

CHAPTER 10
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

VISION STATEMENT

Camp Verde will remain a community that enjoys a high value of environmental quality. The Town will consider effects of new developments on the environment and promote practices that create and maintain a healthy, safe, and enjoyable living environment.

STATE REQUIREMENTS

The Environmental Planning Element of the Town of Camp Verde's General Plan is mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes, which stipulates that communities larger than 2,500 inhabitants include an Environmental Planning Element.

According to Arizona statutes, the Environmental Planning Element will include "analysis, policies and strategies that are designed to address anticipated effects, if any, of plan elements on air quality, water quality and natural resources associated with proposed development under the General Plan.

"The policies and strategies to be developed under this element shall be designed to have community-wide applicability and shall not require the production of an additional environmental impact statement or similar analysis beyond the requirements of state and federal law."

A. GOAL: MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF AIR QUALITY.

Implementation Strategy:

- A. 1. Provide alternative modes of transportation to be implemented as the Town grows.
- A. 2. Adopt an ordinance requiring non-polluting, EPA approved heating systems as the standard for new construction.
- A. 3. Develop and implement dust prevention ordinances for commercial and industrial operations with the understanding that Camp Verde has a semi-arid climate with an inherent amount of dust.
- A. 4. In areas that ADEQ may classified as non-attainment for air quality implement policies and measures that may allow the area to stay in attainment or delay classification.

B. GOAL: MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF WATER QUALITY.

Implementation Strategy:

- B. 1. Encourage growth in areas where water and sewer utilities exist or are planned.
- B. 2. Discourage high-density growth in areas where water and sewer infrastructure is not available or planned.
- B.3. Implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) as outlined in the Town of Camp Verde Storm Water Management Plan.

C. GOAL: MAINTAIN DARK SKIES.

Implementation Strategy:

- C. 1. Maintain lighting ordinances that promote not only dark skies but property owners' needs as well.

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D. GOAL: MINIMIZE NOISE POLLUTION.

Implementation Strategy:

- D. 1. Regulate commercial and industrial hours of operation to prevent noise pollution.
- D. 2. Require the use of noise mitigation techniques in areas of high automobile traffic.

E. GOAL: ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY PRIDE AND ENHANCE THE AESTHETIC APPEARANCE OF THE TOWN.

- E. 1. Actively enforce litter laws.
- E. 2. Coordinate with other agencies and private landowners to enforce illegal dumping laws.
- E. 3. Coordinate with Yavapai County and Waste Management to sponsor free dump days and free pick-up for large items.
- E. 4. Actively enforce outside storage ordinances.

F. GOAL: CONSERVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE TOWN'S BOUNDARIES.

Implementation Strategy:

- F. 1. Develop and implement slope, ridge, natural drainage, and vegetation and wildlife corridors protection guidelines.
- F. 2. Maintain and enforce building height guidelines.
- F. 3. Require new high-density development to provide an open space plan.
- F. 4. Use public forums to determine what areas of the Town should be preserved as natural open space.
- F. 5. Utilize conservation easements, acquisition of development rights, grants and other funding sources to acquire property for preservation of the natural environment.

G. GOAL: PROMOTE CONSERVATION WITHIN THE TOWN.

Implementation Strategy:

- G. 1. Expand the Town's recycling education program and provide drop off sites in additional locations.
- G. 2. Promote the use of treated effluent on open spaces and parks.
- G. 3. Encourage comprehensive water conservation and related educational programs for use in schools and the public.
- G. 4. Encourage the development of gray water uses to be accepted by the Camp Verde Building Department and Yavapai County Environmental Health Department.

H. GOAL: COORDINATE WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES.

Implementation Strategy:

- H. 1. Participate in regional air quality efforts.
- H. 2. Participate in regional open space planning.
- H. 3. Participate in regional dark skies efforts.
- H. 4. Coordinate with the Regional Planning group to minimize contaminated runoff into the Verde River and ditches.

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