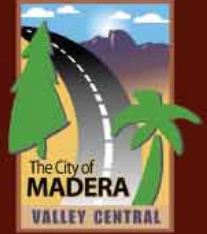
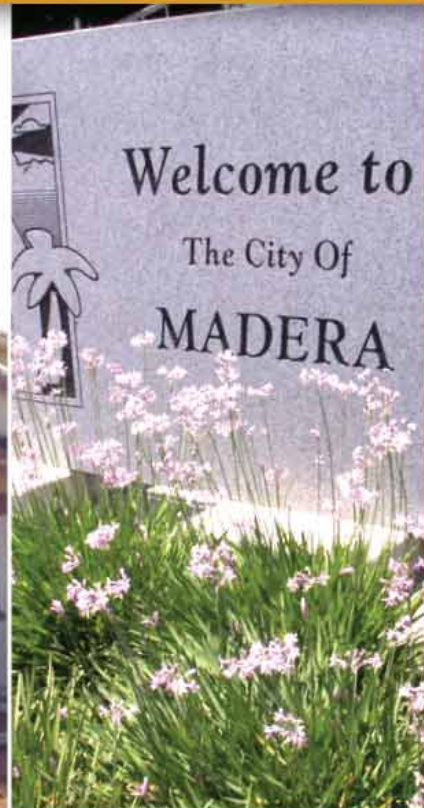


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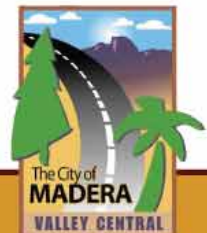
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General Plan Steering Committee**

**Health and Safety
Parks/Recreation**

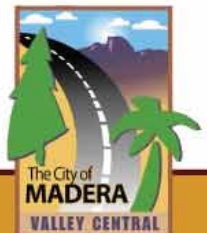
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Objectives for Tonight's Meeting

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- Overview of Park and Recreation Policies from the Parks Master Plan (Tammy Seale, PMC)
- Overview of Health & Safety Policies (Eric Norris, PMC)



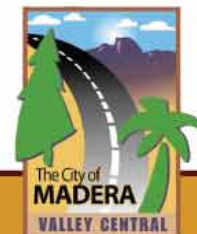
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Park, Recreation & Open Space So Far ...

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- **Vision 2025 – A Safe, Healthy Environment** provides healthy recreational activities and recognizes the need for Madera's parks and open spaces to be convenient and well-maintained.
- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
- **Tonight:** New Park, Recreation and Open Space Policies



Purpose of the Park, Recreation, & Open Space Element

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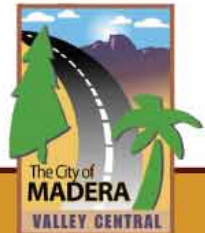
- Identify and assess existing facilities and programs, identify park and recreation facilities & program needs, and how to meet the needs.
- The Element and the Master Plan will provide a framework to assure efficient stewardship of the City's parks and public spaces, recreation facilities, and natural resources.
- Overlaps with Land Use, Conservation and Circulation Elements



How is the Park, Recreation, & Open Space Element Developed?

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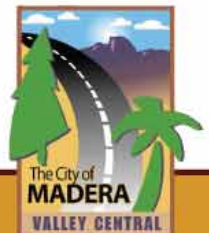
- Review Vision 2025 Plan
- Evaluate existing General Plan policies (Resource Management Element)
 - What is working?
 - What needs refinement?
- Identify new issues and needs through Park & Recreation Master Plan process
- Draft new policies, standards and guidelines



Key Issues

Key Park, Recreation, & Open Space Element Issues in Madera:

- Developed parkland
- Connectivity and access
- Recreation Facilities and Programs
- Neighborhood Parks
- Park and Green Space Design
- Partnerships
- Open space



Key Issues

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- ***Developed parkland*** -- Adequate distribution, acreage, and park types to meet demand through clear classifications, standards and guidelines for public and private park development



Key Issues

- ***Connectivity and access*** – Trails and connections between parks, neighborhoods and schools, specifically expansion of the Vern McCullough-Fresno River Trail and Cottonwood Creek Trail



Key Issues

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- ***Recreation Facilities and Programs***

A balance of active and passive opportunities for all Maderans, identify additional recreation facilities to meet demand



Key Issues

- ***Neighborhood Parks***
Prioritizes importance of neighborhood parks as neighborhood centers



Key Issues

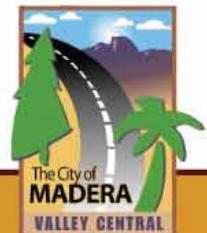
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- ***Park and Green Space Design*** – Addresses use of sustainable best management practices, park and recreation facility design standards, and adequate operations and maintenance resources to meet demand



Key Issues

- ***Partnerships*** – Public and private opportunities to meet park and recreation demand, including joint-use with the School District, Irrigation District and non-profits (existing and new)



Key Issues

- ***Open Space*** – Addresses providing and protecting open space for preservation of natural resources, managed production of resources, and for public access such as trails and recreation



Next Step: Park Master Plan Workshop

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- A public workshop will be held in late September/early October.
- Watch the City's web site for details.



