There is a new plan for Tahoe.

The 2012 Lake Tahoe Regional Plan is a blueprint for Lake Tahoe’s sustainable future. The plan is an update to the bi-state regulatory system that aims to accelerate environmental gains while supporting the health of our communities. New policies pair longstanding regulations with new incentives for property owners to increase ecosystem restoration. The underlying goal is to encourage home improvements and environmental redevelopment of outdated properties as necessary to restore Lake Tahoe’s environment.

Priorities of the 2012 Regional Plan

1. Accelerate water quality restoration
2. Help create walkable communities with alternative transportation options
3. Streamline the permitting process and integrate Area Plans with the Regional Plan

Homeowner Improvements

Property owners that were planning to use the new ordinances relating to land coverage this year are waiting for parallel approval of those amendments in other Lake Tahoe regulatory plans before they can be utilized. The changes allow land coverage credits and exemptions, such as for pervious paving and decks, on certain properties that have a completion certificate for their stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Litigation of the Regional Plan

Despite an unprecedented public participation process, a lawsuit has been filed against the 2012 plan by the Sierra Club. While the litigation makes its way through the legal process, the updated ordinances are currently in effect and TRPA is moving ahead implementing the plan.

To increase your understanding of what the plan is projected to deliver for Lake Tahoe, we have assembled some basic facts and figures on the next page.

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Regional Plan by the numbers

While maintaining the strict growth control system that’s been in effect since 1987, the plan makes reinvestment in our communities more feasible and promotes strengthening Lake Tahoe’s economy and communities.

55% reduction in the maximum rate of new residential building allocation

8% maximum increase in residential units possible by 2035

0 number of new tourist accommodation units allowed by the 2012 plan updates

5,900 potential increase in the Basin’s year-round population by 2035 expected from new development allowed by the Plan, or 0.5% per year—lower than the population measured in the 2000 census.

1,200 additional parcels anticipated to be protected or restored

27,500 number of developed properties targeted by RPU incentives to complete and certify stormwater infiltration BMPs

10,000 expected number of vehicle miles traveled to be eliminated from the Basin annually by transferring development from outlying areas to community centers

7% per capita reduction in greenhouse gas emissions projected by the Regional Transportation Plan in 2035

A more concentrated land use pattern in the Tahoe Region will:

- Revitalize existing communities
- Reduce automobile reliance and emissions
- Increase feasibility of walking, biking and transit use
- Accelerate implementation of stormwater treatment
- Decrease environmental impacts
- Provide a broader range of housing options

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