

RESOLUTION 256-48

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA
ADOPTING THE 2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata’s General Plan, which lays out the vision and policy for the City, was adopted in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the the City’s General Plan 2045 includes the required elements of Land Use, Circulation and Mobility, Housing, Resource Conservation and Management, Open Space, Public Safety, and Noise, as well as the optional elements of Growth Management, Public Facilities and Infrastructure, Gateway Area Plan, Parks and Recreation, Air Quality, Design, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata has made progress implementing the Arcata General Plan 2045 over the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the State of California mandated the preparation of annual performance reports to provide jurisdictions a way to monitor progress on identified community priorities and associated adopted policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby accepts of the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (Exhibit 1), and authorizes staff to submit the Report to the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and the State Housing and Community Development Dpeartment, as representative of projects undertaken in the 2025 calendar year.

DATED: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

City Clerk, City of Arcata

Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution No.256-48 passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the eighteenth day of March, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

City Clerk, City of Arcata

City of Arcata General Plan

2025 Annual Progress Report to the State Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation



Planning Commission Approved: March 10, 2025

City Council Adopted: _____

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Arcata General Plan shapes how the city will look, function, provide services, and manage resources over the next 20 years. As the City's guiding framework for land use and physical development, it serves as the legal foundation for specific plans, subdivision regulations, and zoning ordinances, ensuring consistency across local land use policies. Comprehensive in scope, the General Plan reflects the core values that will direct Arcata's future growth—both in physical form and community services.

The City of Arcata is pleased to present the **2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report**, which highlights the City's efforts to implement and update the General Plan. This report fulfills state requirements under Government Code Section 65400, mandating that local jurisdictions submit an annual report, approved by their legislative bodies, to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (formerly the Office of Planning and Research) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Prepared by the Community Development Department, this report details Arcata's progress in implementing the General Plan, advancing Housing Element goals, and planning for upcoming updates to various plan elements. The Planning Commission will review the report at their meeting on March 10, 2026, and the City Council will consider adoption via resolution on March 18, 2026.

SECTION 1. HOUSING ELEMENT

This section summarizes the City's progress toward meeting its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the 2019–2027 planning cycle. The Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) has been submitted separately to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). A summary of 2025 housing production and cumulative progress is provided below.

2025 Production Highlights

In 2025, the City of Arcata issued building permits for 53 housing units, including 10 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Arcata's overall RHNA progress remains strong:

- 91% of total RHNA allocation permitted to date (558 of 610 units)
- Exceeds the proportional benchmark of 75% at this point in the 8-year cycle
- Very Low-Income category: 118% complete (target exceeded)
- Moderate-Income category: 136% complete (target exceeded)
- Low-Income category: 99% complete (only one additional unit needed)

While production in the Above Moderate-Income category (56% complete) remains below target, overall progress across income levels is positive and ahead of schedule for this stage of the cycle.

Ongoing Commitment

The City remains committed to facilitating housing production across all income levels through continued policy implementation, streamlined review processes, and development incentives. Efforts will continue to focus on maintaining momentum in lower-income production while encouraging additional progress in above-moderate categories to ensure balanced housing growth through the remainder of the cycle.

Arcata's Housing Production Progress 2019-2025											
Income Category	Allocation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Units Permitted (to date)	Remaining Units	% Complete
Very Low	142	0	48	36	83	0	0	0	167	0	118%
Low	95	10	2	1	62	8	7	4	94	1	99%
Moderate	111	6	10	3	10	110	5	7	151	0	136%
Above Moderate	262	9	10	14	20	41	10	42	145	116	56%
Total	610	25	70	54	175	159	22	53	558	117	91%

SECTION 2. GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE PROGRESS 2025

Land Use			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>LU-1 Zoning Amendments Revise the City’s Land Use Code and other zoning codes so zoning districts and land use regulations are consistent with the General Plan land use designations, densities, primary and secondary uses, building intensity, lot sizes, and coverages.</p>	Community Development Dept., Planning Commission	Year 1	Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete the Land Use Code, ADU ordinance, and Valley West Form-Based Code.
<p>LU-2 Conversion and Reuse of Inactive Mill and other Industrial Sites Solicit property owner cooperation and pursue funding for environmental site assessments and clean-up of abandoned or inactive mill sites. Encourage conversion of these sites when proposed reuse is consistent with General Plan goals and policies.</p>	Community Development Department, Property Owners	Ongoing beginning in Year 2	The City has engaged with interested parties regarding the redevelopment of brownfield sites, with a particular focus on properties within the Gateway Area. Staff is currently processing an application for the cleanup and redevelopment of a former auto wrecking yard and is collaborating with the applicant—an affordable housing developer—to pursue grant funding opportunities that would support environmental remediation and facilitate future redevelopment of the site.
<p>LU-3 Maintain Economic Development Strategic Plan The Economic Development Strategic Plan is intended to be a guide for City actions pertaining to economic improvement. Update the report periodically for compliance with General Plan policies and the vision and needs of the community.</p>	Community Development Dept.	Every five years; initiate update upon General Plan adoption.	Contracted with Civic* Possible to complete the Economic Strategic Plan.

