with the policies of the applicable Historic Conservation Plan.			
	3.1.6	Policy	Promote restoration of public and privately-owned historic and architecturally significant properties.			
	3.1.E	Program	Develop a program for inspections of historic structures.	O	City staff conducts annual inspections of historic homes that are under a Mills Contract Agreement with the City. All other structures are not inspected. Regular inspections of city facilitites for protection and maintenance are customary. No funds to develop a Historic Structures Report.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	3.1.F	Program	Seek public and private funding for historic preservation and maintenance.	O	Staff actively researches funding oporunities to implement historic preservation efforts.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept
	3.1.G	Program	Develop a program for property tax incentives.	C/O	Benicia established a Mills Act Program for owners of historic properties in 2003 and has 34 properties that are participating in Mills Act Contracts since its offering	Community Development Planning Division

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Historic Preservation	3.1.H	Program	Consider waiving or reducing building permit fees for qualified work necessary to rehabilitate or restore historic structures.	O	Implemented on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Community Development Director. A comprehensive program would require outside resources.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.1.I	Program	Publicize opportunities and incentives for historic preservation to owners of historic buildings.	C/O	A brochure for the public explaning the Mills Act Program is available at the Planning Counter. The City participates in and supports National Preservation Month in May, has attended Benicia's Farmers Market to distribute information, and routinely collaborates with Benicia Main Street, Benicia Historical Society, and Benicia Historical Museum to promote historic preservation.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.1.J	Program	Continue to assist owners of historic homes in lower-income areas with low interest loans through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), when available.	O	Benicia has a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program for eligible property owners to assist with home repairs. Until recently, the Vallejo Neighborhood Housing Services group operated this program for the City; its doors are now closed and the program has been transferred to the City.	Community Development Planning Division

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Historic Preservation	3.1.K	Program	Establish a Historic Preservation Commission.	C	A Historic Preservation Committee was established in 2001. A blended Commission (Design Review and Historic Preservation) was established in 2005. This resulted in a new (blended) Historic Preservation Review Commission (HPRC) and has been operating since.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.1.L	Program	Adopt and maintain a landmarks ordinance.	3	Regulations for landmarks are embedded in the Zoning Ordinance (BMC 17.54 H Overlay), but a separate, stand-alone, ordinance is currently not part of the Department's work program and there is no budget for it.	Community Development Planning Division

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	3.1.M	Program	Inform title companies that properties in Benicia may be affected by historic preservation regulations.	PC/3	A complete list of historic properties by address and parcel number has been compiled. The HPRC is discussing the best way to inform title companies and realtors of this list.	Community Development Planning Division
Archaeology	3.2	Goal	Protect archaeological (including underwater) sites and resources.			
	3.2.1	Policy	Ensure the protection and preservation of artifacts in known, and as yet unidentified, areas.			
	3.2.A	Program	Work with the California Archaeological Inventory to develop an inventory of existing and potential archaeological sites.	3	Not part of the current work progam.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.2.B	Program	Refer development proposals that may adversely affect archaeological sites to the California Archaeological Inventory.	O	Staff implements this program as needed/required.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.2.C	Program	Develop City regulations regarding inspections, code enforcement, and regulation of pot hunters.	3	Not part of the work program. Depending on other department priorities, may require outside consultant resources.	Community Development Planning and Building Divisions, Fire Dept.
	3.2.D	Program	Require that all sites with archaeological resources likely to be disturbed by a proposed project be analyzed by a qualified archaeologist and an appropriate program developed to mitigate any impacts from the project.	O	Staff implements this program as needed/required.	Community Development Planning Division
Cultural	3.3	Goal	Increase public awareness of cultural resources and activities.			
	3.3.1	Policy	Preserve and enhance cultural organizations, resources and activities.			
	3.3.A	Program	Utilize the City's web page and other information sources to advertise cultural activities.	C/O	Information is found on the City's website and on the homepage of the Arts & Culture Commission.	Library Dept.
	3.3.B	Program	Continue City funding of cultural activities and the Camel Barn Museum.	O	Ongoing.	Library Dept.

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Cultural	3.3.C	Program	Require periodic reports of the results of City funding.	O	Ongoing.	Library Dept.
	3.3.D	Program	Investigate the creation of a City-appointed cultural commission.	C	The Arts & Culture Commission was established in 2009 through City Council passage of Ordinance 09-15. Their charge is to create and promote art and cultural programs and activities.	Library Dept.
	3.3.E	Program	Develop promotional materials that increase community awareness of the Camel Barn museum.	O	Ongoing.	Library Dept.
	3.3.F	Program	Expand the museum to include other historic buildings.	O	Ongoing.	Library Dept.
	3.4	Goal	Support the library and the services it provides to the community.			
	3.4.1	Policy	Maintain and expand library services.			
	3.4.A	Program	Keep the library up-to-date with electronic and other technological developments.	O	Ongoing.	Library Dept.
	3.4.B	Program	Plan for expanding library services into existing unfinished basement space as needs dictate.	3	On hold pending funding.	Library Dept.
	3.4.2	Policy	New development will be required to underwrite additional materials.			
	3.4.C	Program	Maintain an adequate "book fee." (See Glossary for definition.)	O	Joint jurisdication with Finance Dept. In 2010, the library book fee was increased to $235.00	Library Dept.
	3.5	Goal	Promote events with wide community attraction.			
	3.5.1	Policy	Support community-wide and special events, such as arts in the park, a farmers' market, and open studios.			
	3.5.2	Policy	Plan special events while keeping in mind the need to minimize noise and traffic congestion.			
	3.6	Goal	Support and promote the arts as a major element in Benicia's community identity.			
	3.6.1	Policy	Attract and retain art-related businesses.			
	3.6.2	Policy	Continue to allow and encourage live/work spaces for artists.			

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Art	3.6.A	Program	**Evaluate where live/work spaces are allowed and what restrictions are placed on them.**	PC/3	**Evaluations for live/work and accompanying regulations were done during the development of the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan and the Draft Lower Arsenal Specific Plan (pending adoption). No other areas are budgeted for evaluation.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.6.B	Program	**Encourage expansion of art retailing on First Street.**	PC/3	**The City contracts with Benicia Main Street to provide business attraction/retention downtown, although art galleries are not specifically identified as a target.**	**City Manager's Office**
	3.6.3	Policy	Enhance public places with art.			
	3.6.C	Program	**Work with developers and builders to incorporate public art into projects, where applicable.**	O/3	**The potential for public art is evaluated in concert with project applications, e.g. recent projects include Harbor Walk, which incorporated public art in its privately owned but publicly accessible plaza. There is currently no budget to create a comprehensive program and funding mechanism.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Library Dept.**
	3.7	Goal	Maintain and reinforce Benicia's small-town visual characteristics.			
	3.7.1	Policy	Ensure that new development is compatible with the surrounding architectural and neighborhood character.			
	3.7.2	Policy	Encourage "place-making"—the arrangement of built elements to create indoor or outdoor spaces that are recognizable and suitable for a specific function or functions.			

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Visual Character	3.7.A	Program	Develop design guidelines for public works and private development that encourage place-making.	C/3	Adopted plans with guidelines for private property include: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan (guidelines only), Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan (place-making zoning requirements), Arsenal Historic Conservation Plan (guidelines), and Industrial Design Guidelines. Public realm is addressed by the Downtown Streetscape Plan. Design guidelines for additional areas are not currently budgeted nor part of the work program.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	3.7.B	Program	Prepare a citywide urban design plan that addresses landscaping, street trees, landmarks, gateway definitions, vista preservation/enhancement, and protection of shoreline and hillsides.	3	Not part of the current work program. Depending on other Department priorities, may require outside consultant resources.	Community Development Planning Division, Public Works Engineering Divisions and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	3.7.C	Program	Develop citywide requirements for screening service entrances and equipment.	PC/3	Zoning Ordinance contains regulations requiring mechanical screening. There are not requirements to screen service entries and there is currently no budget, nor part of the current work program.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.7.D	Program	Develop a schedule and financing plan for undergrounding power and telephone lines.	O	Designated Rule 20A monies are utilized to incorporate undergrounding projects into Capital Infrastructure Projects when major arterials are reconstructed.	Public Works Engineering Division
	3.7.3	Policy	Encourage consistent street tree planting, other types of landscaping, and neighborhood gardens.			

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Visual Character	3.7.E	Program	**Advertise the existence of guidelines for tree preservation, planting, and removal guidelines.**	O	**Ongoing.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	3.7.4	Policy	Where feasible, install and maintain landscape (planter) strips that separate sidewalks from the streets.			
	3.7.F	Program	**Establish an adequate minimum width for landscape strips so that plant materials (especially trees) do not damage the sidewalk, curb, or gutter.**	C	**The Zoning Ordinance sets design standards for parking lots adjoining street property lines, including minimum widths for landscape strips.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.7.G	Program	**Modify the City's street improvement standards to accommodate landscape strips.**	PC	**Included in the City Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program toolbox.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	3.7.5	Policy	Preserve the grid pattern of Benicia streets.			
	3.7.H	Program	**Require that land use and circulation plans for property along arterials minimize the need for sound walls.**	C/O	**Development applications are reviewed for consistency with General Plan policies and programs. This program would apply to large-scale projects with the potential to generate considerable noise from stationary or non-stationary noise sources.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Pubilc Works Engineering Division**
	3.8	Goal	Preserve First Street as the community focal point of Benicia.			
	3.8.1	Policy	Design new and renovated buildings along First Street to accommodate ground level retail commercial.			

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	3.8.A	Program	Develop urban design improvements to unify Solano Square with City Park and the Civic Center.	PC/1	Grant funded improvements to the intersection of First Street and Military have been completed; includes enhanced crossings to Solano Square and installation of new sidewalk along driveway entrance to Solano Square. In addition, Solano Square is part of Benicia's Priority Development Area, which will make the area eligible and more competitive to receive grants for future planning endeavors.	Community Development Planning Division and Pubilc Works Engineering Division
	3.8.2	Policy	In the transition areas east and west of First Street, encourage the adaptive re-use, rather than replacement, of existing residential structures.			
	3.9	Goal	Protect and enhance scenic roads and highways.			
	3.9.1	Policy	Preserve vistas along I-780 and I-680.			
	3.9.A	Program	Inventory scenic resources along I-780 and I-680.	3	Not part of current work program. Depending on other Department priorities, may require outside consultant resources.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.9.B	Program	Investigate and apply for State Scenic highway designation of Interstate Highways I-780 and I-680.	C	Based on Caltrans criteria, both I-680 and I-780 are most likely not eligible to be designated. However, I-780 has been designated a "Landscape Freeway"	Public Works Engineering Division
	3.9.C	Program	Develop a sign enforcement program along the freeways.	3	Not part of the current work program. The Sign Ordinance is enforced through complaints. The Sign Ordinance will undergo an update during 2012/2013.	Community Development Planning Division and City Attorney's Office
	3.9.2	Policy	Work with the State to complete and maintain landscaping of I-680 and I-780.			

