

Annual Progress Report 2023



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Introduction

The City of Eureka 2040 General Plan establishes the fundamental policy framework to guide decisions related to land use and development, public services and facilities, public safety, resource management, recreation, culture, and the overall health and quality of life in the community. The General Plan presents a vision for the City's future, and embodies goals, policies, and strategies to turn that vision into a reality. The City of Eureka adopted the 2040 General Plan on October 18, 2018 after an extensive community participation effort. The General Plan includes seven mandatory elements: land use, housing, open space, conservation, safety, circulation, and noise. A jurisdiction may also choose to include optional elements which speak to other topics of local interest. Additionally, the General Plan compiles the activities, programs, and policies of the City to promote healthy living. The 2040 General Plan's required and optional elements are presented in five sections:



- **Section 3.1 Our Community.** Land Use, Housing (under separate cover), Economy, and Historic and Cultural Preservation
- **Section 3.2 Our Environment.** Natural Resources and Open Space, Agriculture and Timberlands, and Air Quality and Climate Change
- **Section 3.3 Our Civic Resources.** Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, and Community Services
- **Section 3.4 Our Infrastructure.** Mobility and Utilities
- **Section 3.5 Our Well-Being.** Health and Safety, and Noise

The Eureka 2040 General Plan, and its required elements presented in the five sections listed above, contains an integrated and internally consistent set of goals, policies, and implementation programs which will achieve the community's shared vision, and address those issues of greatest importance to Eureka. The General Plan provides the framework to ensure specific land use and development proposals are in harmony with Eureka's unique objectives, and provides decision makers with guidance in setting priorities for the conservation of resources, provision of services and infrastructure, and allocation of public expenditures. To achieve its purpose, the General Plan has been structured to be flexible enough to adapt to changing conditions, while specific enough to provide predictability and consistency in guiding day-to-day decision making. All development projects, subdivisions, zoning regulations, specific plans, capital improvements, and other related plans, regulations, and actions are required to be consistent with the General Plan.



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Statutory Requirements and Purpose

California Government Code Section 65400 mandates cities and counties submit an annual progress report (APR) on the General Plan and its implementation to City Council, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). This document fulfills that mandate, and will be received by the City Council at its meeting on March 19, 2024. The main purpose of the APR is to provide the City Council and the public with an update of the City's progress in implementing its General Plan vision. This annual assessment provides the City Council an opportunity to direct Staff to adjust or modify Council's policies or approach to implementation to ensure the City meets its stated vision.



Updating the General Plan

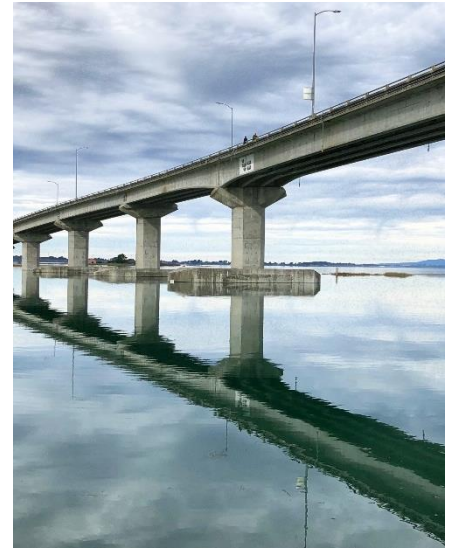
The City of Eureka adopted its first General Plan in 1965, with major updates in 1977 and 1997. The 2040 General Plan represents the first comprehensive update since 1997. While many of the issues facing Eureka remain constant, various conditions, challenges, opportunities, and legal requirements have changed since the last update. The 2040 General Plan responded to these changes, allowing today's residents, businesses and decision makers to express their thoughts, ideas and aspirations for the future. Integrated throughout the 2040 General Plan update process was an outreach program to educate, inform and solicit input from the community. Key components of the outreach program included stakeholder interviews, community workshops, web-based virtual town halls, economic development and homelessness focus groups, landowner requests, City Council and Planning Commission check-in sessions, an EIR scoping meeting, General Plan update website, flyers, media releases, and public hearings. The input received significantly influenced the overall shape and direction of the 2040 General Plan.

Amending the 2040 General Plan

State law allows the General Plan to be amended four times annually. This allows the General Plan to remain a current document responsive to the community's needs. Requests for amendments may be submitted by individuals or initiated by the City. Since the adoption of the 2040 General Plan in 2018, three amendments were adopted in 2022 related to the Housing Element and land use/zoning designation changes for two properties. No amendments were adopted in 2023.

Housing Element Progress

State law requires each jurisdiction in California include a Housing Element in its General Plan which establishes specific actions, objectives, and timelines for meeting its State mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for each income level. The RHNA is provided to jurisdictions in eight-year cycles. The current cycle is Cycle 6, which covers the time period of 2019 through 2027. Every year the City prepares an annual Housing Element Progress Report for submittal to HCD and OPR by April 1st. The Housing Element Annual Progress Report is being prepared as a separate document.