<p>LU-4 Pedestrian-friendly activity centers</p> <p>Update zoning to improve the walkability of commercial activity centers using such strategies as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish street-facing entrances as the norm through design standards and/or guidelines. • Update land use plan and zoning to concentrate retail land use designations in areas that are less than ½ mile across, and ideally along a single street that is less than 1000 feet from end to end. • Require maximum pedestrian block sizes of less than 300 feet in primary areas of activity. 	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete the Valley West Form-Based Code which will address walkability of the Valley West commercial activity center as well as other qualifying areas of the city.</p>
<p>LU-5 New Business Park Master Plans</p> <p>Seek funding for and prepare business park master plans for the reuse of the Little Lake property for mixed-use development and the Happy Valley business park.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Year 3</p>	<p>The Engineering and Community Development departments are currently exploring development options at the Happy Valley business park. The City Council has expressed interest in revisiting the development plan for the Little Lake property. The City managed an EPA grant to facilitate cleanup of the Little Lake site, and in 2025 the cleanup was completed pending Water Board final review and approval. The grant is slated for closeout in 2026.</p>
<p>LU-6 Planned Development Overlay</p> <p>Evaluate application of Planned Development overlays throughout the City. Consider revising or removing PD overlays based on purpose and need.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Planning Commission</p>	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates to the Planned Development code section.</p>

<p>LU-7 Commercial Visitor Serving Zoning Overlay Evaluate the need for a Commercial Visitor Serving (CVS) zoning overlay to cover the area (or a portion) of the previous CVS land use designation in Valley West.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Planning Commission</p>	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates to the commercial use code section, if determined applicable.</p>
<p>LU-9 Inclusionary Zoning Adopt an ordinance implementing Inclusionary Zoning citywide requiring at a minimum 3% of the units reserved for very low-income, 6% for low-income, and 10% for moderate income households. The requirements will apply to projects with 15 or more base density units. The Council expects this measure to be initiated within three months of adoption of the General Plan.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Immediate upon adoption</p>	<p>Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC-25-01 on January 1, 2025 recommending City Council adopt the Inclusionary Zoning land use code text amendments. City council adopted Ordinance No. 1575 on April 16, 2025, which included Chapter 9.32-Inclusionary Zoning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Growth Management</p>			
<p>Implementation Measure</p>	<p>Responsible Party</p>	<p>Time Frame</p>	<p>2025 Status</p>
<p>GM-1 Annexation Procedures (LUC Amendment) Update City annexation criteria and procedures in the City's Land Use Code for consistency with General Plan policies.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Planning Commission</p>	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates to the annexation code section as needed.</p>
<p>GM-2 Sphere of Influence/Planning Area Application Review Continue to participate in the County application review process that provides for City review and input on all proposed actions in Sphere of Influence/Planning Area lands. Submit mapping showing the Planning Area boundary and request that all land use and development applications received by the County be referred to the City.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Year 1 & Ongoing</p>	<p>Completed. City staff has had several planning applications forwarded for comment, including a recent cell tower application and cannabis referrals.</p>

Circulation			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>CM-2 Pavement Management Program A pavement management program will evaluate roadway conditions, and schedule and complete needed maintenance and repair in a timely manner.</p>	Engineering Dept.	Ongoing	The City is currently working off the existing five-year Pavement Management Plan, with the next update to the Plan scheduled for 2027
<p>CM-3 Capital Improvements Program Include transportation improvements, including bicycle and pedestrian facilities, in the City's Capital Program.</p>	Engineering Dept.	Annually	Planning Commission reviewed the 2025-26 CIP at their June 10, 2025 meeting and adopted Resolution PC-25-03 and found it consistent with the 2045 General Plan.
<p>CM-4 Adoption of Traffic Impact Fee Program The City shall consider the adoption of a citywide traffic impact fee to mitigate traffic impacts. Assess an equitable share of costs associated with cumulative traffic impacts on all development projects on facilities for all modes of travel.</p>	Engineering Dept.	Year 5	While not always a popular topic, the City is actively assessing traffic impact mitigations through conditions of approval for development projects to help address transportation and safety concerns.
<p>CM-5 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Priorities Periodically review and update Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan priorities including collaborating with Humboldt County Association of Governments on Humboldt Regional Bicycle Plan updates. Seek funding to implement priority projects. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Priorities</p>	Engineering Dept. and Transportation Safety Committee	Ongoing	The City continues to use its Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan as a guiding document for project implementation. Additionally, the City has been utilizing the Humboldt County Regional Pedestrian Plan to help advance and implement new projects.
<p>CM-6 Bicycle Boulevards Provide primary bicycle corridors between major activity centers. Clearly sign all bicycle boulevards and include traffic calming measures to discourage automobiles.</p>	Engineering Dept.	Year 1	In progress

<p>CM-7 Rail Right-of-way Coordination with Great Redwood Trail Agency Coordinate with the Great Redwood Trail Agency in planning for use of the former Trail Agency rail right-of-way for a multi-use trail.</p>	<p>Engineering Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Construction of the 3-mile Class I Annie & Mary Trail project is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed in 2026. The City continues to work with the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) to explore the use of other railroad corridors within the city limits for future trail development.</p>
<p>CM-8 Weekend Transit Service Continue to monitor demand for weekend bus service to Eureka in coordination with HCOAG and transit providers and ensure that planning for weekend transit service from Arcata to Eureka is appropriately addressed in the Humboldt County Transit Development Plan.</p>	<p>Engineering Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2025, the City transferred all transit duties and operations to the regional transit agency, the Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA).</p>
<p>CM-9 Traffic Management Program and Slow Streets Program Create a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to install traffic calming devices and reduce hazards due to design features or incompatible land uses. The City shall additionally consider implementing a slow streets program.</p>	<p>Engineering Dept.</p>	<p>Year 5</p>	<p>The City continues to work with the Transportation Safety Committee to implement traffic calming measures throughout the community. Recently, the City completed a Local Road Safety Plan and successfully secured federal funding to implement bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements.</p>
<p>CM-10 Improve accessibility and mobility The City shall undertake a comprehensive program to assess and improve accessibility and mobility for people of varied physical abilities and disabilities.</p>	<p>Engineering Dept.</p>	<p>Year 5</p>	<p>The City continues to use the ADA Transition Plan to guide and implement accessibility improvement projects and has increased the budget for sidewalk improvement projects to further enhance pedestrian access and mobility.</p>

