



RESTORING LAKE TAHOE AND SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The Regional Plan Update is the blueprint for the Tahoe Region's sustainable future. It will guide how communities evolve, how ecosystems function, whether the transportation network is efficient and effective, and whether the Basin at large is restored and economically sustainable. It proposes to do so by pairing ecosystem restoration with locally-guided environmental redevelopment to create mixed-use town centers where people can live, work and play.

Priorities for the Regional Plan Update:

- Accelerating water quality restoration by targeting environmental redevelopment opportunities and Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) investments.
- Focusing TRPA's resources more on regional planning with a simplified land use framework for local governments.
- Simplifying and streamlining the permit review process.

Important policies being addressed by the Regional Plan Update include:

- Retaining the established regional growth control system. Under this system, rampant overdevelopment was stopped and open spaces preserved.
- Encouraging property owners to transfer development rights from sensitive or outlying areas to existing town centers with the goal of restoring these lands.
- Eliminating regulatory barriers that have slowed the pace of environmental redevelopment on rundown buildings.
- Simplifying burdensome regulations for homeowners while achieving threshold gains.
- Integrating with the Regional Transportation Plan to address congestion and support sidewalk and bike trail projects that reduce automobile dependency and increase walkability and safety.
- Continuing to deliver restoration projects under the Environmental Improvement Program that achieve erosion control on roadways and restore forests and wetlands.

TRPA's Governing Board will be making a decision on the Regional Plan Update in late 2012.

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