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| 3.1 - Our Community | Land Use | |
| | Community Form and Character | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-1 A Community that values its unique small town charm and livability while thoughtfully advancing new prospects for growth and economic vitality. | |
| | Core Area | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-2 A thriving, compact, and pedestrian oriented Core Area that serves as the heart of Eureka’s civic, cultural, business and visitor activity and is appealing to new investment. | |
| | Commercial Corridors and Centers | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-3 Active, attractive, and prosperous corridors and centers that boost Eureka’s role as the regional hub of retail, professional/business services, and tourism. | |
| | Other Employment Areas | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-4 A wide range of quality industries that provides job opportunities for Eureka’s residents. | |
| | Residential Neighborhoods | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-5 Safe, walkable, and well maintained neighborhoods that provide a diversity of quality housing choices. | | |
| Growth and Expansion | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-6 New growth and annexation areas that are carefully planned, efficient, and contribute positively to the community. | | |
| Food Access | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-7 Convenient access to fresh and healthy foods for all segments of the community. | | |
| Community Engagement | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal LU-8 Improve and promote community engagement and participation in the public process for all segments of the community. | | |
| Project | Progress | |
| City Policies and Regulations | | |
| Local Coastal Program (LCP) Comprehensive Update | The City is comprehensively updating its Local Coastal Program (LCP). The LCP regulates all development within the City’s Coastal Zone. The LCP is comprised of (1) the Coastal Land Use Plan (LUP), which is a component of the City’s General Plan, and (2) the Coastal Zoning Code, a component of the Eureka Municipal Code. Development Services – Planning completed Planning Commission and City Council review of the draft LUP chapters, incorporated feedback, and posted the draft LUP on the City website for public comment. | |
| Waterfront Specific Plan | The Public Review Draft of the Waterfront Eureka Plan (WEP) was presented to the Planning Commission and City Council and posted on the project website for public comment. | |
| Annual Inland Zoning Code Update | The September 2023 Zoning Code Update approved changes to generally correct errors and inconsistencies, improve readability, address omissions, resolve | |

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| | <p>questions of interpretation, address unintended outcomes of code application that are contrary to the code’s intent, and adapt to changes in State law. There were also changes propose to help the City earn a “Prohousing Designation” from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including reducing the deadline for City action on accessory dwelling unit applications from 60 to 45 days. The changes are intended to better implement the vision, goals and policies of the 2040 General Plan.</p> |
| Community Engagement/Pride | |
| Neighborhood Naming | The City began a process of naming Eureka’s residential neighborhoods with a public outreach campaign, which included providing a map at the Development Services – Planning table at Friday Night Markets, and creation of a webpage on the City’s Talk Eureka website. |
| Town Hall Series | Initiated by the City of Eureka Mayor, a series of Community Health Town Halls were completed in 2023, which provided a new space for community members and local organizations to discuss mental health, substance use, homelessness, and other holistic health topics--as well as our community’s response to these topics in Eureka and Humboldt County. Town Hall 1: Mental Health 101 was held on Saturday, 3.4.23. Town Hall 2: Dynamics of the Unhoused was held on Sunday, 6.4.23. Town Hall 3: Raising Resilient Children - A Continued Conversation was held on Saturday, 9.30.23. Town Hall 4: Substance Use Disorders, the Longest Pandemic was held on Saturday, 12.2.23 |
| Tabling at Friday Night Markets | Development Services – Planning staff tabled most markets and answered any questions the public had about city planning, as well as provided information about the Waterfront Eureka Plan, the Name Your Neighborhood initiative, and new State Housing laws (including the ability to add second primary dwelling units and Accessory Dwelling units (ADUs) to existing single-family properties). |
| Talk Eureka Website (https://talk.eurekaca.gov/) | Developed first pages on new public engagement platform where community members can participate directly in city planning. City projects will appear here, allowing everyone to help define what makes Eureka great! |
| Residential Neighborhoods | |
| Participatory Budgeting/Rent and Utilities Assistance | On 1.6.23, Council directed staff to implement the projects selected by the 2022-2023 participatory budgeting process, which included allocation of \$30,000 for rent assistance and \$15,000 for utilities assistance. 13 families received rent assistance (up to \$1,500 per |