<p>CM-11 Safe, convenient, connected and multi-modal transportation</p> <p>Ensure current versions of the Regional Transportation Plan, Humboldt Regional Bicycle Plan, ADA Transition Plan and Local Road Safety Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus pedestrian and bicycle transportation infrastructure improvements near primary areas of activity, including schools, town centers, commercial clusters, and workplace districts. 2. Ensure public health and equity considerations are included as part of transportation network improvement decisions, including accessibility and mobility considerations for people of diverse abilities and disabilities. 3. Plan capital improvements that will ensure sidewalks and other pedestrian routes are continuous, creating a cohesive network. Continue to assess existing sidewalks and bike lanes (or existent lacks thereof) throughout the City and identify those most in need of construction or improvement as part of yearly Capital Program planning. 4. Identify opportunities for the creation of a non- vehicular network of paved and/or unpaved trails, paths, or other travel-ways through blocks or open spaces to reduce travel distances and create safer routes for pedestrians and bicyclists. 	<p>Engineering Dept., Transportation Safety Committee</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City continues to work with the Transportation Safety Committee to implement traffic calming measures throughout the community. Recently, the City completed a Local Road Safety Plan and successfully secured federal funding to implement bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. In 2025, the City launched the South Arcata Multimodal Safety Improvement Plan (SAMSIP), which includes community engagement and planning efforts focused on improving accessibility and safety for all modes of transportation.</p>
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<p>CM-12 Increase Transportation Accessibility</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan capital improvements that will remove physical barriers to and/or build facilities for walking and biking along transportation routes—especially those with higher volumes of pedestrians and bicyclists, routes known to have concentrations of people without vehicles, and along routes that provide access to major destinations including local schools. 2. Require new projects to build transportation network improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchairs on sites and along adjacent streets as part of new developments/improvements (and especially those in areas where there are clusters of activity and/or existing transit stops). 	<p>Engineering Dept., Transportation Safety Committee</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City continues to improve its Pavement Condition Index (PCI) by rehabilitating and resurfacing deteriorated roadways. In 2025, the City completed a joint slurry seal project to restore multiple streets and also completed several paving projects using City crews. And planning a large scale paving project for 2027.</p>
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<p>CM-13 Targeted Improvements to Existing Transportation Network</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase street lighting around Arcata to increase safety of walking/biking during early mornings and evenings, especially those with higher volumes of pedestrians and bicyclists, routes known to have concentrations of people without vehicles, school zones, and along routes that provide access to major destinations. 2. When designing new or improving existing streets, implement complete streets policy to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements. Ensure that facilities and design promote and support mobility by people whose mobility is impaired, who move slowly, or who need mobility assistance. Use cost-effective street improvements such as striping, cones, and temporary features to test improvements throughout the City in a cost-effective manner and address needs temporarily when funding does not permit a more permanent solution. 3. When designing new or improving existing streets, use traffic-calming techniques (such as narrowing traffic lanes or adding flashing beacons/radar signs) to improve street safety and access (especially in residential neighborhoods, school zones and areas with high pedestrian traffic). 4. Consider developing City-operated traffic lights with appropriate signals for people with impaired vision, hearing, or mobility. 	<p>Engineering Dept., Transportation Safety Committee</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City continues to advance Reconnect Arcata Project, The Reconnect Arcata Project will explore strategies to reconnect the community across three state highways (U.S. 101, SR 255, and SR 299), while also identifying opportunities to increase affordable housing, enhance transit access, expand economic opportunities, strengthen connections with localized neighborhood, Cal Poly Humboldt, create new green spaces, and improve multimodal mobility across existing transportation corridors</p>
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<p>PF-1 Urban Water Management Plan Update the City Urban Water Management Plan, at least every five years, to assess system efficiency and ensure there is adequate storage capacity and fire flow. The Management Plan will also include economic incentives, education programs, and monitoring measures to promote water conservation.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every 5 Years</p>	<p>The City is on track to adopt an updated Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) by June 2026. The Steel Waterline Replacement Project is scheduled for completion by fall 2026 and will improve water delivery resiliency throughout the community.</p> <p>The City is also adding the Tank 1D project to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to increase water storage capacity in Zone 1. In addition, the City is evaluating options to replace Tank 4 (Margaret Lane) with a larger-capacity tank in the Sunny Brae area following damage sustained during the 2022 earthquake.</p> <p>Finally, the City is exploring CDBG grant opportunities to install cellular-read water meters, which would improve operational efficiency and provide real-time usage data to help identify potential leaks on customer service lines.</p>

