

# The VIEW

## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

### Planning for a Sustainable Future



The City's Environmental Sustainability Program was established in 2007 and over the past four years, the Council has committed to environmental sustainability as one of the City's Major Goals. Along with the other Major Goals related to housing supply and affordability, transportation and protecting vulnerable populations, the City has traditionally taken a broad view of sustainability. We are doing our part to "think globally and act locally" so that we are an environmentally healthy, economically thriving and welcoming community for all – now and into the future. But we can't do it alone; it will take the City working together with residents, businesses and regional partners to sustain an amazing quality of life in Mountain View. Luckily there is a long history of community leadership dedicated to sustainability in this city, including the 2017-18 Environmental Sustainability Task Force 2 (ESTF-2). In this edition of *The View*, we invite you to learn more about what the City is doing, what actions you can take and to be part of a sustainable Mountain View solution.

Dan Rich  
City Manager



## The Three Pillars of a Sustainable Society

The term "sustainability" is often associated with efforts to address climate change by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to protect and restore the quality and viability of our water, air, soil, wildlife habitat and other natural resources – in other words the **Environment**. The City has accomplished a wide range of initiatives to benefit the environment, including: adopting a green building code to make new developments more efficient; implementing Energy Upgrade Mountain View, a highly effective energy conservation program that served more than 2,000 residents; building biking and walking infrastructure and requiring new developments to implement Transportation Demand Management programs to reduce emissions and congestion from single-occupant vehicle use; playing a lead role in the creation of Silicon Valley Clean Energy, which is providing more than 97 percent of residents and businesses with carbon-free electricity; adopting a Zero Waste Policy to reduce waste headed to the landfill and

reducing the City's municipal emissions by 33.9 percent between 2005 and 2015 – well ahead of the reduction targets for City operations. Going forward we will increasingly focus on a circular economy, which aims to eliminate the concept of waste.

The City continues to put a high priority on these and other measures to respond to the climate change crisis and be a good steward of natural resources. And we also believe that, along with the Environment, there are two other "Es" that are needed to have a sustainable community: "Economy" and "Equity." **Economy** can be thought of as the management and use of resources, such that there are sufficient means (jobs, goods, services, infrastructure, etc.) to meet the needs of a community. **Equity**, which is also referred to as social equity, relates to fairness and inclusion, such that everyone in a community is treated equally and shares in its well-being. Through a variety of programs, plans and policies, the City is actively working to achieve these Es as well.

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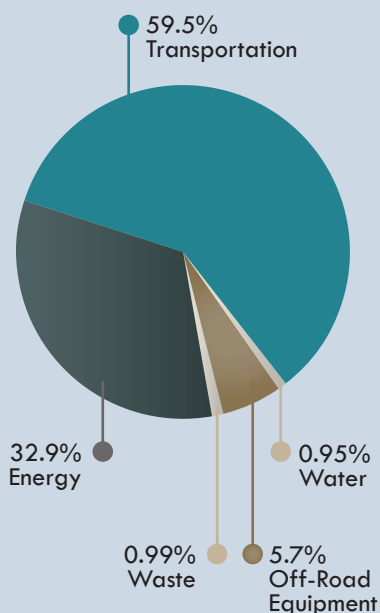


## Our GHG Inventory

Mountain View measures the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that result from both City operations and the broader community. These GHG inventories help the City understand what actions contribute the most to climate change, and what steps we can take to reduce our impact and achieve our GHG reduction goals. Staff collects data on energy use, water consumption, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal and transportation to calculate the estimated GHG emissions from these sources.

Transportation-related emissions, primarily from passenger vehicles, comprised 60 percent of our community-wide emissions in 2015, with building energy contributing 33 percent. The 2017 GHG inventory is underway and should be completed by March. For information, visit the City Manager's Sustainability page at [www.MountainView.gov/Sustainability](http://www.MountainView.gov/Sustainability).

### 2015 Community GHG Inventory (by source)



# ENVIRONMENT

## Mountain View: An Environmental and Sustainability Story



Housing close to workplaces, parks, shops and other amenities; increased mobility options; and comfortable, low-energy buildings are just a few of the things the City of Mountain View envisions as it plans for the next decade. The City works alongside our passionate community members to develop policies and implement programs designed to promote the goal of making Mountain View a healthy, safe and resilient city for everyone.