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| | | month, up to 3 months), and 22 families received utilities assistance (up \$750 per month, 3 up to months). |
| | Dumpster Program | 15 dumpsters (of 20 allocated) were distributed for removal of large pieces of trash and unsightly debris from owner-occupied residential properties and neighborhoods. |
| | Neighborhood Mini Grants | The City continued to offer Neighborhood Mini Grants for volunteers to complete projects in their neighborhoods. The goal of the program is to help create awareness and enthusiasm for residents while they take ownership of their neighborhood, empowering and engaging our community. Funds can be used for neighborhood communications, outreach/marketing, special events, and neighborhood identity work. |
| Commercial Corridors | | |
| | Eureka Broadway Multimodal Corridor Plan (Eureka BMCP) | The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG), in coordination and cooperation with the City of Eureka and Caltrans, initiated the preparation of the Eureka BMCP (Plan) along Broadway between 4th Street to Herrick Avenue, which was completed in February 2021. The Plan identified comprehensive multimodal improvements that address the corridor’s long-standing issues, including safety, multimodal access and mobility, peak-hour congestion, and blight. The Environmental phase of the project was completed in June 2023. Next, the Caltrans design teams will finalize project designs and specifications. The project is expected to begin construction in 2025. |
| Housing | | |
| <p>Create Affordable and Market Rate Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal H-1 Eureka’s development regulations, permit processing procedures, and customer service standards are development-friendly and conducive to the production of housing. • Goal H-2 The City government actively facilitates the creation of a range of new affordable and market rate housing units to accommodate future growth and to address the needs of all socioeconomic segments of the community. • Goal H-3 Owner-occupied affordable housing is among the mix of housing types created in Eureka. <p>Preserve and Improve Affordable and Market Rate Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal H-4 All neighborhoods are clean and safe, while all levels and types of housing units throughout Eureka are consistently maintained at a high level of quality and integrity. • Goal H-5 Existing affordable housing units are retained and preserved, while displacement from housing is minimized. <p>Promote Equal Access to Housing for All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal H-6 All residents of Eureka have equal access to housing options. | | |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal H-7 The rate of homelessness in Eureka is substantially lower than it has been in the past. | |
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| Project | Progress |
| Vacation Rental Compliance Drive | The first rounds of letters were sent out to vacation rental operators who did not have a City permit and/or license. The Planning Commission formed a subcommittee to discuss potential next steps including regulatory changes and a potential cap to the maximum allowed number of vacation rentals in the City. |
| ADU Loan Program “Eureka Builds It” | The City has committed to establishing an ADU (accessory dwelling unit) Loan Program framework within 2 years, to assist property owners with constructing ADUs on residential properties. The Council also committed to initiating three projects in 2024. |
| Pro-Housing Designation | The City applied for this State designation (awarded in 2024). By earning the Prohousing Designation, the City receives exclusive access to Prohousing grants and additional points in the scoring of competitive housing, community development, and infrastructure funding programs administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Only 37 of 539 California local governments (cities and counties) have this designation. |
| Affordable Housing on City Owned properties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunset Heights (located between Fairfield and Broadway): In June, the City entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation RCHDC; and the first public outreach meeting was held in November. ○ Linc Housing Scattered Project (8th and G, 6th and M, and Sunny and Myrtle): \$30.1 million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant was awarded; and Linc Housing applied for other funding (awards anticipated in 2024). ○ 5th and D and 6th and L Streets: The surplus land process was completed, the parking lots were removed from the parking assessment district, and a Request for Proposals (RFP) was released in April, and the RFP was awarded to Wiyot Dishghamu for the two City lots in July. ○ C to F parcels (located north of Front Street/Waterfront Drive between C and F Streets): The surplus land process was completed, and an RFP was released in April; no proposals were received. The City then worked on site investigation to prepare the site for development. |
| Eureka Housing Authority Repositioning Grant Funding Support Letters | The Mayor sent two letters encouraging the Infill and Infrastructure Grant Program to approve two Eureka Housing Authority applications to redevelop the properties on Burrill Street and C and Clark Streets. |

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| COVID-19 Assistance Fund Program | The City completed distribution of funds from the Community Developmental Block Grant- Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Rounds 1, 2 and 3 Program in 2023 (initiated in 2020). This program assisted low income families who suffered income loss during the pandemic. Families who qualified could apply for up to maximum amount of funding (\$3,000 - Utility Assistance, and \$3,600 - Rental/Mortgage Assistance) or 3 months of assistance, whichever was less (\$1,000 per month - Utility Assistance, up to 3 months, and Rental/Mortgage Assistance - \$1,200 per month up to 3 months). \$202,645 assisted 105 families total, of which 56 families were assisted in 2023. |
| Senior Home Repair Program | The City distributed \$5,000 to the Humboldt Senior Resource Center (HSRC) to distribute grants to low- to moderate-income seniors 60 years or older for small home repairs. |
| Housing Development Projects | |
| Lundbar Hills Southwood Unit #6 Development Agreement | In January, the Council approved a development agreement for a 10-year term for a previously approved subdivision in Lundbar Hills, near the intersection of Dickson Drive with Lundblade Drive, to create 56 new residential lots, ranging in size from 6,500 to 49,000 square feet, with a remainder parcel retaining 8.5 acres. |
| Laurel Canyon (7 th and Myrtle Avenue Senior Housing development) | Danco Builders finished construction of a 36-unit senior apartment complex at the corner of 7 th and Myrtle Streets, and moved residents in December 2023. |
| Mother Bernard House (Providence Supportive Housing) | Providence Supportive Housing finished construction (redevelopment of a former motel property at 1140 4 th Street) to create 48 affordable independent dwelling units, and a manager's unit, with related and shared amenities which serve homeless and chronically homeless individuals, and moved residents in December 2023. |
| ACGC development in Old Town | There was ongoing construction of a new mixed-use building at the NW corner 2 nd and E Street with 13 market-rate apartments on upper floors. Ground floor commercial tenant space leasing began in 2023. Residential unit leasing is expected in 2024. |
| Bode Major Subdivision | In October, the City Council approved the final maps for two subdivision projects at Ponderosa Court and E Street. After two previous subdivisions (four total), seven residential parcels were created from one parcel in an existing residential neighborhood. |
| Crowley Property Modular Housing Project | Work is underway on the creation of a 3-unit transitional housing project on the Crowley Property. This housing project prioritizes housing individuals currently living in encampments along the Waterfront Trail. This project will provide housing opportunities as well as direct supportive services and help folks connect with permanent housing. \$1.6 million was awarded for the project, and \$1.2 million |