<p>PF-2 Wastewater Collection System Maintenance Program Update the City Wastewater Collection System Maintenance Program, at least every five years, to assess collection system capacity and condition, ensure there is adequate treatment and disposal capacity, and recommend improvements necessary to reduce groundwater infiltration and surface water inflow. The Maintenance Program will also include economic incentives, education programs, and monitoring measures to reduce wastewater generation.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every 5 Years</p>	<p>The A WTF Phase I Project is substantially complete and anticipated to be fully completed by June 2026. The next Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Reduction Project, which will address priority areas throughout the City’s sewer system, is scheduled to begin in fall 2026. The City has also advanced implementation of its Wastewater Collection System Maintenance Program through expanded CCTV inspections, routine system cleaning, and enhanced lift station preventative maintenance practices, consistent with the City’s Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP). In addition, the City initiated the First Street Lift Station Improvement Project (PS&E phase) to modernize pumping infrastructure, improve system reliability, and reduce risks associated with inflow, infiltration, and wet weather operations, as identified through recent system evaluations and the 2025 SSMP Internal Audit.</p>
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<p>PF-3 Drainage Master Plan and Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit</p> <p>Update the City's Drainage Master Plan to implement current provisions for minimizing increases in stormwater runoff, maintaining the integrity of stream hydrology, and reducing pollutant loads. Implement the City's MS4 permit requirements through ordinance No. 1463, which sets forth standards for discharge into the stormwater drainage facilities for the City of Arcata, and establishes a stormwater pollution control program in compliance with the Clean Water Act.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City continues to manage the Phase II MS4 permit, provides frequent public education messaging, has a consistent street sweeping program, and implements annual drainage maintenance projects</p>
<p>PF-4 Zero Waste Action Plan</p> <p>Update the Zero Waste Action Plan every ten years, to implement the most current technology for reducing solid waste generation at the source, maximize re-use and repair of goods, promote composting and recycling, and properly transport non-recyclable solid waste to approved disposal sites. The Zero Waste Action Plan will also include economic incentives, education programs, and monitoring measures to achieve the City's goal of reducing solid waste volume by a defined amount, and the overall long-term strategy for "zero-waste."</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every 10 Years</p>	<p>The City implemented its Zero Waste Action Plan (ZWAP) and Single-Use Disposable Ordinance, including expanded outreach and education efforts targeted to the local business community to support compliance and successful implementation. Additionally, the City continues to plan for universal collection and processing of organic materials to reduce the amount of organic waste disposed of in the landfill.</p>

<p>PF-5 Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations and Facilities Plan</p> <p>Review and update the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operations and facilities plan periodically to take into account changes associated with sea level rise and climate change</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>A draft Long Range Feasibility Study for the AWTF has been completed, with the final report anticipated by March 20, 2026. Agency partners and community members participated in two public workshops and provided input that informed the development of three potential preferred alternatives to address increasing sea level rise and support long-term adaptation planning.</p>
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Gateway Area Plan			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>GA-2.1 Create Community Benefits Program</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>2022 to 2023</p>	<p>The Planning Commission adopted Resolution PC-25-06 recommending a community benefits program to the City Council. City Council adopted the Community Benefits Program on September 17, 2025 with Resolution No. 256-11.</p>
<p>GA-6.2 Public Open Space Acquisition Program</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>2025</p>	<p>Currently there are not open space acquisition opportunities within the Gateway Area Boundary</p>
<p>GA-6.3 Open Space Habitat Map and Potential Project List</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City is working to develop watershed level multi-benefit habitat projects within the Jolly Giant Creek watershed that includes the Gateway Planning Area</p>

Housing Element			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>HE-1 Promotion of Owner-Occupied Units Increase proportion of owner-occupied units in Arcata by increasing the number of homeowners living in the City and reducing the number of absentee homeowners</p>	Community Development Dept., Planning Commission, City Council	2019 and Ongoing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City runs a Cal-Home homebuyer assistance program for mobilehome purchases. 2. The City runs a Homebuyer Assistance Program for purchase of Community Land Trust homes. 3. The City has approved one SB 9 lot split and has another currently under review.
<p>HE-2 Housing Review and Rehabilitation Program Identify neighborhoods with housing requiring rehabilitation, then offer financial assistance to lower income households for housing rehabilitation through code enforcement and a rental inspection program.</p>	Community Development Dept., Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA), HBHDC, Environmental Services	Apply annually or as funding becomes available.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City runs a Manufactured Housing Opportunity and Revitalization (MORE) program for mobilehome rehab and has assisted approximately 19 mobilehome owners with repairs to date. 2. The City adopted Owner Occupied Rehab Guidelines using Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) grant funds in September 2025. 3. The Residential Rental Inspection Program is ongoing.
<p>HE-6 State and Federal Grants and Loans Identify, advocate, sponsor, and connect developers with state and federal housing programs, grants, and loans.</p>	Community Development Dept.	2019 and Ongoing	The City continues to pursue funding including evaluating projects for upcoming CDBG NOFA.