Recommendations from a 2008 community-led Environmental Sustainability Task Force became the foundation for Mountain View's sustainability activities. In subsequent years, the City Council adopted Climate Action Plans (CAP) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets for the community and municipal operations, with a bold goal of reducing our emissions 80 percent below our 2005 levels by 2050. Since then, the City has made significant strides to improve sustainability in Mountain View, but we still have much work ahead of us.

Municipal GHG emissions continue to decrease ahead of targets. However, due to economic and population growth, our community-wide GHG emissions in 2015 were 21 percent higher than our reduction target for that year.

To help bridge the gap between our target and actual emissions levels, the City convened a second Environmental Sustainability Task Force (ESTF-2), which delivered 36 recommendations to the City Council in June 2018.



Based on the ESTF-2 recommendations and staff's analysis, the City Council approved several early actions in December 2018 to reduce building emissions and advance clean transportation, and dedicated half a million dollars in the current budget to implementing them. Staff is developing a strategic plan to establish the City's sustainability vision and priorities, which will go to Council for direction in April 2019. Staff has also begun development of the City's fourth Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP-4), which will outline specific projects to achieve the City's sustainability goals. This plan will be presented to the City Council by June 2019.

Visit [www.MountainView.gov/Sustainability](http://www.MountainView.gov/Sustainability) to find more information, to provide input about the City's climate change plans and achievements, and get resources to help enhance your own sustainability practices.

## The Importance of "Greening" New Development

Both North Bayshore and East Whisman now have plans in place to add new, complete neighborhoods that allow for more housing, amenities and new green spaces. But with this new construction expected in Mountain View over the next decade, it is important to ensure that new buildings are constructed with our long-term sustainability goals in mind.

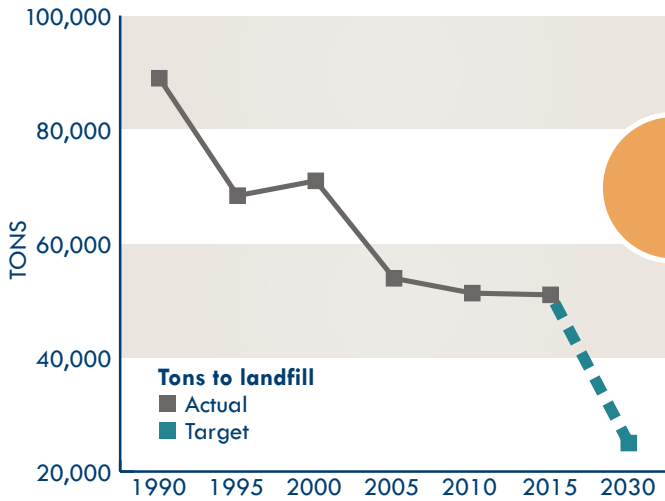
The City's green building program continues to promote the positive impacts first made by the adoption of the Mountain View Green Building Code in 2011. Historically, the energy used in buildings has accounted for more than 30 percent of the community's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Thanks to Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE), which the City of Mountain View had a lead role in establishing, the City's electricity supply is carbon-free, but

natural gas use in buildings is still a significant source of emissions. Since buildings last for decades, it is important to ensure that they can accommodate expected trends, like buildings fully powered by electricity and increased electric vehicle charging needs without costly future renovations.

Additionally, energy efficiency measures and renewable energy systems offer savings for residents through lower energy bills. The City will be working with SVCE, Santa Clara County, neighboring cities, and many other local partners to evaluate opportunities for incentive-based and mandatory efficiency and electrification measures for the City Council to consider as part of the Mountain View Building Code updates later this year. For more information, visit the Community Development Department at [www.MountainView.gov](http://www.MountainView.gov).



# ENVIRONMENT



*Recycled Art: Many pieces of artwork at the remodeled Community Center use recycled materials in new, creative ways.*

## Mountain View Adopts Zero Waste Goal

The Mountain View City Council adopted a Zero Waste Policy on June 19, 2018 to set quantifiable goals and guide City efforts to reduce waste generation and landfill disposal by 90 percent by 2030. The policy also calls for a continual improvement approach to reducing waste based on relevant data and current scientific research. The overall concept of Zero Waste centers on the idea that all phases of a product life cycle must be considered rather than a singular focus on recyclability.

Changes necessary for achieving the policy's goals are already taking shape not only in Mountain View, but also statewide. Recently passed California legislation requires manufacturers to be responsible for paint, mattress and carpet recycling and disposal. To implement the Zero Waste Policy, the City is developing an action plan to increase participation in curbside collection programs, address problematic materials like textiles and evaluate new processing technology.