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| | will go towards new BOSS Cubez prefabricated housing units. |
| Economy | |
| Business Environment | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal E-1 A welcoming and supportive environment for businesses to grow, thrive and continue to contribute positively to Eureka's economy. | |
| Business Development | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal E-2 Robust and well-coordinated communication and outreach system to business and industry leaders. • Goal E-3 Abundant opportunities to facilitate the establishment and expansion of key job and revenue generating uses within the City. • Goal E-4 Abundance of thriving industries operating on well-utilized waterfront industrial lands and bayfront facilities. | |
| Infrastructure | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal E-5 Infrastructure to meet the needs of existing and future businesses and industries. | |
| Tourism and Regional Visitation | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal E-6 Highly-effective, Eureka-centric marketing and branding strategies that maximize return on investment, increase visitation and visitor spending, and thereby increase Transient Occupancy Tax revenue and sales tax revenue. • Goal E-7 Well-funded and maintained tourism-related assets, infrastructure, and events that provide year-round and multi-day activities for visitors and tourists. | |
| Fiscal Resilience and Efficiency | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal E-8 Sustainable fiscal management practices that strengthen the City's ability to provide essential public services and a high quality of life. | |
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| Customer Service/ Staff Development/ Business Environment | |
| Development Services Customer Service Survey | Staff conducted a survey (sent via U.S. mail and email) in July 2023 and began to analyze results. The purpose of the survey is to determine which City development review processes, permitting procedures, and customer service standards are the greatest obstacles to development, from the perspective of those individuals seeking to engage in development. |
| New City website (https://www.eurekaca.gov/) | The City introduced a new website design meant to be more user-friendly. |
| Economic Development website (http://www.eurekaisready.com) | The City maintained its Economic Development website for businesses interested in locating in Eureka. |
| Eureka Visitor Center | An American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant restroom was installed and made available to the public at the Eureka Visitor Center, located at 108 F Street in Old Town. |
| New Business Welcome Bags | The City partnered with Humboldt County Economic Development, Eureka Rotary, Eureka Chamber and Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to create welcome bags for new businesses in Eureka. |

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| Special Event Permits | The Special Event Permit application and process was updated and a Special Event Planner's Handbook was created. |
| OpenGov online permitting/licensing | More City applications have been transitioned to an online system, including building permits, allowing the City to transition away from paper files. All City applications are expected to be online by 2025. |
| Façade/CPTED Program | The City continued providing grants to businesses and commercial property owners for exterior beautification and security upgrades through the Façade/Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Program. |
| Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan | In 2020, the City committed to promoting an environment of diversity, equity and inclusion both in City employment and within the broader Eureka community – relationships which are naturally interrelated and intertwined. By mid-2023, the City had completed four primary phases of the initial program. |
| Municipal Code Cleanup Amendments | The City adopted a number of ordinances to address various outdated sections of code, such as repealing a section on going out of business sales. |
| Bay Cities Leadership Academy | An inaugural leadership academy for City of Arcata and Eureka staff leaders was completed. |
| Leadership Redwood Coast | Part of the Economic Development team participated in the Eureka Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Redwood Coast program. |
| Tourism and Regional Visitation | |
| Eddy Alexander Marketing | Eddy Alexander Marketing continued to provide professional services related to marketing, branding, advertising, media planning communications strategy and image management, and their 2023 annual report was provided to the City Council on 12.5.23. |
| Cruise Ship Destination | The City hosted four cruise ships and formed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Humboldt Bay Harbor District regarding roles and future marketing to the cruise ship industry. |
| Visit California Welcome Center | The City received conditional approval from the California Division of Tourism for the Eureka Visitor Center, located at 108 F Street in Old Town, to be a Visit California Welcome Center. Grand opening planned for July 2, 2024. |
| Friday Night Market | The City funded and supported Humboldt Made to host the Friday Night Market in Old Town, which occurred every Friday, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., June 30 through October 27. |
| Fiscal Resilience and Efficiency | |
| Clarke Annex Property Surplus | The City completed the surplus land process to transfer the Clarke Annex building parcel to the Clarke Historical Museum. |

