

Goal Identifier. Each goal is in numbered order and includes a title describing the purpose of the goal.

Goal Statement. A goal is a broad statement of purpose that defines our community's ideal future. Goals are advisory.

Policy Identifier. Each policy is preceded by a notation that includes an acronym that corresponds to the topic and a number based on the overall goal and policy order. An introductory title communicates the key policy theme.

Policy Statement. A policy is a clear statement guiding a specific course of action for decision-makers to achieve a desired goal. Policies are regulatory.

Defined term. Terms that are defined in the glossary are signified by an underline (in the first occurring instance in a goal or policy).

NATURAL RESOURCES (NR) GOAL 1

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Protect and enhance the function, quality, and diversity of the City's natural resources and ecosystems.

POLICY NR 1.1 **Natural resource protection.** Support efforts to protect natural resources and areas critical to ecosystem and watershed function, including wetlands, floodplains, upland habitat, tree groves, and riparian areas, through plans and investments that contribute to the economic health and livability of Hillsboro for residents, workers, and visitors.

POLICY NR 1.2 **Biodiversity.** Strive to achieve and maintain self-sustaining populations of native species, including native plants and trees, native resident and migratory fish and wildlife species, indicator species, at-risk species, and beneficial insects through plans and investments.

POLICY NR 1.3 **Design with nature.** Support site development and design practices that incorporate and promote natural ecosystem elements, including native trees and vegetation, minimize effects on natural resources, and that avoid the degradation or loss of wetland, watershed, and ecosystem services.

POLICY NR 1.4 **Natural resource inventory.** Maintain an up-to-date inventory by identifying the location and evaluating the relative quantity and quality of natural resources, and ensuring that environmental data received during land use reviews are incorporated in the citywide inventory in a timely manner.

POLICY NR 1.5 **Evaluate impacts of growth.** Evaluate and address the potential adverse impacts of proposed development or urbanization on significant natural resource areas and ecosystems.

POLICY NR 1.6 **Soils.** Minimize unnecessary soil loss, erosion, contamination, and other impacts

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