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Visual Character	3.9.D	Program	**Preserve the trees on the northern edge of former Pine Lake.**	C/O	**Trees are still present. Program would be implemented when a development applciation is submitted for this property. In addition, the City has adopted a Trees and Street Trees Ordinance that regulates the removal, alteration, and pruning of trees; the ordinance has a list of protected trees.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	3.9.3	Policy	Orient individual building/business signage toward city streets, not toward I-780.			
	3.9.4	Policy	Develop the City's five identified gateways to provide a sense of entry and exit.			
	3.9.E	Program	**Prepare land use and design guidelines to direct the nature and character of development at the city's five gateways.**	3	**The Planning Commission evaluated the city's gateways (2011); developed a process and recommendation to Council; for use when funding becomes available**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.9.5	Policy	Establish definable neighborhoods in future development and revitalization projects.			
	3.10	Goal	Enhance the streetscape along Military East and West.			
	3.10.A	Program	**Develop a concept and streetscape plan for Military.**	PC/O	**Three signficant projects have been completed: Western Gateway, Benicia High School Signal, and Downtown intermodal, all of which include improvements along this major west-east spine of Benicia.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division**
	3.11	Goal	Enhance the East Side.			
	3.11.1	Policy	Focus public investment toward undergrounding utilities, completing sidewalks, adding walking paths, park amenities, landscaping, and street trees on the East Side.			
	3.12	Goal	Improve the appearance of the Industrial Park.			
	3.12.1	Policy	Encourage additional attractive, quality development in industrial areas.			

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Visual Character	3.12.A	Program	Continue to implement and revise as necessary the Industrial Design Guidelines.	C/O	Adopted in 1989.The Planning Division routinely enforces these guidelines with industrial development applications. Wholesale revision of the guidelines is not part of the current work program and would likely require outside consultant resources.	Community Devleopment Planning Division
	3.12.B	Program	Adopt an ordinance establishing minimum standards for outdoor storage and yard maintenance within public view.	C	Outdoor storage is regulated in the Zoning Ordinance. For yard maintenance, the City regulates through its Neighborhood Nuisance Code, Weed and Rubbish Code, Property Maintenance Code; and landscape standards require all landscaped areas to be permanently maintained.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.13	Goal	Improve urban design qualities of the waterfront and public access to the shoreline.			
	3.13.1	Policy	Enhance waterfront vistas.			
	3.13.A	Program	Incorporate public visual areas in new development.	C/O	This is implemented at the time of application submittal. Planning staff coordinates with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to ensure public access is provided as set forth in Special Area Plan No. 3: Benicia Waterfront, San Francisco Bay Plan (adopted 1977). Recent projects where the city collaborated with BCDC include: 221 First Street, and Sailor Jack's Restaurant at 123 First Street.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.13.2	Policy	Improve pedestrian amenities along waterfront streets and walkways.			
	3.13.3	Policy	Take advantage of water orientation for recreation and industrial uses.			

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Visual Character	3.13.B	Program	Develop a plan for public and pedestrian access to and along the waterfront and shoreline.	PC/1	Both the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan and the Special Area Plan No. 3: Benicia Waterfront, San Francisco Bay Plan provide guidance and direction to ensure public access is provided. The City received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to develop the Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement and Master Plan for the area between First Street and the Marina. The Master Plan should be completed in 2014.	Parks & Community Services Dept and Community Development Planning Division
	3.13.C	Program	Complete the pathway system from Point Benicia along the entire shoreline to the intersection of West Second and G Street.	3	Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources to develop a plan and determine legal and liability issues. Projects where private walkways link to waterfront include Anderson Lane and Semple Crossing housing developments	Community Development Planning Division
	3.13.D	Program	Use privately dedicated walkways to link to the waterfront.	3	Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources to develop a plan and determine legal and liability issues. Projects where private walkways link to waterfront include Anderson Lane and Semple Crossing housing developments	Community Development Planning Division
nSpace/Trails	3.14	Goal	Provide a buffer between Benicia and adjacent Communities.			
	3.14.1	Policy	Continue to implement the provisions of the Tri-City and County Cooperative Plan for Agriculture and Open Space Preservation and the 1979 Benicia/Vallejo Memorandum of Understanding to Preserve the Buffer (often referred to as			
	3.15	Goal	Provide buffers throughout the community.			

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Regional/Subregional Ope	3.15.1	Policy	Preserve and protect, through a variety of methods, a pattern of open space buffers and greenbelts throughout the			
	3.15.A	**Program**	**Identify and evaluate open spaces (by function, location, size, connectivity, and views of open space).**	**C/O**	**The City's shared GIS software with Solano County provides mapping and data capabilities for each parcel in Benicia, including all land zoned Open Space.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept**
	3.15.B	**Program**	**Adopt an open space preservation program aimed at acquiring or assisting in acquiring rights to open space within the Planning Area.**	**O/3**	**This is not part of the current work program. Not budgeted. However, the Sky Valley Open Space Committee meets quarterly to discusss other implemtation options, e.g. CA Rangeland Trust assistance with conservation easements**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.15.C	**Program**	**Utilize existing land trusts.**	**O/3**	**Staff continues to collaborate as needed with the Solano Land Trust.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.15.2	Policy	Preserve public views of public open space and maintain existing vistas (including the Northern Area vistas) wherever possible.			
	3.15.D	**Program**	**Where applicable, require that new developments include view corridors that allow viewing open space from public roadways and public use areas.**	**C/O**	**This program is implemented at the time of a development application.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.15.3	Policy	Avoid creating difficult-to-use residual open space in new development areas.			
	3.15.E	**Program**	**Evaluate each proposed open space area to ensure it is large enough to meet its intended purpose.**	**O**	**Ongoing as needed.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	3.15.4	Policy	Use open space as a buffer against natural or man-made hazards.			

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Regional/Subregional Open Space & Trails	**3.15.F**	**Program**	**Require open space buffers around known hazardous areas,such as the Exxon Refinery and the IT site.**	**C/O**	**The General Plan Land Use Diagram indicates a 200-foot buffer, in the form of Open Space Zoning, between lands owned by Valero and adjacent residential uses. The buffer extends from East 2nd above Tenny Drive, to the north past Rose Drive and north of the Water's End subdivision. Open Space buffers are shown around the IT site as the surrounding area is outside of the City limits.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.15.5	Policy	Encourage the landscaping of existing open spaces, and landscape new open spaces with native plants.			
	3.15.6	Policy	Restore and maintain natural landscapes in a natural manner.			
	3.15.G	**Program**	**Develop a landscape master plan for open space areas.**	**3**	**Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources. This may be an unnecessary program given that open space areas already have "natural" landscaping**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.16	Goal	Preserve key land forms which separate Benicia physically and visually from adjacent communities.			
	3.16.1	Policy	Maintain visual and physical separation from Vallejo and Fairfield.			
	3.16.A	**Program**	**Use the westernmost parcels designated as open space to provide a buffer with Vallejo.**	**C**	**Parcels along the western edge of City Limits are zoned Open Space.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.16.2	Policy	Work with Vallejo to minimize visible development along the Bondary Hills			
	3.16.3	Policy	Allow no additional access roads between Columbus Parkway and Lake Herman Road.			
	3.17	Goal	Link regional and local open spaces.			
	3.17.1	Policy	Attempt to link existing regional and local open spaces using trails and open space corridors.			

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Regional/Subregional Open Space & Trails	3.17.A	Program	**Acquire open space corridors that link existing regional and local open spaces, where feasible.**	PC/3	**Dedicated linkages exist amongst a majority of local, regional open space areas. However, there is no budget to formally acquire all of these areas; the linkages that do exist are protected through zoning land use limitations.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.17.B	Program	**Construct trails in open space corridors linking regional and local open spaces.**	O/3	**Staff currently works with other agencies to coordinate the planning and placement of trails. Additional connector trails in open space may be considered when the Parks, Trail, and Open Space Master Plan is updated.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	3.18	Goal	Protect agricultural use.			
	3.18.1	Policy	Preserve rangeland north of Lake Herman Road.			
	3.18.A	Program	**Investigate land trusts and other mechanisms to ensure continuity of agricultural uses in the northern portion of the Planning Area.**	O/3	**The Sky Valley Open Space Committee was established in 2004 to protect agricultural uses and the watershed north of Lake Herman Road through conservation easements and land acquisition.The Committee meets quarterly to discuss this issue. The Committee has worked with the California Rangeland Trust and the Solano Land Trust to ensure protection of open space, particularly in the form of conservation easements. This effort depended largely on property owner interest and consent. However, there is no interest and no budget for acquisition.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
es	3.19	Goal	Preserve and enhance habitat for special-status plants and animals.			