Health & Safety

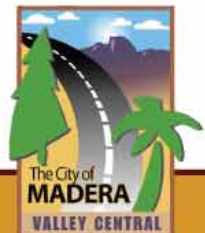


Introduction to the Health & Safety Element

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The Health and Safety Element addresses

- Natural Hazards – Floods, earthquakes, wildfires
- Manmade Hazards – Hazardous materials, railroad crossings
- Other relevant issues – Evacuation routes, critical facilities and services



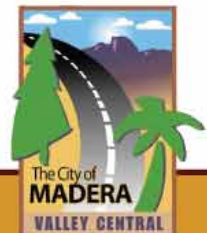
Purpose of the Health & Safety Element

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- Required General Plan Element

“...for the protection of the community from unreasonable risks associated with the effects of seismically induced surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, and dam failure; slope instability leading to landslides, subsidence and other geological hazards; flooding; hazardous material accidents; and wildland and urban fire.” (State General Plan Guidelines)

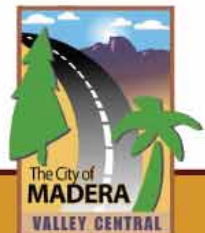
- Overlaps with Land Use, Air Quality, Design and Circulation Elements



How is the Health & Safety Element Developed?

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- Review Vision 2025 Plan
- Evaluate existing General Plan's Health and Safety policies
 - What is working?
 - What needs refinement?
- Identify new issues
- Draft new policies

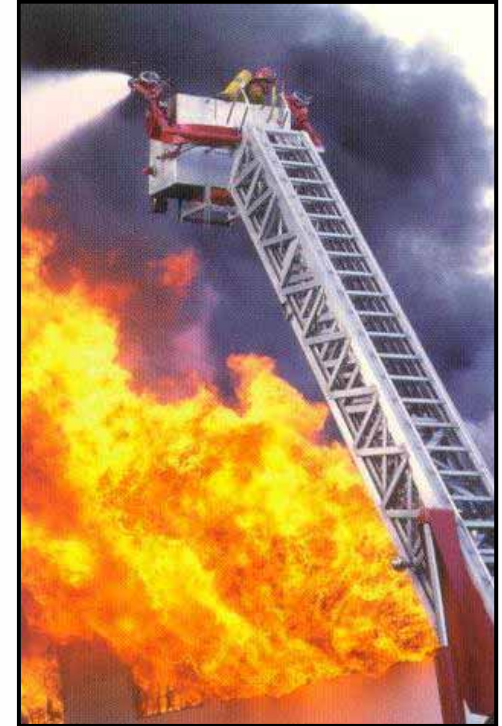


Introduction to the Health & Safety Element

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Key Health & Safety Element Issues in Madera

- Hazardous Materials
- Floods
- Geologic and Seismic Hazards
- Railroad Crossings
- Public Safety - includes fire, police and design



Key Issues

- ***Hazardous Materials*** address the need for the safe and efficient transport, handling and storage of hazardous materials that will comply with State and Federal laws.



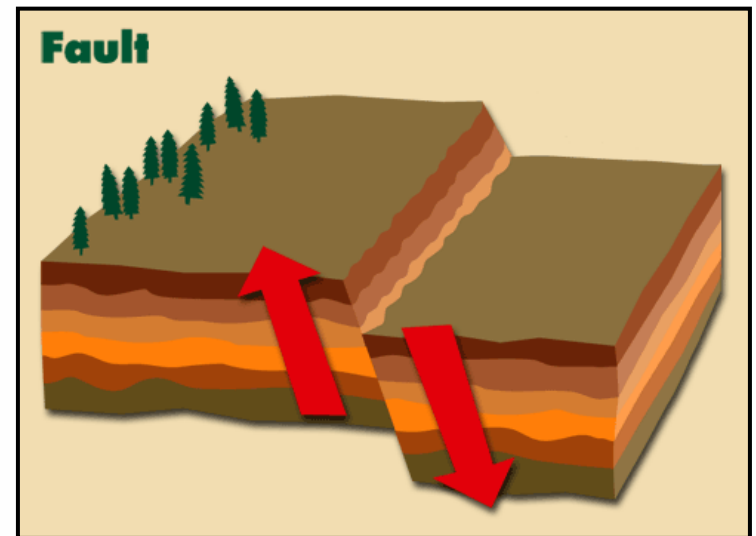
Key Issues

- ***Floods***, which potentially affect a large portion of the Planning Area, largely dictate the need for development standards that will provide adequate flood protection to life and property.



Key Issues

- ***Geologic and Seismic Hazards*** includes goals and policies to protect the City's residents from danger associated with active faults, liquefaction, and ground failure.



Key Issues

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- ***Railroad Crossings*** address safety and design improvements at railroad crossings in Madera to ensure that they are as safe as possible.



Key Issues

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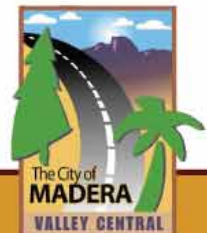
- ***Fire Protection*** includes policies to minimize the loss of life and damage to property and the environment from fires.



Key Issues

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- ***Police Services*** addresses protection of people and property in Madera, through services provided by the City of Madera Police Department.



Next Steps

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- **July 30:** Planning Commission/City Council Review of Draft Land Use Map
- **August 25:** Community Design
- **September 2008:** Sustainability
- **October 2008:** Release of Draft General Plan Elements Begins



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