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| | Carriage Property Surplus | The City completed the surplus land process for a vacant parcel (APN 001-011-021) adjacent to Fishermen’s Terminal to potentially sell for redevelopment with a mix of commercial and residential uses. | | |
| | 5 th and Myrtle Rights-of-Way Vacation and Surplus Property | The City completed the surplus property and street vacation process to sell a former portion of Myrtle Avenue, which was superseded by realignment of 5 th Street and Myrtle Avenue (Highway 101) by Caltrans, to adjacent property owner (Pacific Outfitters). | | |
| Historic Preservation | | | | |
| <p>Historic Preservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HCP-1 A comprehensive preservation program that identifies, recognizes, protects, and assists in the preservation of Eureka’s historic resources. <p>Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HCP-2 A comprehensive program that identifies, preserves, and assists in the protection of archaeological and Tribal Cultural resources. | | | | |
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| 3.2 - Our Environment | Natural Resources and Open Space | | | |
| | <p>Water Resources and Water Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal NR-1 Protection, enhancement and restoration of surface water resources, and their associated riparian habitats, and groundwater, as well as improvement of water quality. <p>Biological Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal NR-2 Protection of sensitive biological resources on a sustainable basis to generate long-term public, economic, and environmental benefits. <p>Open Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal NR-3 Protection and enhancement of valuable open space resources in and around Eureka. <p>Visual Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal NR-4 Preservation of significant visual resources that serve as scenic amenities and contribute to Eureka’s character. | | | |
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| | fish passage, re-establish stream sinuosity, add large wood debris structures, and remove non-native invasive plant species to allow fish passage for salmonids to move upstream. The project also received a new “cutting the green tape” CEQA exemption from CDFW. |
| Volunteer Trail Stewards | Throughout 2023, volunteer invasive species and trash removal work occurred in Wigi Wetlands (located behind the Bayshore Mall). |
| Elk River Estuary Enhancement Project | The City completed construction of the Elk River Estuary Enhancement project which included tidal marsh habitat restoration and public access improvements across approximately 114 acres funded with multiple state and federal grants. The next phase of the restoration work, including planting and monitoring, began and is anticipated to continue through 2027. |
| Agriculture and Timberlands | |
| Agricultural and Timberlands Preservation | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal AG-I Preservation of agricultural and timber lands and aquaculture and fishing operations within and surrounding Eureka, enhanced forest ecosystems, reduced land use conflicts, and a sustained yield of forest, agricultural, and fisheries products. | |
| None. | |
| Air Quality and Climate Change | |
| Air Quality | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal AQ-I Improved air quality and reduced greenhouse gas emissions throughout Eureka. | |
| Sea Level Rise | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal SL-I Anticipated effects of sea-level rise are understood, prepared for, and successfully mitigated. | |
| Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal CC-I A community that adapts to and is resilient to climate change impacts. | |
| Project | Progress |
| Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) | The County of Humboldt, in coordination with the City and other agencies, allocated Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funds to hire a consultant (Rincon) to redraft the Regional CAP to ensure the document earns a “qualified” status from the State. |
| Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Capital Improvement Project Adaptation Plan | In February, the City Council adopted a plan to support the City’s need to develop a phased climate adaptation plan, tailored to planning for coordinated implementation of Capital Improvements projects (CIP) for the City’s roads, trails, water, sewer and drainage infrastructure within the Coastal Zone. |
| Coastal Access and Resilience Plan | The City was awarded a State Coastal Conservancy Grant for \$1,090,000 to prepare a plan to protect and enhance existing and future use of the Eureka waterfront for ecological, recreational, and commercial purposes, and to prepare conceptual designs and |

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| | | environmental review for four sea level rise adaptation projects identified in the Plan. |
| | Westside Flood Reduction and Climate Adaptation/Sea Level Rise Resiliency Project (tide gates, trash capture, etc.) | In August, the Planning Commission approved the Coastal Development Permit CDP-23-0008, Conditional Use Permit CUP-23-0004, and Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration ED-21-0003 for the project, and City Staff submitted permits to resource agencies for additional required approvals. The project proposed various improvements to provide flood reduction and sea level rise resiliency of public infrastructure within urbanized coastal areas to improve water quality in Humboldt Bay. Specific improvements include: replacing undersized storm drain piping and culverts, installing tide gates, Low Impact Development (LID) features (i.e. stormwater management measures, such as rain gardens) and trash capture devices, and limited earthwork within Palco Marsh to increase its stormwater storage capacity and enhance its tidal system. |
| 3.3 - Our Civic Resources | Arts and Culture | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal AC-1 Provision of diverse programs and partnerships that meet the artistic and cultural needs of the Eureka community. • Goal AC-2 Effective utilization of arts and culture to stimulate events and projects that will increase City revenues and enhance Eureka's image. | |
| | Project | Progress |
| | Eureka Street Art Festival | 19 murals were created primarily along the Highway 101 corridor, including a mural on the Herrick Avenue overpass of Highway 101. |
| | Operation Light Up Eureka Program | A program for improving lighting in Eureka's commercial areas and adding more artistic and holiday lighting was developed. The Redwood Sky Walk at the Zoo received electrical upgrades to allow for evening events including the inaugural Zoo Lights which occurred during the Holidays. |
| | Eureka Box Art | Economic Development received a Clean California grant from Caltrans to repaint all utility boxes along the Highway 101 corridor to help beautify and improve it. |
| | Eureka Cultural Arts District | The City was awarded recertification of the Eureka Cultural Arts District from the California Arts Council, and was awarded \$671,429 to be disbursed over a three-year period. |
| | Festival of Dreams | The City funded the Festival of Dreams, an outdoor art and culture festival, through the North Coast Repertory Theatre. |
| | Eureka Main Street Events | Multiple events were organized throughout the Eureka Main Street District, such as, Arts Alive!, the 4 th of July Festival, and the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series. |
| | Parks and Recreation | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal PR-I A well-maintained park and recreation system that includes sufficient facilities to effectively serve the diverse needs and interests of all members of Eureka's population, while protecting environmentally sensitive resources. |
| Project | Progress |
| Hydration Stations | 15 grant-funded hydration stations were installed throughout parks and recreation facilities. |
| Sequoia Park Zoo Bear and Coyote Exhibit | Construction of the exhibit was completed in January, and two bears arrived in the Summer. |
| Fish Stocking at Sequoia Park Pond | The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provided fish for fishing in the pond targeted towards youth programming. |
| Municipal Auditorium Remodel | Improvements were underway at the Municipal Auditorium in preparation for the opening of a new Homeless Services Resource Center. Improvements include: New Restroom, Kitchen Renovation, Window Renovations, Interior Paint and Finish Work, HVAC, Electrical Work, Office Improvements, Restroom Renovations, Electrical Work, Door Replacements, Access Improvements, Railing Installation, Instructional Kitchen Remodel, Kitchen Roof, Drain and Vent Improvements and Flooring. |
| Grace Marton Memorial Park | In May, the City received a \$619,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for development of a waterfront-themed playground featuring a reproduced Merchant Ship handmade by Eric Hollenbeck of Blue Ox Millworks. A contract for design was also executed. |
| Da' Yas Park Improvements Project (Previously 20/30 Park) | In June, the City Council rejected all bids for the project, then completed a value engineered analysis for re-bid, and re-bid in February 2024 (bids due in late March). In December, City Council authorized \$350,484 for construction of a new restroom building. |
| Camp Cooper | Grant funds from the California State Parks, Habitat Conservation Fund was received for four more years of free summer camp. |
| Highland Park Improvements | In August, City Council authorized \$170,000 for the construction of a new restroom/concession building, and in December, \$834,000 was also authorized for construction for other park improvements, including re-paving/re-striping the tennis courts to accommodate both tennis and pickleball, new fencing and an ADA-compliant pedestrian pathway, and trail rehabilitation and landscaping. |
| Carson Park Improvements | A new restroom and basketball court were constructed with community partnerships. The Carson Lodge restoration work was ongoing with assistance from the College of the Redwoods Construction Technology Program. |
| RC Car Programming | A new community driven event to embrace opportunities to use Radio Control (RC) cars for recreational use serving all ages and abilities was initiated. The drop-in events occurred at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium. |

| | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Community Services</h2> <p>Law Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal CS-1 A safe and secure Eureka, and responsive and equitable law enforcement to effectively meet the demands of an increasing population and workforce. <p>Fire Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal CS-2 Protection of Eureka residents, visitors, property, and natural resources from injury and loss of life from fire hazards. <p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal CS-3 Excellent educational opportunities and facilities throughout Eureka. <p>Libraries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal CS-4 Library facilities that continually provide cultural and academic enrichment for the community. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Project</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Progress</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fire Station 1 and Police Department Generator Replacement</td> <td>In April, \$95,000 was allocated for the purchase of new emergency back-up generators.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coast Guard Building Improvements Project (Waterfront Annex)</td> <td>In September, a total of approximately \$433,000 was allocated to renovate the back half of the Coast Guard Building for a new police substation for the Community Safety Enhancement (Engagement) team (CSET) and the Crisis Alternative Response Eureka (CARE) team.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant</td> <td>In November, the Eureka Police Department received a \$15,803 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to hire an organizational development consultant to provide critical analysis and increase connectivity, synergy, and morale.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Project | Progress | Fire Station 1 and Police Department Generator Replacement | In April, \$95,000 was allocated for the purchase of new emergency back-up generators. | Coast Guard Building Improvements Project (Waterfront Annex) | In September, a total of approximately \$433,000 was allocated to renovate the back half of the Coast Guard Building for a new police substation for the Community Safety Enhancement (Engagement) team (CSET) and the Crisis Alternative Response Eureka (CARE) team. | 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant | In November, the Eureka Police Department received a \$15,803 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to hire an organizational development consultant to provide critical analysis and increase connectivity, synergy, and morale. |
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| 3.4 – Our Infrastructure | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Mobility</h2> <p>Complete Streets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-1 A model City for multi-modal transportation. <p>Streets and Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-2 Safe and efficient movement of people and goods with sufficient access to new development. <p>Pedestrians and Bicyclists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-3 A system of walkways, bikeways and bicycle parking facilities which will safely and effectively serve those wishing to walk and bicycle for commute, basic services, or recreational trips. <p>Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-4 Coordinated transit service within Eureka and surrounding areas as an alternative to automobiles. <p>City-wide Circulation, Parking Supply and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-5 A circulation and parking system that serves the diverse needs of the City. <p>Goods Movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-6 Transportation facilities that ensure goods can be moved to and from industrial and commercial sites in Eureka in a safe and efficient manner while ensuring | | | | | | | | |