The chart above illustrates past City progress in reducing landfill disposal and the potential additional impact of the zero waste strategy. For more information about zero waste, visit [www.MountainView.gov/ZeroWaste](http://www.MountainView.gov/ZeroWaste).



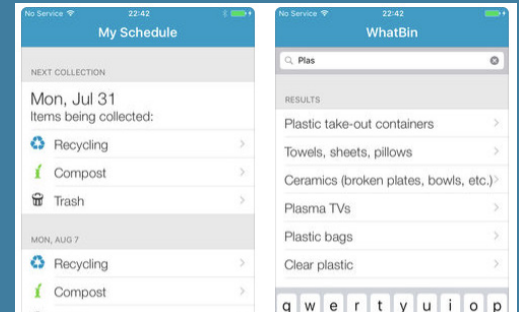
## City Tools to Support Community Action

Take advantage of these City tools that can help make it easier to live sustainably:

- Download the City widget and phone app at [www.MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere](http://www.MountainView.gov/WhatGoesWhere) to find your garbage and recycling collection schedule and learn what goes where.
- Check out the Kill-A-Watt meter from the library to discover which appliances in your home use the most energy (even if turned off).
- Visit [waterinsight.mountainview.gov](http://waterinsight.mountainview.gov) to view your home water use and get custom water saving tips using the WaterInsight tool.

Follow our Facebook page at [fb.me/MountainViewSustainability](https://fb.me/MountainViewSustainability) to be the first to try additional tools the City will be rolling out in the next year:

- Engagement HQ will help you stay updated and provide input on sustainability projects.
- Community Climate Solutions will help you calculate and lower your carbon footprint.
- HomeIntel will provide custom data about, and ways to reduce, your home energy use.
- Cool Block will help you increase the resiliency and sustainability of your home and neighborhood.



## Wildlife Preservation Efforts Ensure Exceptional Breeding for Protected Species



Shoreline in Mountain View is a biodiversity hotspot for protected species with twenty species observed over the past several years. The City invests a considerable amount of time and resources to maintain this biodiversity, including monitoring, constructing safe habitats and occasional rescue and relocation. And the results have been very positive. During 2018, several protected species successfully reproduced within Shoreline including the following, which are all listed by the State as a Species of Special Concern or a Protected Species:

**Burrowing Owls** Two pairs successfully reproduced at Shoreline during 2018, producing a total of 14 chicks. One nest had six chicks and the second nest had eight.

**Black Skimmers** They nest on islands and sandy beaches and during 2018, a pair of skimmers successfully produced one chick on the island of the Shoreline sailing lake.

**White Tailed Kites** One pair of kites successfully nested for the first time within Shoreline on two separate occasions, producing two chicks in the first nest and three chicks in the second.

**Northern Harriers** One pair successfully nested at Shoreline during 2018, producing two chicks and three eggs.

## Electrifying our Roadways

Mountain View residents are purchasing electric vehicles (EV) at high rates, and the City is expanding its EV charger network to support them. The DMV reported more than 2,400 plug-in EVs registered in Mountain View in 2017, a 28 percent increase in new registrations from 2016. EVs offer many environmental benefits compared to conventional gasoline vehicles, including lower operating and maintenance costs, and reduced air pollution and carbon emissions. And they are much quieter! Supporting increased adoption of EVs is an important part of the City's strategy to reduce carbon emissions from transportation. The City currently has 18 EV charging ports in downtown parking garages and has allocated funds to increase this number over the next year.



## Are You Flood Prepared?

City participation in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System earns Mountain View residents a 10% discount on insurance rates because the City exceeds minimum standards for flood risk reduction practices.

Find out if your property is in a flood zone today. The City provides the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with flood map information. You can also look up your flood risk online at [www.Floodsmart.gov](http://www.Floodsmart.gov). This site provides relative risks, links to flood risk maps and other flood insurance community resources.

Visit [www.MountainView.gov/floodprep](http://www.MountainView.gov/floodprep) to get more information and learn how to prepare your family in case of a flood or call (650) 903-6311 during regular business hours.



## Preparing for Climate Change Events

With climate change, we are experiencing more extreme weather conditions in the Bay Area. The City continues to work with the County and other regional partners to prepare for hotter summers, colder winters and potential sea level rise scenarios here in the South Bay. Most recently, the City worked with Google in a public-private partnership to improve the Charleston Retention Basin in North Bayshore. Currently, the California State Coastal Conservancy has completed Phase 1 and is starting Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration project.

