

City Newsletter



XIII - I

Prepared by the Office of the City Manager

November '73 to January 1974

"The secret of life is not to do what you like, but to like
what you do."
Goethe

North Coast and Uplands Area Plan

The first major study implementing the Policy Basis of the Planning Program - an area plan for the North Coast and Uplands Area - was adopted by the City Council on March 13, 1973 as a proper amendment to the General Plan for the future development of the City of Santa Cruz. In September 1973, the City entered into a contract with the consulting firm of Livingston and Blayney for a study on the development impact of the North Coast and Uplands area. The study was submitted to the City on January 11, 1974, and work sessions are being conducted by the City Council, the Board of Supervisors, and the City and the County Planning Commissions.

General Plan

The Planning Commission has been conducting studies on the various mandatory elements of the General Plan for the City (housing, circulation, open space, parks, etc.) at work session meetings and public hearings as follows:

Open Space and Conservation Element

The Planning Commission participated in the development of the Open Space and Conservation Element during the past eight months. In preparing the study it was determined that the information to be developed would also meet State requirements for providing for a Conservation Element. Thus, this document serves two purposes: the Open Space Element provides the basis for open space regulations, and the Conservation Element establishes a method of reviewing the accuracy of Environmental Impact Reports. Adoption of the Open Space and Conservation Element was mandated by State law prior to December 31, 1973. The Planning Commission, after numerous public hearings and work sessions, recommended adoption of the Open Space and Conservation Element to the City Council. At their meeting of December 18, 1973, the City Council adopted the Element as a suitable amendment to the General Plan.

Housing Element

The Housing Element was initially introduced to the Planning Commission at their second meeting in January 1973. After a series of work sessions and open meetings, the Commission recommended the adoption of the Housing Element and the creation of a Housing Advisory Committee.