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Biotic Resourc	3.19.1	Policy	Protect essential habitat of special-status plant and animal species.			
	3.19.A	**Program**	**Require biological assessments in sensitive habitat areas as part of environmental review of proposed development.**	**C/O**	**The Planning Division routinely enforces this program with projects that may impact sensitive habitat areas. Typically, a separate biological report is required, which may be incorporated into an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.19.B	**Program**	**Require retention of essential habitat for special status species. If infeasible, require adequate mitigation for loss of special status species and/or habitat in compliance with State and federal regulations.**	**C/O**	**The Planning Division routinely enforces this program with projects that may impact sensitive habitat areas. Staff routinely consults with the Department of Fish and Game and the US Fish and Wildlife Service on these types of projects regarding necessary mitigation measures to avoid or compensate for any impacts to sensitive habitats caused by the project.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.20	Goal	Protect and enhance native vegetation and habitats.			
	3.20.1	Policy	Protect native grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian habitat.			
	3.20.2	Policy	Restore native vegetation, such as birch grasses and oaks, wherever possible for open spaces of existing developed			

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Biotic Resources	3.20.A	Program	Encourage community groups to carry out native plant restoration efforts.	3	The California Native Plant Society, Solano County Chapter, "Willis Linn Jepson" is active in the efforts of native plant restoration throughout Solano County. They established the Forrest Deaner Garden located at the State Recreation Area and they do native planting. A comprehensive program with funding is not part of the current work program. May require outside resources.	Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept.
	3.20.B	Program	Limit the loss of native vegetation or require mitigation, or both.	C/O	Planning staff routinely enforces this program with projects that may remove vegetation.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.20.C	Program	Require native and compatible non-native plant species, especially drought-resistant species, to the extent possible in landscaping new development and public areas.	3/O	The City does not have mandates to require plants to be native/drought-tolerant; however, staff routinely recommends this as part of the development review process.	Community Development Planning Division
	3.20.3	Policy	Encourage preservation of existing trees. Especially preserve and protect mature, healthy trees whenever practicable, particularlywhere such trees are of significant size or are of significant aesthetic value to the immediate vicinity or to the			

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Biotic Resources	**3.20.D**	**Program**	**Strive to incorporate existing mature, healthy trees into proposed developments.**	**C/O**	**The Planning Division routinely enforces this program with projects that may impact mature trees. In the event trees must be removed, replacement trees are a required condition of approval. In addition, the City has a Trees and Street Trees Ordinance that requires a Tree Removal Permit and complete compliance with the Ordinance.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.20.4	Policy	Require protection of movement corridors.			
	3.20.E	**Program**	**Require preservation of open space corridors between Lake Herman, Sulphur Springs Mountain, the Northern Area, the northeast hills, the Benicia State Recreation Area, and the marshlands east of I-680.**	**3**	**Not part of the current work program. May require outside resource, including legal counsel. Would require land purchase or purchase of conservation easements to secure corridors.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.21	Goal	Permanently protect and enhance wetlands so that there is no net loss of wetlands within the Benicia Planning Area.			
	3.21.1	Policy	Encourage avoidance and enhancement of sensitive wetlands as part of future development.			
	3.21.A	**Program**	**Continue to require wetland delineation and mitigation as part of environmental review of proposed development.**	**C/O**	**The Planning Division routinely enforces this program with projects that may impact wetlands. Staff consults with Department of Fish and Game and the US Fish and Wildlife Service on these types of projects regarding necessary mitigation measures to avoid or compensate for any impacts to wetlands caused by the project.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
ces	3.21.2	Policy	Require replacement for wetlands eliminated as a result of development at a higher wetlands value and acreage than the area eliminated.			

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Biotic Resour	3.21.B	Program	**Continue to coordinate with the California Department of Fish and Game, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers in reviewing proposed wetland modifications.**	C/O	**Staff routinely consults with these entities on applicable projects.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.21.3	Policy	Encourage development of a Suisun Marsh interpretive center near the I-680/Lake Herman Road interchange.			
	3.21.C	Program	**Work with responsible agencies to develop the Suisun Marsh interpretive center near Lake Herman Road and I-680.**	3	**Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources.**	**Community Development Planning Division and Parks & Community Services Dept**
	3.21.4	Policy	Restore and increase marshland areas.			
	3.21.D	Program	**Prepare a Local Protection Program (LPP) for the portion of the Suisun Marsh Secondary Management Area within the Benicia General Plan Planning Area.**	3	**Not part of the current work program. May require ouside resources.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
Biotic Resources	3.21.E	Program	**Identify small wetlands and require their protection, restoration, and enhancement as part of open space dedication in proposed development and in citywide open space improvements.**	C/O	**Staff routintely enforces this program with any development application that may affect wetlands. Similarily, if a wetland were in an area being dedicated for open space, it would be preserved and protected. If this program requires a separate study to identify wetlands, a consultant would need to be retained.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.22	Goal	Preserve water bodies.			
	3.22.1	Policy	Avoid development that will degrade existing lakes and streams.			

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Water	**3.22.A**	**Program**	**Require that all development in watersheds flowing into lakes and unchannelized streams include features to preserve run-off water quality.**	**C/O**	**Staff routintely enforces this program with development applications and if necessary, require preparation of a Stormwater Polution Prevention Plan, including incorporating Best Management Practices.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.22.B	**Program**	**Require a minimum setback of 25 feet from the top of bank of streams and ravines. Do not allow development within the setback.**	**C/O**	**City Council passed Ordinance 01-6 in 2001 making this a requirement in the Zoning Ordinance, BMC 17.70.340.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	3.23	Goal	Preserve Lake Herman as a municipal water resource.			
	3.23.1	Policy	Ensure the biological, chemical, and physical integrity of Lake Herman.			
	3.23.A	**Program**	**Continue to monitor water quality in Lake Herman and at upstream sources of potential pollution.**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**Public Works Water Quality Division**
	3.23.2	Policy	Prohibit uses that would adversely affect water quality (such as motorized boats or swimming).			
	3.24	Goal	Protect watersheds.			
	3.24.1	Policy	Identify the Benicia watersheds to preserve.			
Mineral Resources	3.25	Goal	Conserve and, where appropriate, develop the mineral resources of regional significance within the Planning Area.			
	3.25.1	Policy	Maintain in open space the mineral resource area of regional significance designated on Sulphur Springs Mountain until amineral resource extraction and reclamation plan that addresses all potentially significant impacts of extraction has been approved by the responsible agencies.			
	3.26	Goal	Minimize environmental impacts of mineral production.			
	3.26.1	Policy	Minimize exposure of the quarry face from residential areas.			
	3.26.2	Policy	Allow extraction of mineral resources within the Planning Area but beyond the currently permitted quarry area on Sulphur Springs Mountain, only upon approval by the appropriate agencies.			
	3.26.3	Policy	Maintain a variable ridgeline and natural landform representative of the scenic character of the Planning Area.			
	3.26.A	**Program**	**Work with adjacent jurisdictions to establish mineral resource management measures.**	**O/3**	**The City reviews and responds to projects within its Planning Area and recently has collaborated with Solano County to review and comment on the proposed Syar Quarry Expansion project.**	**Community Development Planning Division**

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	3.26.4	Policy	Prohibit extraction of mineral resources outside the State-designated mineral resource area, and permit extraction of mineral resources inside the State-designated mineral resource area only if applicable policies, mitigation measures, performance standards, rules, and regulations are met.			
	3.26.5	Policy	Require mitigations, setbacks, buffers, and scrdï6ing.			
	3.26.6	Policy	Require that residential buildings to be constructed within 2,000 feet of the ultimate mineral extraction boundary be analyzed by a qualified engineer to ensure economically feasible measures that minimize the amplification of ground			
Energy	3.27	Goal	Improve energy efficiency.			
	3.27.1	Policy	Promote energy conservation in all new development and during rehabilitation of existing homes.			
	3.27.A	**Program**	**Distribute information on weatherization and energy conservation.**	**C/O**	**Brochures published by PG&E are currently available at the Planning, Building, and Engineering Counter.**	**Community Development Planning and Building Divisions**
	3.27.B	**Program**	**Implement State energy conservation requirements in new housing.**	**C/O**	**The Building Division requires compliance with these requirements for all building permit applications. The California Green Building Standards Code, 2010 Edition, was adopted by reference in Title 15 of the Municipal Code in 2010.**	**Community Development Building Division**
Healthy Community	4.1	Goal	Make community health and safety a high priority for Benicia.			
	4.1.1	Policy	Strive to protect and enhance the safety and health of Benicians when making planning and policy decisions.			
	4.1.2	Policy	Promote a wide range of health-related services.			
	4.1.A	**Program**	**Develop a citizen input planning process with the Human Services Fund Board to address locally identified community health and health-related concerns.**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**City Manager's Office**
	4.1.3	Policy	All City departments should attempt to address the underlying causes of health, social, and safety issues.			
	4.1.B	**Program**	**Promote measurable health goals and work with health-related agencies to monitor their implementation.**	**3/O**	**Developed on an as needed basis with city employees.**	**Human Resources Division**
	4.1.4	Policy	Compile available information pertinent to the health and safety of Benicians.			
	4.1.C	**Program**	**Require the Human Services Fund Board to report annually to the City Council and public on the health, well-being, and safety of the community, along with recommendations for improvements.**	**O**	**To be reviewed.**	**City Manager's Office**
	4.1.5	Policy	Clarify City role in providing health services.			

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Healthy Community	**4.1.D**	**Program**	**Inventory health needs, identify holes in the network, and focus on those issues not being addressed.**	**3/O**	**Day-to-day basis with city employees.**	**Human Resources Division**
	4.1.E	**Program**	**Delegate a formal group (e.g., Human Services Fund Board) to be responsible for community health promotion, and require the group to coordinate with a broad range of community representatives.**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**City Manager's Office**
	4.1.F	**Program**	**Expand the role of the City staff person liaison to the Human Services Fund Board, as needed to support additional tasks assigned to the Board.**	**O**	**Ongoing.**	**City Manager's Office**
	4.2	Goal	Improve access to medical, mental health, and social services for all Benicians, including the elderly and low-income.			
	4.2.1	Policy	Fully utilize and coordinate available resources and efforts through the City's Human Services Fund Board and other governmental and non-governmental agencies.			
	4.2.A	**Program**	**Work with existing health care providers, neighboring cities, and the county, State and federal governments.**	**3/O**	**On an as-needed basis.**	**Human Resources Division**
	4.2.B	**Program**	**Provide and maintain affordable transportation services to and from health facilities (in and out of town), especially for the elderly and disabled.**	**C/O**	**SolTrans Paratransit, General Public Dial-a-Ride, and Routes 76 and 78 provide transit within Benicia and to transfer stations for travel outside of Benicia.**	**Finance Dept.**
	4.3	Goal	Attract additional health services to Benicia.			
	4.3.1	Policy	Promote preventive health care in line with the Child and Adult Preventive Care Guidelines published by the US Public Health Service (1994).			
	4.3.A	**Program**	**Support the development of a "Center for Human Services".**	**O**	**On Hold Pending Resource.**	**Finance Dept.**
	4.3.2	Policy	Evaluate the need for and feasibility of new medical facilities in Benicia including a branch of the County Health and Social Services Department.			
	4.3.B	**Program**	**Promote prenatal care, health care for children, teen activities, education and counseling, and intergenerational activities.**	**O**	**Several health-related/nutritional courses offered by Community Services.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**

