

# CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA'S WORKPLAN TO "PRESERVE & IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT"



The City Council adopted this workplan on 6/4/08 to implement the Council's three-year goal to "Preserve & Improve the Environment." Short, medium, and long-term goals were identified. Details on the goals and approximate timelines to begin their implementation are noted in this table. Many of these goals will be developed in conjunction with one or more of the city's boards and commissions. Interested citizens should consult the applicable agenda notices for these bodies to obtain details on when these matters will be considered. The contents of this workplan will change over time. The listed timelines are indicative only and are subject to change.

## SHORT TIMEFRAME

Goal	Applicable department	Applicable board	Action required	Comments	Status/ anticipated timeline (√=completed)
Provide information on the City website regarding energy saving, xeriscaping, rebates, solar energy, etc.	Planning	NREC to give advice	Provide links to webmaster to add to website	Rebate links now online	√
Provide brochures and information at City Hall regarding energy saving, xeriscaping, etc.	Planning	NREC	Create display racks. Obtain supplies of brochures.	Now available in the Planning department	√
Arrange for window companies to make a presentation to DRB/CHC on dual-glazed windows	Planning	CHC and DRB	Possibly develop a list of approved products	Workshops were held 9/18/08 and 6/23/09. A CHC/DRB subcommittee is considering this matter further.	√
Arrange for product presentations by synthetic building materials (siding, decking materials, etc.) suppliers to CHC/DRB	Planning	CHC and DRB	Possibly develop a list of approved products		TBA
Arrange for product presentations by skylight suppliers to CHC/DRB	Planning	CHC and DRB	Possibly develop a list of approved products		√
Reduce grading of hillside sites by relating maximum allowable house size to lot slope.	Planning	PC/CC		The City Council referred this matter back to the Planning Commission for further study.	Direction provided by the PC on June 22, 2009. Staff to research further and return at a later date.

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## MEDIUM TIMEFRAME

Goal	Applicable department	Applicable board	Action required	Comments	Status/timeline
Stage "Green" how-to workshops and informational workshops	Planning, PW	NREC	Organize and stage event/s. Incorporate into the Clean Air Car Show		July '10 Clean Air Car Show  Possible community meeting to be staged later in the year
Consider amending the City's design guidelines to incorporate any elements approved by the City (dual-glazing, synthetic materials, skylights, etc.)	Planning	CHC and DRB	Incorporate details on approved applications	Will depend on the outcomes of the product workshops noted in the "Short Timeframe" section	No timeframe
Consider a possible Zoning Code amendment to facilitate home offices/home businesses	Planning	PC, CC		Revised regulations are less restrictive.	√
Consider General Plan and Zoning Code amendments to facilitate pocket parks and community gardens	Planning, PW, Community Services	Parks & Recreation		Community Gardens are now permitted in all zoning districts in the City (subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit).	√
Reduce trips to City Hall/reduce use of paper through on-line applications.	Planning, PW, Finance	-		Online garage sale permits now available	√
Consider Zoning Code amendments to facilitate adaptive re-use of buildings by permitting deviations from certain development standards.	Planning	CHC, PC			No timeframe
Facilitate mass transit usage by providing information to residents, businesses, etc. Consider changes to Gold Link shuttle routing.	Transportation	TC			Ongoing

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## LONGER TIMEFRAME

Goal	Applicable department	Applicable board	Action required	Comments	Status/timeline
Consider incentives for "green" building, e.g. LEED, GreenPoint-Rated, etc. certification systems and solar energy/swimming pool heating. These might include reduced application/permit fees; project streamlining, etc.	Building, Finance	DRB, CHC, PC	Develop criteria and processes.  Staff training	Applicants can voluntarily propose "green" buildings now, but no incentives currently exist.	End of 2010
Update the General Plan to include/require "green" building and solar energy	Planning	DRB, CHC, PC		Applicants can voluntarily propose "green" buildings now.	End of 2010
Amend the Zoning Code to include/require "green" building and solar energy	Planning	DRB, CHC, PC	Research current impediments	Applicants can voluntarily propose "green" buildings now.	End of 2010
Consider reducing parking requirements based on other City's parking models.	Planning	PC TC	Avoid excessively sized parking lots		No timeframe
Consider alternative housing models, such as small-lot housing and small-sized housing.	Planning	DRB, PC	Amend Zoning Code & General Plan		No timeframe
Encourage/facilitate walking and bicycling through altered street layouts, providing bike paths, etc.	Planning, Public Works	TC NREC	Street realignment, bike lanes, bike storage lockers and racks, etc.		Long timeframe  Ongoing

### Abbreviations used:

**CC**—City Council **CHC**—Cultural Heritage Commission **DRB**—Design Review Board **NREC**—Natural Resources & Environmental Commission **PC**—Planning Commission **PW**—Public Works Department **TC**—Transportation Commission

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