Mountain View has also been involved in long-range planning. From building up the land in the North Bayshore through the landfill and transforming it into a world-class park space, to working with the Water District to improve the flood detention, channel flow and recreational areas of the Permanente Creek at McKelvey Park. These activities not only improve City preparedness for our changing climate in the long term, but also serve as improvements to our quality of life in the short term. The City continues to seek out these types of projects that ensure our community will continue to thrive for decades to come.



## Community Garden

Latham Community Garden, at the corner of Latham Street and Shoreline Boulevard, will soon feature more than 80 raised garden beds designed to enrich the lives and health of residents and build a sense of community.



## Mountain View Firefighters Dedicated to Protecting Life and Lands Locally and Statewide

The City of Mountain View Fire Department (MVFD) is part of an emergency response mutual aid agreement and is routinely deployed to fires around the state. In October 2018, personnel began working in conjunction with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in an effort to pool regional assets in case of a wildland fire. According to Cal OES, a combination of strong winds, low humidity and warm temperatures coupled with periods of high fire danger can contribute to extreme fire potential and erratic fire behavior. Thus, Cal OES strategically pre-positioned critical fire resources in designated impact areas. These efforts bolstered the efforts of Mountain View's Battalion 51 in protecting the East Santa Clara County Hills and the Lick Observatory.



Local first responders also lent assistance to other California wildfires. A total of fifteen MVFD personnel and three engines responded to the fires raging throughout California in November, including the devastating Camp Fire in Butte County. Simultaneously, a third engine company deployed to the Hill Fire in Ventura County.

Personnel displayed exemplary dedication, working 24-hour shifts on the fire lines performing structure protection, tactical patrol, clean-up and search and rescue operations.



## Meet Mountain View's Seniors

Tony and Nelda Bell moved to Mountain View in 1972 and still live in the same house. They both started attending the Mountain View Senior Center shortly after retiring in 2006. Their primary interest was the exercise room and they quickly took the equipment orientation class and began using the facility on a regular basis. The Bells still use the exercise room today and have since added daily use of the computer room to the mix as well. They also enjoy the lunch program, weekly movies, trips, workshops and special events.

The Senior Center helped the Bells improve their quality of life. Their doctors have advised them to be active and the Mountain View Senior Center gives the couple the perfect place to do just that while meeting

up with old friends and making a few new ones.

The Senior Center also facilitates valuable social connections with fellow patrons, volunteers and staff. "We have met a lot of people at the Senior Center, people who are worth knowing," said Tony and Nelda. "We have each other, we've been married for 55 years, but we see people who are alone and the Senior Center provides opportunities for conversation. We also got our cell phone from one of the programs here, and we wouldn't have known about it if it wasn't for the Senior Center."

For more information on Mountain View's programs for seniors, visit [www.MountainView.gov/seniors](http://www.MountainView.gov/seniors).

## Immigrant Needs and Assets

Throughout Mountain View's history, people who emigrated from other countries have been an important part of our community life. In its Fiscal Year 2018-19 work plan, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) committed to conduct an immigrant needs and assets assessment to learn more about the contributions of, resources for, and needs experienced by immigrants living in Mountain View. HRC Commissioners are talking with immigrant groups, community-based organizations, and City and County representatives and will also conduct a survey. They expect to complete their review and make findings available in fall 2019.

## Community Building in Support of Social Equity

### 2nd Multicultural Festival

We are proud to celebrate the diversity of our community with the City's 2nd ever Multicultural Festival on Saturday, March 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza. For more information, call (650) 903-6331.

### Civic Center Activation

The Civic Center Plaza has long been a place for people to come together to enjoy the arts and other activities. In 2018, the Council approved new ways to have fun on the Plaza, including additional seating, a children's play area, games and a kids' music festival. Keep an eye out for these new amenities and visit [www.MountainView.gov/plazaevents](http://www.MountainView.gov/plazaevents) for details.

## Civility Roundtable on Civil Discourse

The Human Relations Commission began a series of Civility Roundtables (CRTs) to provide a space for people to talk and learn about difficult issues, even – and especially – when opinions might vary and be strongly held. The next in the series of CRTs will offer the opportunity for community members to learn the skills and process for having such discussions. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. It will be facilitated by the League of Women Voters (LWV), who will share techniques and guide participants through deliberative dialogue in a small, diverse groups. Additional event information and registration will be available at [www.MountainView.gov](http://www.MountainView.gov).