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Healthy Community	**4.3.C**	**Program**	**Investigate the feasibility of utilizing existing City buildings to deliver health-related services, and expand the scope of the buildings' uses in conjunction with established neighborhood groups.**	**C**	**The new Community Center (formerly Mills Elementary School) offers CPR classes, a myriad of physical fitness courses, and nutrional/healthy cooking classes to the community.**	**City Manager's Office**
	4.3.3	Policy	Promote establishment of demonstration gardens at schools, churches, fire stations, and other sites.			
	4.3.D	**Program**	**Consider utilizing vacant City property for gardening of fruits and vegetables.**	**O**	**Since 2000, the City has had a lease agreement with Heritage Presbyterian Church to allow the Swenson Community Garden to be worked and managed by Benicia Community Gardens, Inc.**	**City Attorney's Office**
	4.4	Goal	Reduce the incidence of substance abuse and strive for a drug-free community.			
	4.4.1	Policy	Support the development of the education of all age groups in the prevention of substance abuse.			
	4.4.A	**Program**	**Include law enforcement, the School District, and proprietors of nicotine, alcohol, and prescription drugs in planning and operating substance abuse prevention programs.**	**O**	**The department works with Benicia High School's Friday Night Live group to conduct education and "sting" operations to reduce the availability of ATOD and works with Solano County's ATOD Reducing Rates Strategic Plan**	**Police Dept.**
	4.4.B	**Program**	**Identify at-risk populations and work to develop programs and services to address their needs.**	**O**	**Implementation through Family Resource Center and a family intervention counselor to work with at-risk families.**	**Police Dept.**
	4.4.2	Policy	Promote safe driving by youth.			
	4.5	Goal	Establish after-school programs and other constructive activities for youth.			
	4.5.A	**Program**	**Work with the School District on appropriate after-school youth activities.**	**C**	**Ongoing.**	**Parks & Community Services Dept.**
	4.6	Goal	Prevent and reduce crime in the community.			
	4.6.1	Policy	Encourage building designs that help to reduce crime.			

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Healthy Community	**4.6.A**	**Program**	**Review the design of new and rehabilitated buildings for ways to increase resident safety.**	**O**	**Staff attends Project Review Group meetings scheduled by the Planning Division to review proposed projects. Police Officer(s) provided training in "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design" (CPTED)**	**Police Dept. and Community Development Dept.**
	4.6.2	Policy	Develop a corrective action plan to deal with high crime areas.			
	4.6.B	**Program**	**Strengthen and expand neighborhood watch programs. Include businesses.**	**O**	**Along with the Volunteer Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, an officer has become a member of the Benicia Community Core Council and combining Benicia's Neighborhood Watch Groups with the Benicia Emergency Response Team (BERT) members.The officer also works with the Benicia Chamber of Commerce on the business watch program.**	**Police Dept.**
	4.6.C	**Program**	**Promote the education of citizens on how not to be a victim.**	**O**	**A police officer continues to work on an email system that would alert Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and BERT members to current crime trends and crime prevention tips.**	**Police Dept.**
	4.6.3	Policy	Maintain an adequate officer-to population ratio in all areas, as approved by the City Council.			
Community Hazards	4.7	Goal	Ensure that existing and future neighborhoods are safe from risks to public health that could result from exposure to hazardous materials.			
	4.7.1	Policy	Actively recruit industries and businesses that sustain environmental quality and have sound, responsible environmental practices and policies, such as "best available control technology" (BACT), source reduction, reduced use of hazardous materials in production, and reduced waste.			
	4.7.2	Policy	Establish a "Community Right-to-know" program to promote general public understanding of Benicia's toxics problems as they affect current and future generations.			

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Community Hazards	4.7.A	Program	Using documents that are already publicly available, make available in the Library a list of all known contaminated sites in Benicia, their chemical contents and conditions, and how contamination occurred.	C	Reports on past projects such as Braito Landfill, Tourtelot, and IT have been made available at the Library. Currently, reports from Valero Refinery are available at the Library. Recommendation to public for primary source data is to locate online. There is not a comprehensive list of all known contaminated sites at the Benicia Library.	City Attorney's Office and Community Development Dept.
	4.7.B	Program	Provide readers with easy directions on how to access information about contaminated sites in Benicia.	O	As authorized by the City Attorney, records for sites where issues have been resolved were withdrawn from the library collection in 2008. The City maintains its website; documents can be accessed by the public. Free computer access and wireless access is available at the Library.	Library Dept.
	4.7.C	Program	Consider establishing an ad hoc environmental task force to collect and disseminate information on environmentally sensitive sites in Benicia.	3	Not part of the current work program. No budget.	Community Development Dept.
	4.7.D	Program	Identify, inventory, and then update sources of hazards in Benicia.	O	Joint jurisdiction with Solano County Environmental Management. Part of the fire code inspection program and County program.	Fire Dept.
	4.7.E	Program	Assess and evaluate Benicia's preparedness to respond to hazard emergencies.	O	Continual evaluation of response priorities by the Fire Department.	Fire Dept.
	4.7.3	Policy	Protect existing and future development from contaminated sites, hazardous landfill waste and debris, chemical spills, and other hazards including unexploded ordnance and explosive waste.			
	4.7.F	Program	Work with state and federal agencies to require that unauthorized hazardous substances be removed from neighborhoodsor that other appropriate measures are taken to ensure that such substances do not present health risks to the neighborhood.	O	The Fire Department is involved as requested. An example would be the Dept's involvement in the cleanup of the Tourtelot property.	Fire Dept.

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Community Hazards	4.7.4	Policy	Promote enforcement of regulatory requirements over the entire term of monitoring of identified hazardous sites within the City Limits, especially sites located in residential neighborhoods and near school playing fields and parks.			
	4.7.5	Policy	Require that all sites known or suspected to have unexploded ordnance and/or a toxic history be tested and remediated before any development can occur.			
	4.7.6	Policy	Prohibit residential development on any land formerly operated as landfill or dump, including land formerly owned or used by the military for military wastes, until the waste and contamination is removed with proper agency oversight, or remediated as required by the appropriate regulatory agencies.			
	4.7.7	Policy	Where environmental testing has been required by State regulatory agencies but is not yet completed withhold City approvals for site grading and other construction activities until a site evaluation is available that provides a reasonable basis for determining that it is safe to commence such activities.			
	4.8	Goal	Protect sensitive receptors from hazards.			
	4.8.A	**Program**	**Identify sensitive receptors in the community and develop methods of protection.**	**3**	**Not part of the current work program. May require consultant resources and partnership with other public agencies. Note: Page 175 of the General Plan indentifies major sensitive receptors in the community with regards to noise exposure.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
	4.8.B	**Program**	**Establish guidelines to separate sensitive receptors from those who carry, use, process, store or generate hazardous material,including ordnance.**	**O**	**Implemented through fire code enforcement program.**	**Fire Dept.**
	4.8.1	Policy	Evaluate potential hazards and environmental risks to sensitive receptors before approving development.			
	4.9	Goal	Ensure clean air for Benicia residents.			
	4.9.1	Policy	Establish whether a significant air pollution problem exists in Benicia and the City's role in resolving it.			
	4.9.A	**Program**	**Prepare a review of existing air quality information and data sources, the quality and extent of this data, and existing regulatory requirements.**	**PC/O**	**In 2007, the City Council authorized a baseline emissions inventory, a forecast, and adopted emission reduction targets. In 2009, a Climate Action Plan (CAP) was adopted by the Council; it contains strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at both city and community-wide levels.**	**Community Development Planning Division**

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Community Hazards	4.9.B	Program	Consult with the staff of the BAAQMD and prepare recommendations for actions that the City will take to reduce identified air quality problems toward meeting ambient air quality standards.	PC/O	Excellent air quality is overarching goal in the Climate Action Plan. A 2003 Settlement Agreement with Valero Refinery required Valero to conduct specific air quality monitoring; a 2010 Amendment to that agreement requires continuing/additional monitoring; reports are generated by Valero and Valero Advisory Panel. Currently, a re-inventory of greenhouse gas emissions is underway; another inventory will be done in or by 2020 at the latest.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.10	Goal	Support improved regional air quality.			
	4.10.1	Policy	Support implementation of Bay Area Clean Air Plan.			

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Community Hazards	4.10.A	Program	Coordinate air quality planning efforts with other local, regional, and State agencies.	O	With the passage the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB32), and specifically with SB375 (Sustainable Communities Strategy and Climate Protection Act), the Planning Division closely coordinates regional planning efforts with ABAG/MTC, specifically in preparing a Sustainable Communities Strategy for the 9 county Bay Area. The City participated in programs offered by ABAG/MTC, such as FOCUS and the designation of (two) Priority Development Areas. The City supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emission and does it part through sustainable planning. In addition, the City adopted a Climate Action Plan and implemenation is underway.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.10.B	Program	Require that projects with identified significant air quality impacts include all feasible mitigation measures needed to reduce impacts to less than significant levels.	C/O	Staff routinely enforces this program with any development application by requiring the development to comply with and provide Best Available Management Practices. An example of this is the extensive air quality mitigations required of the Valero VIP project.	Community Development Planning Division
Hazards	4.10.2	Policy	Encourage designs and land use strategies that reduce automobile use and promote mixed use, jobs/housing balance, telecommuting, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, and transit.			
	4.11	Goal	Minimize harm from geologic hazards.			

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Community	4.11.A	Program	Require geotechnical engineering reports to address site stability and building foundation integrity for projects involving substantial grading.	O	Staff requires on an as needed basis.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	4.11.B	Program	Develop guidelines for site-specific geologic and geotechnical reports.	3	Regulated by the Subdivision Map Act and local standards.	Public Works Engineering Division
	4.11.C	Program	Require peer review of geotechnical engineering reports if it is determined that City staff does not have the technical expertise to review such reports.	O	Staff requires on an as needed basis.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	4.11.D	Program	Prepare a planning-level geologic hazards map of the Planning Area as needed.	C/3	Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources. However, FEMAs HAZUS-MH Map series program regularly updates geologic conditions, e.g. earthquake, liquefaction, flood, and is readily available online.	PW/CDD Planning and Engineering Divisions
	4.11.E	Program	Update the geologic hazards map as new information becomes available.	C/3	Not part of the current work program. May require outside resources. However, FEMAs HAZUS-MH Map series program regularly updates geologic conditions, e.g. earthquake, liquefaction, flood, and is readily available online.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division

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Community Hazards	4.11.F	Program	Develop a Planning Area data base of geologic information for use when making planning decisions and as a resource for the community.	C/3	Not part of the current work program. May required outside resources. However, FEMAs HAZUS-MH Map series program regularly updates geologic conditions, e.g. earthquake, liquefaction, flood, and is readily available online.	Community Development Planning Division and Public Works Engineering Division
	4.11.G	Program	Continue and expand the Unreinforced Masonry Building Prorgram (URM).	3	Chapter 15.60 of the Municipal Code describes the measures taken by the City to identify URM buildings within the City and the URM owners' required responsibilities to inform future tenants, owners, and occupants. This section of the Code was incorporated in 1989. No requirements to retrofit buildings. The 2010 CA Building Code addresses requirements for voluntary retrofits or triggered when certain occupancy classifications are changed. Expansion of this program is not budgeted nor part of work program.	Community Development Building Division
	4.11.H	Program	Consider financial assistance for retrofitting of unreinforced masonry buildings.	3	No budget, not part of work program.	Community Development Building Division
	4.11.1	Policy	Promote public awareness of earthquake-related hazards and safety that includes training the populace to provide stop-gap emergency services following earthquakes.			