<p>HE-11 Infill Development Program Meet Arcata's housing needs through infill development as opposed to development in the City's green belt.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Building Division, City Council, Housing Authority of the County of Humboldt</p>	<p>2019 and Ongoing</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include new Valley West infill area form-based code.</p>
<p>HE-12 Mixed Use Meet housing needs by combining commercial and retail uses with residential units.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Building Division, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>2019 and bi-annually</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates regarding mixed-use projects.</p>
<p>HE-13 Development of Additional Living Units in Residential Zones Provide opportunities for construction or conversion of existing living space into additional residential units.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Building Division, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>The City will amend the Zoning Code to comply with the most recent changes to ADU state laws by June 30, 2021.</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates related to ADU Ordinance and ADU financing.</p>

<p>HE-17 Address the Shelter and Other Needs of the Homeless Population Continue to identify needs of the homeless population, including homeless students and encourage the development of housing for the homeless on the parcels preapproved for Emergency Housing and transitional housing in other areas zoned multifamily.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Environmental Services, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>Review zoning ordinance revisions by 2020 and make revisions by 2021.</p>	<p>The City facilitates the Homeless Services Working Group in order to coordinate with service providers and other local homeless advocate groups. Staff from the Arcata Police Department and Community Development Department, along with one City Council member, serve on the County Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Board and also participate in the Humboldt Housing Homelessness Coalition General Meetings.</p>
<p>HE-18 Promote Student Housing Opportunities Communicate and coordinate with HSU to ensure the needs of the University and the City are being met.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Cal Poly Humboldt, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>2019 and Ongoing</p>	<p>Cal Poly opened the first wing of Hinar Hu Moulik, a 964 bed student housing complex, in August 2025. The City and Cal Poly Humboldt staff hold liason meetings monthly to discuss coordination between the City and Cal Poly.</p>
<p>HE-22 Public Engagement Identification of opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making process.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., City Council</p>	<p>2019 and Ongoing</p>	<p>The City contracted with FlashVote in 2025 to expand opportunities for community input on a range of topics. FlashVote is a quick, digital survey platform that allows residents to provide anonymous feedback via brief one-minute surveys delivered by email, text, or phone, with results shared rapidly to help inform City decision-making.</p>

<p>HE-23 Local Coastal Program Update. Update and approval of LCP.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept., Coastal Commission, Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>December 2020</p> <p>City staff continued to work with Coastal Commission staff on the LCP update throughout 2025 and adoption is slated for early 2026.</p>
<p>HE-25 Residential Uses and Definitions Evaluate Land Use Code definitions and allowed uses to ensure compliance with state law (e.g. ADU processes)</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>December 2022</p> <p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include updates related to ADU Ordinance.</p>
<p>Parks and Recreation</p>		
<p>Implementation Measure</p> <p>PR-1 Design and Development Guidelines Use the Park Design and Development Guidelines as the standard for park and recreation improvements, facilities, and amenities. (Park and Recreation Master Plan Implementation C)</p>	<p>Responsible Party Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Time Frame Ongoing</p> <p>2025 Status Ongoing</p>

<p>PR-2 Parkland Dedication Program and Schedule</p> <p>Continue to implement fees/dedications pursuant to Quimby Act (California Government Code § 66477, as amended), including (1) the preparation and maintenance of a five-year schedule specifying how, when, and where it will use the land or fees, or both, to develop park or recreational facilities to serve the residents of subdivisions, plus a regularly scheduled re-evaluation of the formula for fees in lieu of land based on current persons per dwelling unit and fair market value of land; and (2) a procedure to ensure that accounting and use of parkland fees is consistent with 66477(a)(6).</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every 5 Years starting in year 5</p>	<p>The City's Building Division applies Quimby Act fees to relevant building permits submitted for development within the City. The Finance Department tracks the accounting of Parkland In Lieu Fees in a separate fund within the City. Parkland In Lieu Fees supported the completion of the Redwood Park Improvement Phase I Project which re-envisioned the playground, enhanced ADA access and constructed a new bicycle pump track at the regionally significant Redwood Park.</p>
<p>PR-4 Increase Use of Public Spaces</p> <p>In collaboration with community organizations, establish a calendar of City-sponsored programs and events taking place in public spaces, including offerings that encourage physical activity, educational opportunities, arts programming, and community outreach.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City's Recreation Division hosts a wide range of programs and activities for all age ranges across City facilities and parks. The Recreation Division also keeps a regular calendar of City-sponsored programs which is made available on the website, through a printed hard-copy guide, and through social media and PSAs. The Recreation Division also provides an annual report that summarizes all city-sponsored activities and community events held within City-owned parks or facilities.</p>

<p>PR-5 Park Funding Continue to implement the strategic funding options outlined in the Park and Recreation Master Plan, Implementation A through C (Park and Recreation Master Plan Implementation A, B, and C), and continue to use a portion of net forest revenues for park development, maintenance, and acquisition.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Arcata voters in November 2020 passed a \$37/parcel annual Open Space, Parks & Trails Special Tax which has now funded over \$700,000 of improvements within the City's parks, trails and open spaces.</p>
<p>PR-6 Park Development and Maintenance Continue to implement Park and Recreation Master Plan recommendations relating to park development and maintenance, including those for Master Planning and Design, universal design upgrades, Natural Resource Management, and Maintenance Practices.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>1. Completed construction of Arcata Ballpark to enhance accessibility and improve the façade and entry plaza. 2. Completed equipment replacement at Cahill Park. 3. Initiated design process for resurfacing Redwood Park Basketball Court. 4. Completed Valley West Dog Park project construction.</p>
<p>PR-8 Natural features and built facilities Prioritize improvements to areas with comparatively less open space/public facilities access as part of the ongoing established public space maintenance schedule</p>	<p>Parks and Recreation Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Completed construction of Valley West Dog Park.</p>