## Updated Housing Statistics: Doing Our Part

### New Housing

There are 35,841 residential units in Mountain View as of January 2018 – up 264 from 2017 – which includes single-family homes, rowhouses, condominiums, apartments and mobile homes. There are 6,782 additional residential units in some phase of planning or building as of November 2018. Of those, 17 percent, or 1,132 units are set for designation as affordable housing, and 21 percent, or 1,400 units, will be ownership units.

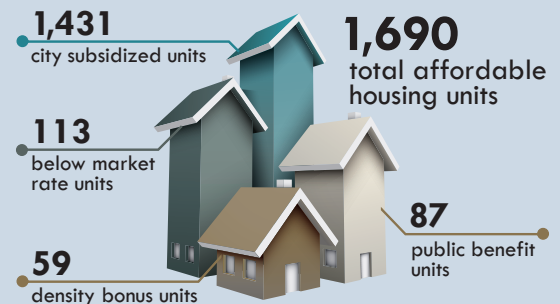
### Affordable Housing Efforts

Council approved an update to the Below Market Rate (BMR) ordinance in February 2018 that increased the City's affordability requirement from 10 to 15 percent for new developments. As of January 2019, there were more than 1,400 units of affordable housing available, with an additional 231 nearing completion before the end of the year. Additionally, of the 9,850 housing units zoned for the North Bayshore area, 20 percent, or 1,970 units, are required to be affordable.

### All Affordable Housing Units

Below are the total numbers for affordable housing units in the City. Besides subsidized affordable housing developments, Mountain View also leverages other programs, including Below Market Rate, Density Bonus and Public Benefits programs.

- City Subsidized Units:
  - Extremely low income: 428
  - Very Low Income: 735
  - Low Income: 245
  - Manager units: 17
  - Senior housing: 698



## Homeless Pilot Program Update

In the past year, the City has been working through an extensive list of both short-term and long-term initiatives to address the needs and issues related to homelessness and those living in their vehicles as shelter. While the overall number of people becoming un-housed has increased during this time, we have been able to keep many residents housed and find permanent supportive housing for many individuals through a partnership with Santa Clara County. We will be giving an update to the City Council on March 19, 2019. Council will also provide direction on how to address enforcement where health and safety concerns are an issue. As we continue to consider new initiatives and support current ones, you can get more information about what the City is doing for those impacted at [www.MountainView.gov/Homeless](http://www.MountainView.gov/Homeless).

## CDBG/HOME Grants Awarded Soon

The City is in the process of reviewing applications for the FY 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME funding. The CDBG and HOME programs are federal entitlement grants awarded to jurisdictions to address community development needs, primarily benefiting low-income residents.

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) made funding recommendations for public services on February 7, 2019 and for capital projects on March 7, 2019. City Council will consider the HRC recommendations on April 23, 2019.

The City typically awards approximately \$90,000 in CDBG funds and \$220,000 in City General Funds for public services. The funds pay for homeless services and prevention and services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Previously funded organizations include CSA, Child Advocates, Senior Adults Legal Assistance and the Vista Center for the Blind. CDBG and HOME funds also fund capital projects – generally, rehabilitation of existing affordable housing or facilities that service low-income households. In the previous funding cycle, the City leveraged CDBG and HOME funds for the following projects:

- Rehabilitation of the Shorebreeze Apartments by MidPeninsula Housing
- Minor housing rehab through Rebuilding Together
- Rehabilitation of the Graduate House by LifeMoves



## Spanish Language Leadership Academy Ambassadors Get Involved

To date, approximately 60 alumni of the Spanish Language Leadership Academy have become Ambassadors to learn more about City programs and initiatives to share with their respective communities and neighborhoods. They have also volunteered and participated in City events such as National Night Out, Thursday Night Live, the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and the 40th Annual Spring parade.

# • SOCIAL EQUITY



## Supporting Active, Affordable Transportation

As work commutes become longer due to distance or congestion, transportation plays a bigger role in our quality of life and has a greater impact on our social equity. In addition, transportation sources produce 60 percent of Mountain View's greenhouse gas emissions, with 90 percent of transportation emissions produced by cars. A large share of car travel is by single-occupant vehicles (about 75 percent) that increase traffic, reduce the efficiency of our road system and discourage people from getting around by walking and biking.