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Community Hazards	4.11.I	Program	**Consider implementing a citizen earthquake response system based on the San Francisco model.**	O	**The Fire Department manages the Benicia Emergency Response Teams. See www.beniciaccc.org/bert. This is a current and active community outreach program; since 2001. Has trained over 500 residents. Community classes are offered.**	**Fire Dept.**
	4.12	Goal	Accommodate runoff from existing and future development.			
	4.12.1	Policy	Regulate runoff from new development so that post-development site peak flow rates are no greater than pre-development levels.			
	4.12.2	Policy	Upgrade existing drainage facilities as necessary to correct localized drainage problems.			
	4.12.3	Policy	Ensure that new development pays its fair share cost of drainage system improvements.			
	4.12.A	**Program**	**Prepare a new citywide storm drain master plan.**	**3**	**Funding not available**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	4.12.B	**Program**	**Adopt a combination of drainage improvement fees and other mechanisms to fund drainage improvements.**	**C**	**Revised inspection fees were adopted in 2009. Revenue generating options are currently being explored.**	**Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Building Division**
	4.12.C	**Program**	**Accelerate implementation of the existing Storm Drain Master Plan.**	**C**	**City Council approved the creation of a storm improvement fund for implementation of storm water management plan and the construction of needed drainage system improvements. Funding not available for new projects.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	4.12.4	Policy	Where practicable, discourage the use of storm drain systems, and promote stormwater management strategies which maximize opportunities for absorption of rainfall, overland conveyance of runoff, non-reservoir surface storage, and other measures that reduce development-induced impacts on peak flow rates.			
	4.13	Goal	Prevent property damage caused by flooding.			
	4.13.1	Policy	Continue to implement the floodplain management policy currently followed by the City.			

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Community Hazards	4.13.A	Program	Require all potential developers in the Sulphur Springs Creek floodplain to provide flood hazard mitigation measures that ensure the subject properties are not at risk of flooding during the FEMA-designated 100-year base flood.	C/O	Staff routinely enforces this program and would require any development occuring in this area to be built (i.e. raised) above the floodplain.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.13.2	Policy	Promote non-structural solutions to flood problems, where feasible.			
	4.13.B	Program	Where appropriate, promote the use of stormwater retention basins rather than standard engineering modifications to natural channels.	C/O	Staff routinely enforces this program with applicable development applications. On-site filtration is the preferred methodology. The City operates under the Water Board's Phase II Permit.	Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Planning Division
	4.13.C	Program	Encourage use of meandering drainage channels in all new developments and wherever channels are replaced.	C/O	Staff considers this option as part of its review of development applications. On-site filtration is the preferred methodology. The City operates under the Water Board's Phase II Permit.	Public Works Engineering Division and Community Development Planning Division
	4.14	Goal	Prevent ground and surface water contamination.			
	4.14.A	Program	Inform businesses and the public of current technology and standards for preventing ground and surface water contamination, and regulations governing hazardous material use, storage, and disposal, plus agency reporting requirements.	O	Ongoing.	Public Works Water Quality Division
	4.14.B	Program	Continue to communicate with State, regional, and local agencies and legislatures to relay information on Benicia's current and potential water quality contamination concerns, particularly regarding hazardous waste sites, existing and closed landfills, new and existing waste-generating industries and commercial operations, and City waste disposal and water/sewage treatment facilities.	O	Ongoing.	Public Works Water Quality and Wastewater Divisions
	4.14.1	Policy	Implement non-point source pollution strategies.			

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Community Hazards	4.14.C	Program	Provide information to the public on provisions of the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) program and preparation of SWPPPs for all construction projects of five acres or more. Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) for stormwater runoff and erosion controls for all development.	O	Implemented through the Storm Water Master Plan. In addition, the Planning Division is charged with distributing information to applicants of all development projects.	Public Works Water Quality and Wastewater Divisions and Community Development Planning Division
	4.14.D	Program	Conduct an outreach program to industry and residents on how to reduce storm water-related pollution.	O	Implemented through the Storm Water Master Plan.	Public Works Engineering Division
	4.15	Goal	Reduce fire hazards.			
	4.15.1	Policy	Promote the creation and maintenance of natural and artificially constructed firebreaks between development and open space areas through the use of fire resistive landscaping, weed abatement, discing, and other methods.			
	4.15.A	Program	Develop a Fire Hazards Response Plan for the urban wild land interface area.	C	The response to urban/wildland areas was modified in 2009.	Fire Dept.
	4.15.B	Program	Conduct a fire-hazard outreach program to neighborhood groups, the elderly, and the handicapped.	O	Contiue annual efforts to provide public education on fire safety and defensible space.	Fire Dept.
	4.15.C	Program	Continue and expand routine fire inspections for businesses for compliance with the Uniform Fire Code and the California Fire Code.	O	Member of Fire and Life Safey Division along with a company inspection program conduct fire and life safety inspections.	Fire Dept.
	4.15.D	Program	Continue the yearly weed abatement program.	O	This program is administered by the Fire Dept.	Fire Dept.
	4.15.2	Policy	Promote the use of fire-resistant landscaping in public and private developments.			
	4.16	Goal	Require hazardous materials and hazardous waste management handling and disposal procedures that are protective of human health and the environment.			
	4.16.1	Policy	Support the Solano County Hazardous Waste Management Plan and its goals, policies, and implementation guidelines for hazardous waste reduction, hazardous waste facility siting, hazardous waste handling and disposal, public education and involvement, and program coordination with regulatory requirements.			

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Community Hazards	4.16.A	Program	As part of the permitting process, ensure that the County reviews the design and operating plans for handling and disposal of hazardous wastes for existing and proposed new businesses.	O	Joint jurisdiction with Solano County Environmental Management.	Fire Dept.
	4.16.B	Program	Contact the Solano County Environmental Management Department annually to confirm that hazardous waste generators in Benicia have been granted permits for handling hazardous substances in compliance with federal and State laws, that they dispose of their wastes in accordance with applicable laws, and that they have filed Hazardous Materials Management Plans and Risk Management and Prevention Plans.	O	Joint jurisdiction with Solano County Environmental Management.	Fire Dept.
	4.16.C	Program	Continue reviewing monitoring records for new and existing hazardous waste storage areas for compliance with federal and State law.	O	Joint jurisdiction with Solano County Environmental Management. The Fire Dept. works closely with County staff through inspections of these sites.	Fire Dept.
	4.16.2	Policy	Continue, promote, and expand the City's Household Hazardous Waste Program.			
	4.16.D	Program	Promote use of Benicia's and Pacheco's [now Allied Waste Industries] "drop-off" facilities.	O	The City Manager's Office administers this program and works inconjunction with the Fire Dept. and Allied Waste Industries.	Fire Dept. and City Manager's Office
	4.16.3	Policy	Control water runoff that comes from hazardous substance handling or that enters hazardous substance handling areas.			
	4.16.E	Program	Investigate the potential for the collection and testing of industrial area surface runoff prior to discharge to prevent discharge of hazardous substances into the environment.	O	Part of the City's Storm Water Management Program.	Public Works Engineering Division
	4.17	Goal	Minimize hazardous waste generation.			
	4.17.1	Policy	Ensure enforcement of Title 22, §67100 of the California Code of Regulations regarding preparation and implementation of source reduction plans by hazardous waste generators.			
	4.17.A	Program	Contact the Solano County Environmental Management Department each September to confirm that new businesses have filed their source reduction plans, if applicable.	O	In cooperation with Solano County Environmental Management.	Fire Dept.

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Community Hazards	**4.17.B**	**Program**	**Situate all new hazardous material storage and handling areas to minimize the possibility of environmental contamination in the event of an accidental spill.**	**O**	**Through the Fire Dept's inspection program and in cooperation with Solano County Environmental Management.**	**Fire Dept.**
	4.17.C	**Program**	**Enclose areas where hazardous liquids are handled to minimize any rain or moisture coming into contact with hazardous substances.**	**O**	**Through the Fire Dept's inspection program.**	**Fire Dept.**
	4.18	Goal	Ensure the proper and thorough clean-up of hazardous waste sites including the Rose Drive/Braito landfill area.			
	4.18.1	Policy	Monitor and participate in the remedial planning process for major hazardous waste sites within the City and monitor implementation of any selected remedial actions to ensure that human health and the environment are protected			
	4.18.A	**Program**	**Continue to work with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to expedite the proper and thorough clean-up of waste in the Rose Drive area.**	**C**	**Cleanup of Rose Drive was completed in 2002.**	**City Attorney's Office**
	4.19	Goal	Ensure the best possible closure of IT, considering the long-term health effects upon sensitive receptors in the community.			
	4.19.A	**Program**	**For the IT site, continue to communicate Benicia's position that the only acceptable closure plan is a groundwater-divide-based alternative (i.e., a closure plan based on removing waste and contamination that lie outside the main site drainage).**	**O/2**	**The City continues to retain an outside consultant who serves as the City's liaison for monitoring, and oversees IT operations.**	**Community Development Dept. and City Manager's Office**
	4.20	Goal	Reduce health and safety hazards associated with hazardous materials users, hazardous waste generators, and hazardous waste disposal sites and toxic air contaminants.			
	4.20.1	Policy	Establish buffer zones between sensitive land uses and those land uses which involve the significant use, storage, or disposal of hazardous materials, hazardous waste, or toxic air contaminants.			
	4.20.A	**Program**	**Maintain and designate land along East Second Street for nonresidential purposes.**	**C**	**Lands west of East 2nd are within the Limited Industrial Zoning District and further bounded by land zoned Open Space, which serves as a buffer. Lands to the east of East 2nd Street are within the General Industrial Zoning District, which meets the City Limit Line.**	**Community Development Planning Division**

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	4.20.B	Program	Follow siting criteria for Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) facilities contained in the Solano County Hazardous Waste Management Plan. (22 California Code of Regulations (CCR)§66260-18; State Health and Safety Code §25201.)	O	Joint jurisdiction with Building Division and Solano County Environmental Management	Fire Dept.
	4.20.C	Program	Evaluate the potential for requiring risk assessment for any new TSD facility, and if indicated by the risk assessment, require a larger buffer zone that will be protective of human health.	O	Joint jurisdiction with Building Division. If an application for a TSD facility is received by the City, it would be routed to the various involved City departments for review and comment. During this stage of the application review process, environmental review and the need for a formal risk assessment would be determined. Mitigations to remedy environmental impacts or reduce the degree of risk to the community would be imposed as conditions of project approval.	Fire Dept.
	4.20.D	Program	Review building applications for any proposed Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) facilities to ensure that the requirements of the Solano County Hazardous Waste Management Plan are met.	O	Implemented through fire code enforcement program.	Fire Dept.
	4.20.E	Program	Coordinate with Solano County Environmental Management Department to ensure enforcement of community Right-to know laws (Chapter 6.95 of the Health and Safety Code §25500, et seq.).	O	Ongoing.	Fire Dept.
	4.20.F	Program	Enforce the Hazardous Waste Property and Border Zone Property Law (Health and Safety Code, Article 11, §25520 through §25241).	O	Joint jurisdiction with the Building Division	Fire Dept.
	4.21	Goal	Reduce significant hazards associated with pipelines, and high voltage transmission lines.			

