



**Sustainable San Mateo County  
2017 City and County Survey**

Municipality: ATHERTON, CA

**1. How many of your municipal staff, firefighters and police officers live outside the county or more than 20 miles from your municipality?**

| Category        | Outside Municipality (more than 20 miles) | Outside County | Comment   |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---|
| Staff           | 4   |                |   |
| Firefighters    | N/A                                       |                | Fire services provided by Menlo Park Fire District. |
| Police Officers | 9   |                |   |

**2. What policies has your municipality enacted to ease the transportation and/or housing costs for employees?**

Contract with Police Association to allow Police Officers to stay in Town owned buildings in Town owned public park.

**3. Parking policy can shape travel behavior, community design, and development economics. What are your parking policies?**

| Category  | Yes | No | Comment (please provide details, clarifications, or links to additional information) |
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| Does your municipality have parking space minimums for new housing developments (# cars per unit or # cars per bedroom outside TOD? within TOD)? The number of required spaces is important economically because the cost of each space adds to development cost and can increase rents or sales price. |     | X  | No on-site parking required for residential properties.                              |
| Does the city require or allow unbundled parking (paid separate from unit rent)? Unbundled parking can help reduce housing cost.  |     | X  |  |
| Does the city encourage shared parking by reducing per unit parking ratio where shared parking is provided? This can reduce development cost by reducing total number of spaces needed to meet demand.  |     | X  | N/A in Atherton  |
| Does your municipality have a policy regarding  |     | X  |  |

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| Residential Permit Parking (RPP) which is used to protect nearby properties from overflow parking from new development? |  |  |  |
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**4. How many housing units have been built in the past year or in the pipeline for this year? What percent of these are affordable?**

Twenty five new single family home have been completed in 2016. Fourteen new single family homes have been completed in 2017 to date. None of these are affordable. See response to #7 below for affordable housing information.

**5. How many square feet of office/commercial development has been approved in the past year or in the pipeline for this year? How many new jobs are expected to result from this development?**

A 79,000 square foot new school building on private school campus. No new jobs expected – building will be served by existing school staff.

**6. Does your city have a minimum wage ordinance? Please describe the timeline, wage levels and other adjustments (such as requirements for use of prevailing wage labor in city-owned developments.)**

No.

**7. How many permits have been approved for second or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)? ADUs have the potential to provide affordable housing. Does your municipality provide any incentives or participate in any activities to promote ADU's?**

Four ADU's approved in 2017 to date. Yes, floor area exemptions are provided for new units.

**8. Has your municipality signed the US Climate Mayor's commitment to adopt, honor and uphold the Paris Climate Agreement goals and/or has the subject been discussed at a Council meeting?**

Not yet.

**9. What are the most pressing sustainability-related issues for your municipality in the short- and long-term? Please describe them.**

Energy and water, transportation and land use, solid waste and importantly the education and promotion of these topics to the community. Please see the Town's adopted Climate Action Plan: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=454>

**10. What additional resources, programs or events could SSMC provide that would be valuable to your work?**

Providing sustainability staff and the Town's Environmental Program Committee information on up and coming regional efforts, resources, etc that the Town may consider related to sustainability and the Town's adopted CAP implementation strategies – see link to CAP above.

**11. The Indicators Report covers more than 40 sustainability indicators addressing the three E's – economy, environment and equity. Please describe any other initiatives that showcase progress your municipality is making towards sustainability.<sup>1</sup>**

Hosted a 2017 Earth Day event: <http://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=463>

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<sup>1</sup> If you have supporting photos, please send high-resolution image files (1 Mb or higher or at least 300 dpi) to: [photos@sustainablemateo.org](mailto:photos@sustainablemateo.org) together with a description of the image and photo credits. We will include selected photos on the website and in print materials.