| <p>that heavy trucks remain on freeways and major arterial streets except when accessing sites within the city.</p> <p>Water Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal M-7 Water transportation facilities that serve the needs of commercial fishing and recreational boating operations, short sea shipping, and a maritime highway. | |
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| Project | Progress |
| Street Pavement Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Work | The City completed the \$3.5 million 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Project and initiated the ~\$2.8 million 2023 Pavement Rehabilitation Project funded through Measure H and Gas Tax Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds. The 2022 project entailed rehabilitation on segments of 1st Street, 2nd Street, Dolbeer Street, Glen Street, M Street, Manzanita Avenue, S Street, Union Street, V Street, W Street (North), W Street (South), X Street, and Y Street, as well as pedestrian improvements such as new bulb-outs, pedestrian activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons, curb ramps, crosswalks and thermoplastic markings. The 2023 project consisted of rehabilitation in Old Town Eureka on D Street, E Street, F Street, G Street, H Street, 2nd Street, and 3rd Street, as well as on Fairway Drive between Ridgecrest and City Limits-West. The project also included new water valve assemblies in eight locations in Old Town, pedestrian improvements such as new sidewalk, and a widened bicycle facility on Fairway. |
| Multimodal Corridor Improvements Project (H and I, 6 th and 7 th) Caltrans Highway Safety Improvement Grant | In June, \$5,429,500 was allocated to the Mercer-Fraser Company for construction of the multimodal improvements, including (but not limited to) installing sidewalk bulb-outs to reduce crossing distances, detectable warning surfaces and new thermoplastic crosswalk striping, rectangular rapid flashing beacons and dynamic speed feedback signs, and construction of the City's first buffered bike lanes on H and I Streets. In 2020, the City was awarded nearly \$4 million dollars in grant funding to complete the improvements for the H and I Street and 6th and 7th Street corridor projects. Construction commenced. |
| Bay to Zoo Trail | The City received grant funding through the Caltrans Active Transportation Program in 2023, and released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a consultant to perform consulting services to include the various environmental and design tasks (awarded RFP to GHD in 2024). Two properties were acquired on Sunny Avenue (APNs 006-191-015 and 006-181-011) to support development of the trail. |
| C Street Bike Boulevard | Received grant funding through the Caltrans Active Transportation Program for this project. |
| Traffic Signal Operations Upgrade | Received Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) grant funding for this project. |

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| Buhne Street Pedestrian Improvements | Received grant funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program for this project. |
| Complete Streets Policy | In January, the City Council adopted Policy File 6.46 Complete and Green Streets Policy which is intended to ensure design, construction, reconstruction, repair and maintenance efforts on the City's roadways, bridges, pathways, and sidewalks, are creating a comprehensive, integrated transportation network that is safe, accessible, comfortable, accommodating, and welcoming to all users. All users include, but are not limited to: people of all ages, races, ethnicities, incomes, and physical abilities, and all modes of transportation, particularly those walking, rolling, biking, and using transit. |
| Eureka Bike Plan | In February, the City Council hired Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. as consultant to help prepare and outreach for the Eureka Bike Plan. The plan will establish a vision for community bikeway access, circulation, safety, and infrastructure improvements that will connect the City's many local and regional destinations. The plan will also identify bicycle facility types, locations, priorities, and consider electric scooters and other similar travel options to develop concepts to connect to current and future housing. |
| Old Town/Downtown Parking Improvements 2023 | In May, the City began to implement parking management improvements in the Old Town/Downtown area (as recommended by the recent Parking Study completed in June 2022), including amending parking time limits, making additional lots pay-to-park, increasing the parking fee and implementing an employee permit parking pilot project, and adding a new parking enforcement officer job classification. |
| Utilities | |
| Water Supply and Delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-1 Availability of an adequate, safe, and sustainable water supply and maintenance of an efficient water system for all residents and visitors. Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-2 Sustainable and adequate wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal for existing and future development. Stormwater Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-3 A comprehensive stormwater collection and conveyance system that reduces or prevents flooding, and protects public safety and the environment. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-4 Safe and efficient disposal or recycling of solid waste generated in Eureka. Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-5 Increased renewable energy provision and overall energy efficiency and conservation throughout the City. Telecommunications | |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal U-6 Safe, efficient, and accessible communication systems that help catalyze economic development, government services, and an informed citizenry. | |
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| Stormwater | |
| Wharfinger Parking Lot Low Impact Development (LID) Project | The City allocated \$124,000 to install LID stormwater features to the Wharfinger parking lot. |
| Westside Flood Reduction and Climate Adaptation/Sea Level Rise Resiliency Project (tide gates, trash capture, etc.) | See description in the “Air Quality and Climate Change” section above. |
| Energy | |
| Electric vehicle charging stations | The City applied for and was awarded a FHWA Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program grant for \$1,905,200. |
| Wastewater | |
| Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements – Eliminate Bypass | In January, the City Council awarded consultant contracting services to GHD to address blending at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (the bypassing of primary-treated wet weather flows in excess of 12 million gallons per day [MGD] around the biological treatment system and directly to disinfection), and achieve compliance with the State Water Resource Control Board’s Discharge Permit Order. |
| Systemwide Sewer Evaluation Project 2023 | In May, the City Council approved \$1.5 million for a systemwide sewer evaluation. |
| Annual Lateral Replacement Project 2023 | In May, the City Council approved \$1 million for lateral repairs and replacements. |
| Hill Street and McCullens Avenue Pump Stations Equipment Purchase | In October, the City Council approved purchase of seven (7) sanitary sewer pumps for for a total approximate cost of \$685,400. |
| Water | |
| High Tank Booster Pump Station Reconstruction | In February, the City Council approved \$975,000 for construction of a new booster pump station to ensure the City’s ability to provide drinking water and adequate pressure for fire suppression needs. |
| Water Meter Update Project | In May, the City transitioned to a real-time water meter read system, and in September the City Council approved the purchase of 3650 lids from Badger Meter for approximately \$353,500. |
| Water Improvements 2022 and 2023 Projects | The City completed the ~\$1.45 million 2022 Water Improvements Project to replace and extend various water lines and associated infrastructure within the City, and initiated the ~\$690,000 2023 Water Improvements Project, which included replacing water valve clusters ahead of repaving on H, I and California Streets. |
| Solid Waste | |
| Zero Waste Action Plan | Community Services continued to work on the City’s Zero Waste Action Plan, including a report to the City Council in February on City internal functions related to |