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Community Hazards	4.21.A	Program	Continue to implement existing adopted policies governing development near pipelines.	C/O	Staff routinely enforces this program with any development application in the vicinity of either the Valero Refinery pipelines or the City's water transmission line. Examples of this are the conditions imposed by the City on the Kinder Morgan Pipeline project, a portion of which was located adjacent to the City's water transmission line.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.21.B	Program	Set back all residential uses, schools, and public buildings at least 150 feet from the edge of 230 kilovolt electric transmission line easements.	C/O	The City Council adopted Ordinance 01-6 in 2001 setting this standard in place within the Zoning Ordiance, 17.70.330.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.22	Goal	Update and maintain the City's Emergency Response Plan.			
	4.22.1	Policy	Provide an early community alert and notification system and safe evacuation plan for emergency incidents.			
	4.22.A	Program	Provide the public with information and training on what to do until help arrives in emergency situations.	O	Part of the community outreach program and Benicia Emergency Response Training (BERT)	Fire Dept.
	4.22.B	Program	Develop a siren system to alert and notify the community in an emergency.	C	The City installed the CAN system in February 2001. Two additional sirens were located and installed in 2004 along with other miscellaneous upgrades.	Fire Dept.
	4.22.C	Program	Request voluntary donations from identified sources of hazards to implement the Emergency Response Plan.	C	The City installed the CAN system in February 2001; includes CAN system support.	Fire Dept.
	4.22.D	Program	Consider a City radio station to inform residents in the event of an emergency.	C	The City completed this in February 2001.	Fire Dept.
	4.22.2	Policy	Develop at least two exit routes, where feasible, for new developments. One of the exits could be a pedestrian route.			
	4.22.3	Policy	Provide the public with information on specified emergency evacuation routes.			
	4.22.E	Program	Provide an evacuation route from the Arsenal in addition to Military East.	3	Joint jurisdication with Police Dept.	Fire Dept.
	4.23	Goal	Reduce or eliminate the effects of excessive noise.			

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Noise	4.23.1	Policy	Evaluate the compatibility of proposed projects with respect to existing and future transportation noise levels by utilizing Tables 4-3 and 4-4.			
	4.23.A	**Program**	**Investigate and implement techniques to reduce traffic noise.**	**O**	**Part of the City's Traffic Calming Program.**	**Public Works Engineering Division**
	4.23.2	Policy	Use noise dampening building standards, site design, landscaping, and setbacks instead of sound walls, wherever possible.			
	4.23.3	Policy	Use available techniques such as building insulation, berms, building design and orientation, buffer yards, and staggered operating hours to minimize noise at the source.			
	4.23.4	Policy	Control development of noise-sensitive land uses in areas exposed to existing or projected noise which exceed the levels specified in Tables 4-3 and 4-4 unless the project includes specific, effective mitigation measures to reduce interior and exterior noise levels to those specified in Tables 4-3 and 4-4.			
	4.23.B	**Program**	**Investigate conditioning construction of live/work units with a requirement to record a "notice of special restrictions" which would acknowledge the noisy nature of existing adjacent industrial uses.**	**O**	**Staff routinely supports this program with any development application in or next to industrial areas. For example, the owner of the bed and breakfast on Jefferson Street signed and recorded such acknowledgement. Also it was a condition of approval for the Yuba Heights 7-lot subdivision.**	**Community Development Planning Division**
Noise	4.23.5	Policy	Accommodate roadway improvement projects for build-out of the General Plan by recognizing that existing noise-sensitive uses may be exposed to increased noise levels from roadway repairs, increased traffic, and increased travel speeds. When it is not practical to reduce traffic noise levels to those in Table 4-4, the following criteria will be used as a test of significance for the environmental review of roadway improvement projects: (a) Where existing noise levels are less than 60 dB Ldn at the outdoor activity area of a noise-sensitive use, a 5 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant; (b) Where existing noise levels range between 60 and 65 dB Ldn at the outdoor activity area of a noise-sensitive use, a 3 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant; and (c) Where existing noise levels are greater than 65 dB Ldn at the outdoor activity area of a noise-sensitive use, a 1.5 dB Ldn increase in noise levels due to a roadway improvement project will be considered significant.			

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Noise	4.23.C	Program	If needed, revise the City's noise ordinance and consider incorporating the noise level performance standards in Table 4-4.	3	Not part of the current work program. May require outside consultant resources to identify if needed, and to revise the standards.	Community Development Planning Division
	4.23.6	Policy	Attempt to reduce noise in areas already highly impacted by excessive noise.			
	4.23.D	Program	Identify sources of noise in the community (such as flight patterns, construction noise, traffic, railroads, industrial, and amplified sound). Develop measures to reduce excessive noise to acceptable levels.	C/O	The Noise Element of the General Plan identified noise sources and established standards for maintaining acceptable noise enviroments for existing and new development. Title 24 (2010 CA Building Code Section 1207) addresses noise between shared tenant spaces in attached units by requiring sound transmission measures to be installed between units to reduce noise from neighbors. In addition, there are requirements (CBC 1207.11) for exterior sound transmission control from sources such as highways and airports.	Community Development Planning and Building Divisions

APPENDIX C:
HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION, REPORTING JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2013

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Table A

Annual Building Activity Report Summary - New Construction
Very Low-, Low-, and Mixed-Income Multifamily Projects

Housing Development Information									Housing with Financial Assistance and/or Deed Restrictions		Housing without Financial Assistance or Deed Restrictions
1	2	3	4				5	5a	6	7	8
Project Identifier (may be APN No., project name or address)	Unit Category	Tenure R=Renter O=Owner	Affordability by Household Incomes				Total Units per Project	Est. # Infill Units*	Assistance Programs for Each Development	Deed Restricted Units	Note below the number of units determined to be affordable without financial or deed restrictions and attach an explanation how the jurisdiction determined the units were affordable. Refer to instructions.
			Very Low-Income	Low-Income	Moderate-Income	Above Moderate-Income			See Instructions	See Instructions	
(9) Total of **Moderate and Above Moderate** from Table A3 ► ► ►					0	0	0				
(10) Total by income Table A/A3 ► ►											
(11) Total **Extremely Low-Income** Units*											

* Note: These fields are voluntary

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Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired pursuant to GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Please note: Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program it its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

Activity Type	Affordability by Household Incomes				(4) The Description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c)(7) of Government Code Section 65583.1
	Extremely Low-Income*	Very Low-Income	Low-Income	TOTAL UNITS	
(1) Rehabilitation Activity				0	
(2) Preservation of Units At-Risk				0	
(3) Acquisition of Units				0	
(5) Total Units by Income	0	0	0	0	

* Note: This field is voluntary

Table A3
Annual building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate-Income Units (not including those units reported on Table A)

	1. Single Family	2. 2 - 4 Units	3. 5+ Units	4. Second Unit	5. Mobile Homes	6. Total	7. Number of infill units*
No. of Units Permitted for **Moderate**						0	
No. of Units Permitted for **Above Moderate**						0	

* Note: This field is voluntary

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Table B

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Permitted Units Issued by Affordability

Enter Calendar Year starting with the first year of the RHNA allocation period. See Example.			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013			Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
Income Level		RHNA Allocation by Income Level	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9		
Very Low	Deed Restricted	147											147
	Non-deed restricted												
Low	Deed Restricted	99											98
	Non-deed restricted						1					1	
Moderate	Deed Restricted	108											108
	Non-deed restricted												
Above Moderate		178	82			19	1	1				104	75
Total RHNA by COG. Enter allocation number:		532	82			19	2	1				105	428
Total Units ► ► ►													
Remaining Need for RHNA Period ► ► ► ► ►													

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals.

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Table C

Program Implementation Status

Program Description (By Housing Element Program Names)	**Housing Programs Progress Report - Government Code Section 65583.** Describe progress of all programs including local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing as identified in the housing element.		
Name of Program	**Objective**	**Timeframe in H.E.**	**Status of Program Implementation**
Program 1.01	Work/Coordinate with Housing Authority	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 1.02	Support the Benicia Housing Authority in their administration of the Section 8 housing voucher program	2007-2014	Ongoing; when eligible
Program 1.03	Consider joining a consortium for source of funding; mortgage revenue bonds/credit certificates, to develop affordable housing and first time homebuyer assistance	2014	Investigating feasibility
Program 1.04	Leverage financial resources and partner with the development community to assist first-time homebuyers with down payments. Apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding annually for this purpose	2007-2014	Ongoing; when eligible
Program 1.05	Provide information at City Hall, other public locations, and on the City's website (www.ci.benicia.ca.us) to promote private, State, and federal homebuyer assistance programs to the public	2007-2014	Ongoing; the information available through the City directs inquires to the Benicia Housing Authority.