<p>PR-9 Coordinated Open Space, Park and Recreational Facilities Planning and Use</p> <p>Update the Park and Recreation Master Plan every ten years. Use periodic updates to identify opportunities for enhanced partnerships with agencies and organizations to enhance City parks and recreation facilities and activities. Coordinate updates and regional trails planning with Humboldt County, Humboldt County Association of Governments, Great Redwood Trail Agency, Redwood Community Action Agency, Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association and the Humboldt Trails Council.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every ten years starting in Year 2</p>	<p>Began construction of Annie and Mary Trail, a regional trail priority. Continued to expand on the Arcata Community Forest mountain bike trails network, in partnership with Redwood Coast Mountain Mike Association. Continued partnership with Playhouse Arts, the City's Local Arts Agency, to implement the Arcata Strategic Arts Plan, including providing a letter of support for Outside Arts grant application, funded by California State Parks.</p>
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Open Space			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>OS-1 Open Space Preservation</p> <p>Preserve existing and acquire additional open space lands identified in this element through the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Purchase of open space lands in fee. •Secure easements by negotiated agreement. •Maintain open space designations on City and County planning maps. 	<p>Environmental Services, Community Development Dept., Planning Commission, City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Since 2022 the City has finalized two additional conservation easements across private properties adjacent to the Arcata Community Forest, providing a conservation buffer between the community forest and current and potential future development.</p>

Resource Conservation			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>RC-2 Community Forest Management Plan Update the Community Forest Management Plan, at least every ten years, to implement current provisions for managing recreation, aesthetic, timber, watershed, wildlife, and vegetation resources. The Management Plan will also include updated provisions for allocation of forest fund revenues and urban conversions, as well as setbacks from the Community Forest boundary and a monitoring program for forest practices.</p>	Environmental Services Dept., Forest Management Committee	Every 10 Years	The City has a draft updated Forest Management Plan posted on the City webpage and anticipates adopting the updated plan in 2026-27.
<p>RC-3 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Conduct a continuous program to identify and purchase appropriate energy supplies, implement and evaluate energy conservation measures, provide energy education and public information, and promote energy efficiency in transportation. Establish a funding mechanism to assure that a significant portion of the savings are used to fund energy programs and as a reward for savings.</p>	Environmental Services Dept., Energy Committee	Ongoing	Completed LED lighting retrofits at the Arcata Community Center and Arcata Sports Complex. Completed installation of rooftop solar on the Arcata Community Center.
<p>RC-4 Non-native Plant Species Removal Program The City shall continue to provide public information that explains why invasive plant species are problematic. The City shall maintain a program that recommends effective but non-toxic eradication measures, for invasive species and eradicates non-native plant species on public lands where they are displacing native species.</p>	Environmental Services Dept.	Ongoing	Continued to attend Humboldt Weed Management Area meetings and support several invasive species removal volunteer workdays at city-owned open spaces.

<p>RC-5 Surface Water Quality Ordinance Implement the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements for post-construction activities including Ordinance No. 1463 that sets forth standards for discharge into the stormwater drainage facilities for the City of Arcata and establishes a stormwater pollution control program in compliance with the Clean Water Act.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>RC-6 Jacoby Creek Gannon Slough Wildlife Area Management Plan Prepare a long-term management plan for the Jacoby Creek Gannon Slough Wildlife Area that includes habitat mapping, guidelines for management, and restoration goals and objectives.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept., Wetlands & Creeks Committee</p>	<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Partnered with Humboldt County, the Jacoby Creek Land Trust, and the Resource Conservation District to advance watershed level planning for the Jacoby Creek watershed.</p>
<p>RC-7 Sensitive Habitat Mapping Using the sensitive habitat definition from Policy RC-1d, prepare and regularly update a map of sensitive habitat in the City.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Environmental Services and GIS staff continuously revisit mapping of wetland, creek and other sensitive habitats throughout the City to inform permit reviews and project planning.</p>
<p>RC-8 Pesticide Ordinance Regularly update the City's Pesticide Ordinance.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Every 5 Years</p>	<p>City staff continue to review the pesticide ordinance and have not yet identified any needed updates.</p>
<p>RC-9 Programs to Promote Alternatives to Pesticides The City shall implement a program to foster the reduction in use of pesticides by the public. This shall include maintaining and making available a current list of alternative, environmentally-safe products to control unwanted vegetation and pests. The use of substances and compounds that can accumulate to toxic levels is restricted by the City (Pesticide Ordinance).</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City has public outreach literature available on these topics on the City website and in hard copy.</p>

<p>RC-10 Electrification Ordinance and Program Prepare and adopt an electrification ordinance for new construction. Create an electrification program for phase out of natural gas including short-term, mid-term, and long-term actions, including educational and promotional materials.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>		<p>Continued to work on the Regional Climate Action Plan.</p>
<p>RC-11 Explore Tribal Partnerships in Restoration Project Planning Explore opportunities for partnerships with the Wiyot Tribe and other Wiyot-Area Tribes when pursuing funding for habitat restoration within the City and seek guidance from appropriate Tribal representatives as part of the habitat restoration planning process.</p>	<p>Environmental Services Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City initiated a contract with the Wiyot Tribe to develop bilingual interpretive signage at Carlson Park focused on tribal ecological knowledge and lifeways relevant to Baduwat and the Carlson Park area. Additionally, the Wetlands and Creeks Committee received a presentation from Wiyot Tribe staff on water quality sampling efforts in Arcata.</p>