To address these concerns, the City is working on multi-pronged strategies to improve a variety of transportation mode options and reduce the share of single-occupant vehicle trips. Our land use specific plans focus on increasing housing supply and density near transit, while our approval processes require new development to be accompanied by robust travel demand management (TDM) strategies such as commuter financial incentives, high-occupancy shuttles, outreach events and employee showers. Staff is also evaluating the bike share pilot program and updating the City's ordinance on bicycles and transportation devices. In January 2019, the City Council took the next step in establishing a Vision Zero policy. Vision Zero will identify strategies to improve conditions for all road users, specifically including pedestrians and cyclists, with the goal of eliminating fatal collisions in Mountain View.

The City received an award from the American Planning Association for cutting edge infrastructure projects that will make it easier to get to, from and around Mountain View without a car. These plans include concepts that are being further developed under the Transit Center Master Plan, the Shoreline/101 bicycle and pedestrian bridge project and the reversible bus lane and protected bike lane projects along Shoreline Boulevard. Staff is also working on multimodal plans for El Camino Real and exploring the potential for Automated Guideway Transportation in Mountain View to connect the downtown transit center to the North Bayshore area.

In recognition of our efforts toward more multimodal transportation, Mountain View was awarded a bronze-level Walk Friendly Community designation and silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation. Through all of these efforts, the City is working to promote options that make it easier and more affordable for people of all incomes and lifestyles to get around town safely.

## Community for All Grants

City Council appropriated \$75,000 in one-time funds to improve awareness of and access to information and referral services for immigrants and mixed-status families. This effort supports one of the City Council's Major Goals for Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19: to protect vulnerable populations and preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of Mountain View. In November 2018, Council approved grants to help 11 nonprofits and community-based organizations. Building Skills Partnership; the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) San Francisco Bay Area; Center for Employment Training (CET); Islamic Network Groups (ING); Rapid Response Network; Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network (SIREN); Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County; Community Services Agency (CSA); the Mountain View Day Workers Center; United Way; and Just Read were all recipients. The City looks forward to supporting the good work of these agencies in 2019.

## Profit as Economic Sustainability

While economic vitality might not seem as obvious for sustainability, responsible growth, smart investments, emergency reserves and long-term prosperity are important in order to enact environmental strategies and social equity programs and for the community to have the resources it needs to thrive. With that in mind, the City has been working on several approaches to sustainable economic strategies. The City has been a property owner for a long time and, by leasing and not selling, has created a revenue stream that is used to reinvest in the community. Over the last few years, we have told you about investments in North Bayshore; the Ameswell site that broke ground in 2018 and expected to be open for business in 2020; and the leasing and repurposing of three public parking lots (Hope Street and near the Civic Center) to provide more community amenities, including housing, while increasing parking options when visiting downtown.

The City is also investing in helping our local retail businesses to continue to thrive and attract visitors to our vibrant downtown. Over the holidays, a vacant storefront at 275 Castro St. became a pop-up art gallery, and the City Council will be reviewing the Downtown Precise Plan in March. And by setting up peer-to-peer networking, comparing best practices from successful business owners here and in neighboring communities and acknowledging property owners who understand the importance of giving back to their community, investing in our small business owners improves the resources and quality of life we can give back to all of our residents.

For more information on downtown revitalization or to offer a storefront space for future pop-up opportunities, visit [www.MountainView.gov/EconDev](http://www.MountainView.gov/EconDev).



## Fossil Fuel Divestment

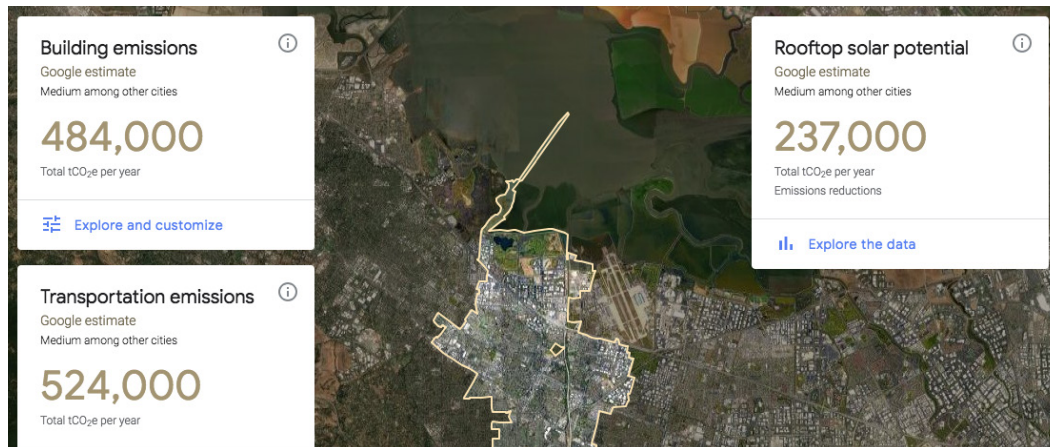
During its last Meeting of 2018, the City Council voted to divest all previous City investments from fossil fuel companies. The City Council also amended the social responsibility section of the City investment policy to encourage investment in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.