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| | | the Zero Waste Action Plan and SBI 383: Mandatory Organics Reduction Disposal Ordinance. |
| | Edible Food Recovery Management MOU | In June, the City Council adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Humboldt and the City of Eureka, City of Arcata, City of Fortuna, City of Blue Lake, City of Rio Dell, City of Trinidad, and City of Ferndale for the Management of a Regional Edible Food Recovery Program. |
| | Telecommunications | |
| | Fiber Optic Installation 2023 Project | In June, the City Council selected Solid Rock Construction as the low bidder on the Fiber Optic Installation Project and approved \$675,000 for construction. |
| 3.5 - Our Well-Being | Health and Safety | |
| | Seismic and Geological Hazards | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HS-1 Protection of property, critical facilities, and human life from seismic and geological hazards. | |
| | Flooding | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HS-2 Reduced risk of loss of life, injury, damage to property and economic and social dislocations resulting from flood hazards. | |
| | Hazardous Materials and Toxic Contamination | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HS-3 Safe production, use, storage, transport, treatment, and disposal of hazardous materials and hazardous waste. | |
| | Emergency Response | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HS-4 Adequate community response to effectively prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of natural or technological disasters and emergencies. | | |
| Health Care and Homelessness | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal HS-5 A consistent and well-maintained relationship with the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services to advocate that the County efficiently and effectively implement funding and programs dedicated to ensuring that Eureka has healthy communities and adequate human services to combat homelessness. | | |
| | Project | Progress |
| | New Operations Complex | The City identified a site for the relocation of the corporation yard and development of an operations complex; completed site investigation work, preliminary design work, CEQA review, General Plan conformance review, and a lot line adjustment. In November, the Council approved acquisition of the land and adopted the CEQA document for the project. |
| | Westside Flood Reduction and Climate Adaptation/Sea Level Rise Resiliency Project (tide gates, trash capture, etc.) | See description in the “Air Quality and Climate Change” section above. |
| | Mental Health and Homelessness | |
| | Expanded mental health staffing | In October, the City Council approved allocation of two (2) additional Mental Health Clinicians and two (2) |

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| | | Mental Health Case Managers to the City's Crisis Alternative Response and Engagement (CARE) Division. With the latest expansion of the CARE Team, the City now has five staff dedicated to providing mental health and substance use related crisis services. This, combined with increased collaboration and integration between CARE, CSET, and Uplift, has allowed the City to provide more comprehensive mental health, substance use, and homelessness related services than ever before. While this is an accomplishment in and of itself, these three programs intend to continue expanding and creatively implementing more supports to counter the increasing demand for mental health, substance use, and homelessness related services. |
| | Quality of Life Programming | The Community Access Project for Eureka (CAPE) program continued to develop and implement new quality of life programming for underserved youth, low-income families and families living in emergency shelters. |
| | Outreach, Rapid Rehousing and Homelessness Prevention | The City's Uplift Eureka program continued to operate Homeless Outreach and Rapid Rehousing programming that secures permanent housing and provides supportive services for community members that are experiencing homelessness. Uplift Eureka also continued to implement a Homelessness Prevention Rental Assistance program. |
| | Community Ambassador Program | The City worked on developing and implementing a Community Ambassador Program, which will be a volunteer-based community safety and neighborhood engagement program intended to provide a helpful presence for locals, businesses, and visitors/tourists. |
| | Blue Angel Village Showers | Work was underway to install restrooms with showers and additional accessibility improvements at Betty's Blue Angel Village (Emergency Shelter) which consists of retrofitted Conex shipping containers capable of housing up to 40 of Eureka's most chronically homeless individuals and their pets. |
| | Authorized Encampment-Tiny Home Village Workshop | In February, the City Council received information from Building, Planning, and Public Works on what would be required to allow tiny homes and tiny homes on wheels on private and public properties. |
| | Extreme Weather Overnight Warming Centers | The City, in collaboration with local faith-based organizations, established a system of overnight warming centers that are activated during extreme weather. |
| | Sorrel Leaf Healing Center | Planning Commission approved an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit and Design Review for changes to facilities operations and modifications to the footprint and arrangement of proposed accessory structures and parking at a new mental health crisis facility to provide temporary residential stays and outpatient therapy, for |

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| | | children aged 7 to 18, and construction commenced on the project. |
| | Noise | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal N-I Economic vitality while limiting residential and business exposure to harmful noise and vibrations. | |
| | None. | |