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Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation
Program 1.06	Provide pre-application technical assistance to affordable housing providers to determine project feasibility and address zoning compliance issues in the most cost-effective and expeditious manner possible	2007-2014	Ongoing; pre-application review of all development projects including those pertaining to housing is regularly provided and coordinated through the Planning Division staff.
Program 1.07	Continue to educate the public on affordable housing through annual reporting to the Planning Commission and City Council	2007-2014 (Annually)	Ongoing; the Housing Element annual report is submitted with the General Plan Annual Report each year. The last one was submitted in May 2013.
Program 1.08	Amend the Zoning Ordinance to comply with changes in the State Density Bonus law	2014	This program has tot yet been completed and will likely continue to the 5th Cycle Housing Element Update.
Program 1.09	To encourage the development of second units, amend the Zoning Ordinance for second units (accessory dwelling units) and reduce fees	2013	This program has tot yet been completed and will likely continue to the 5th Cycle Housing Element Update.
Program 1.10	Investigate the feasibility of developing second unit prototype or model plans for homeowners to use	2013	This program has tot yet been completed and will likely continue to the 5th Cycle Housing Element Update.
Program 1.11	Continue to reduce the cost of providing affordable housing by developing a fast tracking process, reducing fees, reducing parking requirements - amend the Zoning Ordinance as necessary	2013	Not yet completed

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Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation
Program 1.12	Provide developer incentives such as expedited permit processing and fee deferrals for units that are affordable to lower income households	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 2.01	Evaluate the inclusionary ordinance and consider changes that would encourage the construction of affordable housing units. such as expedited permit processing and fee deferrals for units that are affordable to lower income households	2014	Not yet completed
Program 2.02	Include SB375 in General Plan Update for high density near transit	2019	To be completed as part of the next General Plan update
Program 2.03	Establish a trust for inclusionary housing in-lieu fees	Annually	Ongoing
Program 2.04	Amend General Commercial zoning district to allow residential uses	2013	This program has not been completed due to the lack of resources.
Program 2.05	Consider affordable housing linkage fee on nonresidential development projects	2014	Investigating feasibility
Program 2.06	Monitor funding sources for upstairs residential unit development on First Street	Annually	Ongoing
Program 2.07	Apply for financial assistance for projects in the Priority Development Areas	2007-2014	Ongoing as opportunities arise
Program 3.01	Amend Zoning Ordinance to allow for emergency shelters by right	2013	This text amendment is in progress and will be completed by the end of 2014.
Program 3.02	Adopt a reasonable accommodations ordinance	2013	(Typo in the Housing Element indicates timeframe is 2011.) Staff is currently working on a draft ordinance, expect to be completed by 2015.

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Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation
Program 3.03	Provide assistance to the Community Action Council	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 3.04	Refer persons in need of transitional housing assistance to the Community Action Council	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 3.05	Provide social services in all City funded affordable housing projects	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 3.06	Facilitate the establishment of shared housing	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 4.01	Expand the use of existing Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	2007-2014	Ongoing; investigating options
Program 4.02	Provide standard specifications for seismic retrofitting of existing residential structures to assist property owners in meeting current seismic safety standards	2007-2014	Completed; plans available at Community Development Department counter and website
Program 4.03	Implement procedures applicable to inclusionary for-sale units	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 4.04	Work with mobile home parks to ensure maintenance, upkeep, and compliance with State regulations	2013	This program has not been implemented due to the lack of resources and will likely be carried through to the 5th Cycle Housing Element update.
Program 4.05	Investigate ways to meet the housing need through rehabilitation and preservation of existing units	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 4.06	Maintain a record of affordable housing units	2007-2014	Ongoing

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Name of Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation
Program 5.01	Implement the complaint referral process	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 5.02	Provide brochures on universal design for the public	2013	Completed, brochures available at the Community Development Department counter and website
Program 6.01	Implement the California Green Building Standards Code, 2010 edition	2007-2014	Ongoing
Program 6.02	Implement the Home Efficiency Program and Solar Rebate Program	2007-2014	Ongoing; All funds for the Solar Rebate Program have been allocated. The City continues to seek additional funds to maintain the program.
Program 6.03	Provide brochures from PG&E and others detailing energy conservation methods	2007-2014	Ongoing; Brochures are available at the Community Development Director counter in City Hall.
Program 6.04	Establish regulations requiring the development of environmentally sustainable buildings	2007-2014	Ongoing; investigating options
Program 6.05	Provide public education on energy efficiency and sustainable materials	2007-2014	Ongoing; There is a display on the wall near the Community Development public counter to educate the public on energy efficiency and sustainable design.

APPENDIX D:
CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN, FISCAL YEARS 2013-2015

SERVING AND ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY WITH CARE, COMMITMENT AND PRIDE

THE CITY OF BENICIA CALIFORNIA

City of Benicia

Strategic Plan

FY 2013-2015

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning process is a proven and thoughtful method for determining how an organization's resources can be most wisely allocated. Strategic Planning requires research and analysis before making resource allocation decisions; strategic planning decisions are not randomly made. Strategic Planning requires research and analysis that is:

1. **COMPREHENSIVE**: all of the City's functions and responsibilities are reviewed prior to allocation decisions.
2. **LONG-TERM**: the City's long-term needs and opportunities are reviewed prior to making allocation decisions.
3. **INCLUSIVE**: all stakeholders are invited and encouraged to participate in needs and opportunities assessment prior to allocation decisions.

Strategic Plan Elements

1. **MISSION STATEMENT**: a statement of the City's ultimate purpose and the difference it wishes to make for the community.
2. **VISION STATEMENT**: the character-defining elements of the ideal organization.
3. **VALUES STATEMENT**: the guiding principles the organization believes are right and should guide conduct.
4. **STRATEGIC ISSUES**: the major needs and opportunities facing the organization over the next two to five years that most impact achievement of the Mission and Vision. Numerous, important issues face any organization. The identified Strategic Issues are those that are perceived to be most critical.
5. **STRATEGIES**: one or more approaches to take in order to address the Strategic Issues.
6. **STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION ITEMS**: the specific projects and programs that will be pursued by the organization in the budget period (two years) to implement the Strategies.

The Strategic Plan differs from the City's General Plan in that the General Plan reflects the City's long-range vision. The Strategic Plan is a plan for the next two-five years that will help the City accomplish the goals of the General Plan with shorter-term strategies and actions.

Key points to keep in mind when developing a Strategic Plan include:

- Strategic Planning proceeds from the assumption that resources are limited so we must allocate them based on a review and identification of the highest priorities for the upcoming planning period (two-five years).

- Strategic Plan issues are the five +/- problems and opportunities that will arise in the planning period that will most impact achievement of the City's mission, vision and values.

- Strategic Plan strategies are the most promising approaches or general direction that will resolve the five Strategic Issues.

- Strategic Actions are the most effective projects, programs or activities that will execute or implement the strategies.

- It should be noted that Strategic Actions may be cross-cutting, that is they may fit under more than one Strategic Issue. Actions are listed under the Issue with which they are most clearly aligned. For example, Item 3c "Continue to collaborate with the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) to support quality education" is listed under Strategic Issue 3: Strengthening Economic and Fiscal Conditions, but it also fits under Strategic Issue 5: Maintain and Enhance a High Quality of Life.

- Actions selected can be new, already planned, or on-going. The point is identifying and selecting actions that will best address the strategies and issues identified in the plan.

- The package of actions selected should not be comprised of only those that are easily achievable. Instead, they should be ambitious, while realistically achievable within resources that can be assembled within the planning period.

- Ultimately, resources required will be considered and evaluated in the budget process. The budget process is about allocating available resources to priorities established by the City Council.

- The last major policy step in the Strategic Planning process is budget adoption.

Implementation Process

The City's Strategic Plan is achieved by pursuit of the following activities:

1. **BUDGET APPROPRIATION**: allocating our discretionary budget dollars to projects and programs that will address Strategic Plan Issues.

2. **DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC PLANS**: establishment of Strategic Plans by each department that include Actions that address Strategic Plan Issues.

3. **EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE PLANS**: including objectives in the Performance Plan of every employee that addresses Strategic Plan Issues.

4. **MONITORING PLANS**:

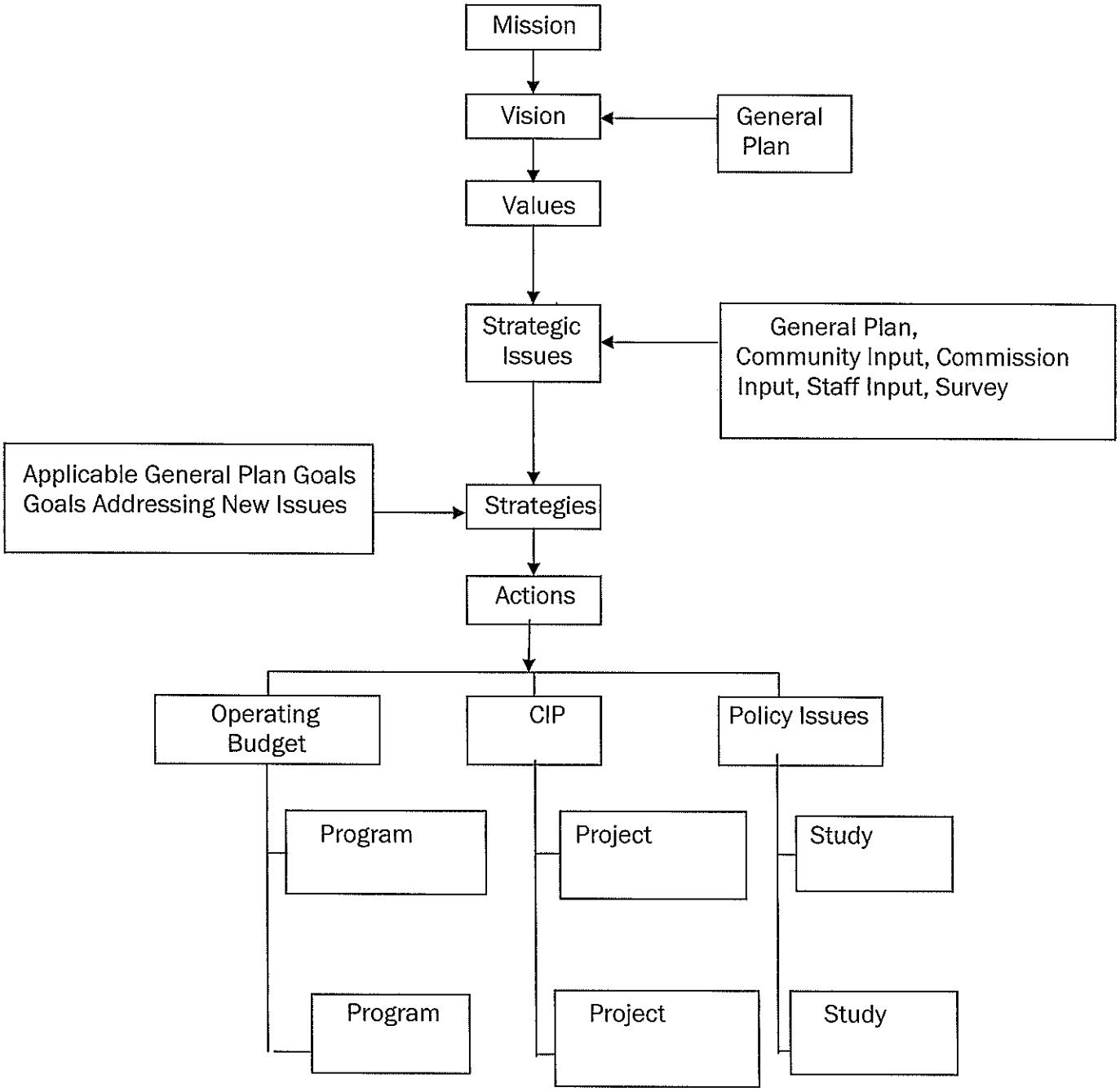
   a. Employee Performance Plans: supervisors personally review and discuss the employee's performance plan on an annual basis.

   b. Strategic Action Plan: City Manager and Department Heads review progress once per month at staff meetings, and once per quarter at Council meetings.

   c. Performance Measures: The 2013-2015 Budget has performance measures identified in each of the department narratives. These measures will be useful for tracking progress on both the Citywide Strategic Plan Actions, as well as other departmental priorities.