Air Quality			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>AQ-4 Climate Action Plan Adopt a Climate Action Plan and collaborate regionally to implement the plan.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept. and City Council</p>	<p>Year 1 and ongoing</p>	<p>1. Community Development staff participated in the public hearings for the Countywide CAP in Fall of 2024 including a public meeting on September 10. An updated draft CAP was reviewed by the County BOS in October 2024 and the CAP DEIR comment period will end April 5, 2025. 2. In addition, the Environmental Services Department completed a re-inventory of the Barnum and Lucchesi forest carbon projects under the Climate Action Reserve.</p>
<p>AQ-6 Enhanced Evaluation of Incompatible Land Uses The City shall implement an enhanced evaluation of incompatible land uses to reduce the potential exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial air pollutants for land use developments that would locate sources of air pollutants or sensitive receptors in closer proximity than the distances recommended in California Air Resources Board's Air Quality Land Use Handbook</p>	<p>Community Development and Engineering Dept.</p>	<p>Year 1 and ongoing During planning, design, and CEQA review of future discretionary projects</p>	<p>Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which may include this evaluation.</p>

Design			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
D-1 (LU-1) Objective Design Standards, (Zoning Amendment) Prepare a zoning amendment to implement Design Element policies, including objective design standards for residential projects and applicability of design review (specify when design review and approval is required).	Community Development Dept., Planning Commission	Year 2-5	Released an RFP for the Land Use Code update. Contracted with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete zoning code updates, which will include this evaluation.
D-2 Valley West Public Improvements Program The City of Arcata shall work to obtain funding to develop a specific public improvements program to improve the appearance of Valley East and Valley West, and Giuntoli Boulevards. These improvements may include uniform landscaping, pedestrian enhancements, and directional signage.	Environmental Services and Engineering Departments	Year 2	Completed the Valley West Neighborhood Center Assessment. City Council accepted the assessment at their December 17, 2025 Council meeting.
D-3 Development Impact Fee for the Arts Consider establishing an impact fee to pay for public art.	Environmental Services and Community Development	Year 1-2	While a development impact fee has yet to be implemented, the City has dedicated funding for the third annual Call for Public Art in 2026.
D-4 Car-Free Plaza Evaluate the feasibility, practicability, and desirability of making the Plaza a pedestrian zone, including closing off through traffic for motor vehicles and eliminating parking.	Community Development	Year 5	Since 2024, the Plaza has been closed to cars for the Farmers Market. Additionally, the Plaza is closed to cars during several one-time events throughout the summer.

Historic Preservation			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>HP-2 Preservation Incentives and Educational Materials</p> <p>Develop additional regulatory and other incentives for preservation in partnership with the Historic Landmarks Committee and Historical Sites Society of Arcata. Such incentives may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a commemorative plaque program to provide special identification of historical structures, buildings, or sites. 2. Informational guides and walking tours to promote appreciation of the community's heritage sites and contribute to Arcata's tourism attractions. 3. Brochure on benefits and advantages for designating historical landmarks which describes the benefits and advantages of having structures or sites designated as local Historic Landmarks. 	<p>Community Development Dept., Historical Landmarks Committee, Planning Commission, Historical Sites Society</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The City's Historic Landmarks Committee celebrated Historic Preservation Month in 2025 with a series of events including tabling during the Farmer's Market and a walking tour of downtown Arcata.</p>
<p>HP-3 Local Tribal Input to City Historic Context Statement</p> <p>To provide a context for city projects, for the evaluation of cultural significance, and for the interpretation of the results of cultural resources project reviews, the City of Arcata shall contract for a general prehistoric, ethnographic, and historic overview of the city and its environs.</p>	<p>Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Year 1</p>	<p>The city has contacted the Wiyot tribe for guidance in creating a formal review process of the historic context statement and will defer to the tribe on next steps.</p>

Public Safety			
Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>PS-1 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Promote the continuation of the Arcata Community Emergency Response Team. The City Police Department shall have a designated Community Emergency Response Team coordinator available to assist with Community Emergency Response Team organization and training, and to supply training materials.</p>	Police Department	Ongoing	Lt Altizer-Team Coordinator, 8 current team members, ongoing monthly meetings/training.
<p>PS-2 Emergency preparedness and response programs Maintain and distribute current information about seismic risks and emergency preparedness (such as Living on Shaky Ground – How to Survive Earthquakes & Tsunamis on the North Coast distributed by the Humboldt Earthquake Education Center, Cal Poly Humboldt). Maintain Standardized Emergency Management System training for senior City staff, including Incident Command System, multi/inter-agency coordination, mutual aid, and operational area concepts.</p>	City Manager's Office, Arcata Fire & Police Departments	Ongoing	The City maintains an "Emergency Preparedness" page on its website, which includes links the public can use to sign up for emergency alerts, as well as links to various types of Emergency Preparedness information, including Tsunami Preparedness. In October, many City staff participated in an Emergency Operations Plan tabletop exercise for an earthquake scenario, to increase familiarity with and practice the City's EOP.
<p>PS-3 Evacuation Planning Implement the evacuation planning actions identified in the Emergency Operations Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan Action ARC19. Evaluate potential alternative routes for residential areas with limited evacuation options. Where there are no feasible alternative routes, identify and implement realistic actions that can provide protection to evacuees from likely hazards.</p>	City Manager's Office, Environmental Services, Police Department & Arcata Fire	Year 2	Development of pre-identified evacuation routes for different types of emergencies was identified as a follow-up item following the City's EOP Tabletop Exercise in October 2025. Incorporation of appropriate evacuation routes into "emergency notification" templates was also identified as a follow-up action item.

