

BURLINGAME

Carbon Emissions

The City of Burlingame has implemented the following measures to reduce carbon emissions:

- The City installed energy-efficient light fixtures in its facilities to reduce the use of energy.
- The City promotes the use of bicycles as an alternative means of transportation. The City Council adopted a Bicycle Transportation Plan in 2004, containing several strategies to improve bicycle facilities and encourage the use of bicycles for transportation. Last year, the City installed bicycle route signs on all bicycle routes throughout the community. These routes direct bicycle traffic to the best available routes within Burlingame and to those connecting to adjoining communities. Next year, Burlingame proposes to provide striped bicycle lanes on streets that make up a part of the countywide north-south bicycle route, and improve routes that connect across U.S. 101 to the recreation facilities along San Francisco Bay.
- The Public Works Department has a fleet of eight vehicles; two of them hybrids.
- The City promotes public transportation by supporting a shuttle service which operates between the BART and Caltrain stations and the City's employment centers: the Burlingame Bayfront hotels and offices and Peninsula Hospital.
- Burlingame adopted the North Burlingame/Rollins Road Specific Plan in 2004, which promotes higher-density residential development in the area of Burlingame closest to the Millbrae Intermodal BART/Caltrain station. Housing within one-third mile of this major transit hub will promote the use of BART and Caltrain as an alternate to automobile travel. As a result of the adoption of this plan, Burlingame has approved one application for a 45-unit residential condominium facility in this area, and is processing three other applications for high-density residential projects within one-half mile of the Millbrae BART/Caltrain station.

Housing

The City of Burlingame has the following policies/programs regarding housing and sustainability:

- Although the City has not adopted a formal green building policy, the City requires every construction project to recycle a minimum of 60 percent of its demolition and construction waste materials.
- The North Burlingame/Rollins Road Specific Plan promotes transit-oriented development by designating areas for higher-density residential and mixed-use projects in the area closest to the Millbrae BART station.
- Burlingame has adopted an affordable housing ordinance mandating that 10 percent of units in new developments be affordable to low-income residents with higher percentages for smaller projects (a project with four units requires at least one affordable unit, 25 percent of the project). The Planning Commission has approved three projects totaling 74 units that required a total of eight affordable units. In addition, there are four projects in process totaling 64 units, that would require seven affordable units.

Water

Burlingame has instituted the following to promote efficient water use:

- City Facilities Management is implementing retrofits of all public buildings with more efficient fixtures such as low-flow toilets for conserving water.
- Burlingame has adopted a requirement that any new development that includes more than 2,500 square feet of landscaping prepare an irrigation water management plan to promote water-efficient landscaping.

Storm Water Runoff

- Burlingame requires that all runoff from construction projects be managed to reduce the pollutants entering the storm drain system. The system drains to the San Francisco Bay.
- The City requires new storm drain systems to have filters that keep oil sediments from runoff waters that drain to the Bay; the City employs an inspector who verifies that the filters are changed on a biannual basis.
- The City requires design features in new developments such as landscaped swales to reduce pollution of runoff waters.