The following pages illustrate the process, as well as each of the City's Strategic Plan elements and together comprise the City's Strategic Plan for 2013-2015.

Benicia Strategic Planning Process



City of Benicia

Mission, Vision and Values

City Mission:

- **Excellent Service**

City Vision:

- **To work together to build a sustainable community and enhance the City's overall quality of life.**

City Values or Guiding Principles:

- **Respect**
- **Responsiveness**
- **Integrity**
- **Inclusiveness & Collaboration**
- **Teamwork**

The Mission Vision and Guiding Principles of the Strategic Plan are consistent with the General Plan. The Strategic Plan supports accomplishment of the goals of the General Plan via shorter-term strategies and actions.

STRATEGIC ISSUE 5: Maintain and Enhance a High Quality of Life – Cont.

PRIMARY GENERAL PLAN GOALS

- Overarching Goal of the General Plan: Sustainability
- GOAL 2.11: Encourage the retention and continued evolution of the lower Arsenal into a historical/cultural/commercial/industrial center of mutually compatible uses.
- GOAL 2.12: Strengthen the Downtown as the City's central commercial zone.
- GOAL 2.30: Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation programs.
- GOAL 3.1: Maintain and enhance Benicia's historic character.
- GOAL 3.3: Increase public awareness of cultural resources and activities.
- GOAL 3.4: Support the library and the services it provides the community.

2013-15 Strategic Plan Appendix

The following City documents are existing plans, adopted by the City Council, that are relevant to the Strategic Plan.

- Downtown Historic Conservation Plan 1990
- Downtown Streetscape Design Plan 1990
- Arsenal Historic Conservation Plan 1993
- Parks Master Plan 1997
- Benicia General Plan 1999 and 2007-2014 Housing Element
- Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan 2007
- Economic Development Strategy 2007
- Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan 2008
- Benicia Climate Action Plan 2009
- Public Art Program 2012
- BIP Technology Needs Assessment 2012
- Business Development Action Plan 2012
- City of Benicia Emergency Operations Plan (2007)

STRATEGIC ISSUE 1: Protecting Community Health and Safety

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
1) Provide modern and functional public safety facilities	1) (a) Investigate funding strategies for a functional police building (b) Evaluate need to replace emergency generators at Fire Station 11
2) Maintain adequate staffing for public safety and a strong EMS program	2) (a) Maintain current public safety service levels (b) Explore opportunities for resource sharing/collaboration with other fire service agencies (c) Explore opportunities for consolidation of fire and emergency medical dispatch services with other agencies
3) Provide a high state of preparedness for disasters/emergencies	3) (a) Educate our citizens on the Community Alert Notification System, and conduct EOC trainings (b) Establish a community real-time air monitoring system to alert the City and affected community of significant air quality issues (c) Conduct Emergency Operations Center Exercises, at least twice annually. (d) Ensure all city employees are trained at the proper levels to meet the National Incident Management System Standards
4) Promote community preservation and prevent nuisances through increased code enforcement, environmental strategies and community education	4) (a) Leverage code enforcement resources to resolve systemic quality of life issues (b) Utilize technology to produce an effective and efficient use of resources
5) Promote community and personal health	5) (a) Continue to support the Benicia Youth Action Coalition, a community collaborative, working together to reduce the underage use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) by Benicia Youth (b) Review smoking ordinance (c) Utilize library services and programs to promote community health

STRATEGIC ISSUE 1: Protecting Community Health and Safety - Continued

PRIMARY GENERAL PLAN GOALS

- GOAL 2.28: Improve and maintain public facilities and services.
- GOAL 4.22: Update and maintain the City's Emergency Response Plan.

STRATEGIC ISSUE 2: Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
1) Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption	1) (a) Pursue financing mechanism for home and business renewable energy and/or energy conservation methods (b) "Buy green", if fiscally feasible
2) Implement new water conservation projects/programs	2) Pursue water conservation projects as opportunities arise
3) Pursue and adopt sustainable practices	3) (a) Pursue LEED certification for community center
4) Protect air quality	4) Pursue multiple mass transit opportunities

PRIMARY GENERAL PLAN GOALS

- Overarching Goal of the General Plan: Sustainability
- GOAL 2.36: Ensure an adequate water supply for current and future residents and businesses.
- GOAL 3.27: Improve energy efficiency.

STRATEGIC ISSUE 3: Strengthening Economic and Fiscal Conditions

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
1) Implement Economic Development Strategy	1) (a) Replace Nationwide sign with tourism sign on I-680 freeway (b) Continue tourism brand promotion and marketing (e.g., tourism website) (c) Formulate BIP Marketing program (d) Continue funding for non-profit arts and culture organization grants (e) Complete master plan for Downtown Waterfront Park
2) Strengthen Benicia Industrial Park competitiveness	2) (a) Continue to approve and implement road resurfacing projects (b) Pursue and develop Benicia Industrial Park Broadband Project
3) Retain and attract business	3) (a) Implement Business Development Action Plan (b) Continue and expand business support tools and policies that balance sustainability with economic vitality (c) Continue to collaborate with the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) to support quality education
4) Manage City finances prudently	4) Prepare and maintain balanced budget with strong emergency and contingency reserve and internal service funds
5) Increase economic viability of industrial park and other commercial areas, while preserving existing economic strengths and historic resources	5) (a) Plan for sustainable Benicia Business Park including pursuing grants for transit oriented development area and Intermodal Station planning (b) Plan for investment in the Arsenal including hazard remediation (c) Update zoning code to encourage clean energy, high-tech R&D uses in industrial districts

STRATEGIC ISSUE 3: Strengthening Economic and Fiscal Conditions - Continued

PRIMARY GENERAL PLAN GOALS

- Overarching Goal of the General Plan: Sustainability
- GOAL 2.34: Ensure adequate school facilities to serve all residential areas.
- GOAL 2.35: Cooperate with the School District to provide opportunities for citizen use of the schools.
- GOAL 2.5: Facilitate and encourage new uses and development which provide substantial and sustainable fiscal and economic benefits to the City and the community while maintaining health, safety, and quality of life.
- GOAL 2.28: Improve and maintain public facilities and services.
- GOAL 2.7: Attract and retain industrial facilities that provide fiscal and economic benefits to – and meet the present and future needs of – Benicia.

STRATEGIC ISSUE 4: Preserving and Enhancing Infrastructure

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
1) Provide safe, functional and complete streets	1) (a) Fund street maintenance at a level that will improve pavement management index rating (b) Implement traffic calming work program
2) Increase use of mass transit	2) (a) Complete plans for and begin construction of a park-and-ride facility at W. Military at Southampton (b) Continue to pursue designation for a WETA-Ferry stop in downtown area (c) Continue planning for an intermodal transportation station in vicinity of Benicia Industrial Park and proposed Benicia Business Park
3) Address technology needs	3) (a) Prepare a City government technology improvement plan (b) Acquire and implement: 1) upgraded public safety technology, and 2) enhanced GIS capabilities
4) Provide adequate funding for ongoing infrastructure needs	4) (a) Implement a plan for funding of reserves for vehicle, equipment and facilities infrastructure (b) Fund bridge maintenance program

STRATEGIC ISSUE 4: Preserving and Enhancing Infrastructure - Continued

PRIMARY GENERAL PLAN GOALS

- Overarching Goal of the General Plan: Sustainability
- GOAL 2.15: Provide a comprehensive system of pedestrian and bicycle routes which link the various components of the community: employment centers, residential areas, commercial areas, schools, parks, and open space.
- GOAL 2.17: Provide an efficient, reliable, and convenient transit system.
- GOAL 2.19: Promote a regional (San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda) and local (Martinez, Port Costa, and Crockett) ferry service.
- GOAL 2.20: Provide a balanced street system to serve automobiles, pedestrians, bicycles, and transit, balancing vehicle-flow improvements with multi-modal considerations.
- GOAL 2.28: Improve and maintain public facilities and services.

STRATEGIC ISSUE 5: Maintain and Enhance a High Quality of Life

STRATEGIES	ACTIONS
1) Operate community activity centers	1) (a) Continue to provide support for the library as a community center
2) Implement the Downtown Master Plan	2) (a) Pursue outside funds for Downtown improvements (streetscape, parking and traffic calming enhancements) (b) Review mixed use and other alternatives for the City's E Street lot
3) Promote arts and culture	3) (a) Pursue funding sources for arts and culture activities
4) Preserve City-owned historic structures	4) (a) Continue to seek tenant for occupancy of Commanding Officer's Quarters (b) Maintain City-owned historic structures (e.g. Benicia Historical Museum, SP Depot, Clocktower)
5) Provide support to disadvantaged segments of the community	5) (a) Obtain grants to provide a transitional shelter (b) Facilitate construction of affordable housing per updated Housing Element (c) Continue funding for Human Services grants
6) Support Benicia Public Library's ability to meet the public's expanding needs for information, communication and literacy	6) (a) Provide ongoing support for library and literacy services (b) Plan for future basement expansion