<p>PS-11 Humboldt Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan Implement the City of Arcata Annex Mitigation Action Plan in the Hazard Mitigation Plan and periodically update the Hazard Mitigation Plan to reflect changing vulnerabilities, new data, available resources, partnership opportunities, and state and federal requirements and amend the Public Health and Safety Element to integrate the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.</p>	<p>City Manager's Office, Arcata Fire & Police Departments</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>In 2025, the City participated in the 5-year update of the local operational area Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City received confirmation that the City's jurisdictional annex was approved by FEMA and Cal OES on 2/17/26.</p>
<p>PS-12 Exposure to community violence and discrimination 1. Increase awareness around the Arcata Police Department's Juvenile Diversion Program, the primary objectives of which are to reduce the number of youths in the Criminal Justice System and reduce dropout/expulsion rates in Northern Humboldt area school districts. 2. Make implicit bias and cultural humility training available to Public Safety Committee members. 3. Work with the County and other local social service agencies to reduce stress and provide services and support to groups found to be at higher risk of being victims or perpetrators of violence. Explore partnerships with programs, social service agencies, and community health advocates that work to deter, intervene in, and mediate violence in the Humboldt County community. Familiarize City staff that frequently interface with the public with these resources.</p>	<p>Police Department</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Juvenile Diversion provided services to 94 families, diverted 33 youths from criminal justice system, provided parent project and loving solutions trainings. 2. PSC positions not filled. 3. APD served on SART/CAST Advisory Boards, worked with NCRCT, Hum Domestic Violence, DA Vic/Witness, Arcata House Partnership, to provide services to victims and vulnerable populations.</p>

<p>PS-13 Community policing</p> <p>1. Continually publicize the training that APD officers complete on an ongoing basis related to racial equity, implicit bias, cultural humility, and interacting with individuals who have mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders. 2. Increase support for programs for in field mental health response, which allows Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Behavioral Health Branch staff to work with the APD in responding to incidents that involve people with mental/behavioral health issues and/or substance use disorders. 3. Increase support for programs such as the City of Arcata's Community Ambassador Program, which has a stated mission of welcoming all community members to Arcata businesses and inviting and guiding them to retail, restaurant, entertainment, recreational, and supportive options and services all while enhancing the beautification and safety of Arcata.</p> <p>4. Raise awareness around the APD's internship program, available to Cal Poly Humboldt and College of the Redwoods students, which allows participants to collaborate on developing best practices in policing and to share information on student expectations of law enforcement in Arcata.</p> <p>5. Raise awareness around APD's ride-a-long program, available to any member of the community, which allows residents to see how APD delivers public safety services, meet APD staff, and ask questions.</p> <p>Incentivize City staff and APD officers to engage with local cultural learning opportunities and equity trainings outside of</p>	<p>Police Department, City Manager's Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>APD participated in 50 community engagement events. Ongoing partnership with Cal Poly Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Equity Arcata and Centro Del Pueblo engaging immigrant community and advocates on immigration enforcement concerns. 2. APD completed training on Blue Envelope Program, De-escalation tactics, Crisis Intervention Team, presented at CIT International. Ongoing partnership with DHHS through CIT, Homeless Liaison. Participated in implicit bias training. 3. Arcata's Community Ambassadors provided thousands of assists to housed and unhoused community members, supported local businesses, generated public works referrals for hazards and large waste abatement, increased staff to 8, expanded services to Valley West. 4. Active ride along program. 5. Participated in cultural opportunities; CDP Day of Solidarity, Oaxaca Sister City, Arcata Holy Ghost Festa.</p>
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Health

Implementation Measure	Responsible Party	Time Frame	2025 Status
<p>H-5 Support Arcata arts & artists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement the Arcata Strategic Arts Plan (ASAP) with intermittent re-evaluations of priority projects. 2. Identify and pursue sources of funding that could be used to support arts organizations and endeavors in Arcata. 3. Explore funding sources and possible locations for the development of artist housing/live-work spaces in Arcata. 4. Prioritize support of intersectional arts and equity projects/collaborations in Arcata area schools. 	<p>City Manager's Office and Community Development Dept.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Continued partnership with Playhouse Arts, the City's Local Arts Agency, to implement the Arcata Strategic Arts Plan, including providing a letter of support for Outside Arts grant application, funded by California State Parks.</p>

SECTION 3. GENERAL PLAN UPDATES

A comprehensive update to the General Plan was adopted by the City Council on July 17, 2024, marking the first full update since 1999. This revision reflects the City's commitment to sustainable growth, community identity, and environmental stewardship.

In 2025, the city turned its attention to updating the Land Use Code as the General Plan's implementing Ordinance. The City is currently under contract with Lisa Wise Consulting to complete this body of work, which includes updating to the Land Use Code, development of a Form-Based Code for Valley West, and development of an updated Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance.

Additionally, the city is gearing up for updates associated with the 7th Cycle Housing Element, which must be certified by the State Housing and Community Development Department by July 15, 2027. In 2025, the city coordinated with the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) and neighboring jurisdictions to distribute the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and will continue collaborating with other local jurisdictions as much as possible throughout the Housing Element update process.