## SVCEA Reimbursement

In February 2019, the City received a check for \$520,000 from the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA) representing the repayment of the City's initial funding of costs for the startup of the SVCEA. A joint powers agreement (JPA) stipulated that these initial funding costs be repaid to the member agencies within four years of the effective date of the JPA or March 31, 2020. The funds were repaid ahead of the deadline and within two years of launching the SVCEA energy program.

## New GHG Reduction Tool Being Tested in Mountain View

Public-private partnerships are a powerful tool in economic sustainability because they increase the resources available to the community at a significantly lower cost; and, in some cases, at no cost. Instead of the City developing a greenhouse gas reduction tool in-house, Mountain View is one of five cities worldwide selected to beta test Google's Environmental Insights Explorer. Google engineers designed this new tool with Mountain View as a sounding board to help government entities understand environmental impacts and where their decisions can make a difference. The Explorer is available for anyone to view at [insights.sustainability.google](https://insights.sustainability.google) and select Mountain View from the list of test cities.



## Environmental Sustainability Collaboration with Google

The City recently completed a public-private partnership with Google's Civic Leadership Program. The City hosted three Google volunteers who lent their time and expertise to complete two key projects for the Environmental Sustainability program: streamlining the greenhouse gas emissions inventory process and understanding key community stakeholders (e.g. renters, homeowners, seniors) to better support more targeted outreach to help residents and businesses learn about the ways they can help reduce their own carbon footprints. Despite the short project timeline, the Civic Leadership team went beyond the project scope, reducing the time needed to complete greenhouse gas emissions inventories by approximately 80 percent, which will save money by reducing the need for consultant assistance and improving the consistency and transparency of the process.

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# ECONOMY

## AAA Rating and Excellence in Budgeting

The City of Mountain View continues to have a AAA credit rating, allowing the City to leverage existing funds into more community investments while maintaining a healthy economic outlook. The City once again has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017, as well as the Operating Budget Excellence Award for Fiscal Year 2017-18 from the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO).

### Want to know more about the City Budget?

To learn more about how we plan and budget, check out The Financial View, an easy-to-understand overview of City funding and spending, or the full budget at [www.MountainView.gov/finance](http://www.MountainView.gov/finance).

Or access and share City financial data with OpenBudget. Our online tool provides easy access to information by fund, department and expense type, improving government transparency. Users can sort financial data of interest and view it in multiple formats. Visit [MountainView.OpenGov.com](http://MountainView.OpenGov.com).

### Here are some important dates that you should know if you want to follow the City of Mountain View budget process:

**February 12** - The Midyear Report for FY18-19 was presented with the current budget outlook and a summary of revenues and expenses thus far.

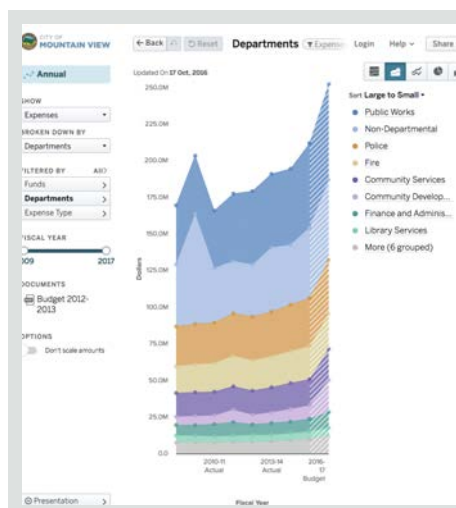
**April 30** - A narrative report will be presented to the City Council that outlines the City Manager's recommended approach to funding and expenditures in FY19-20.

**May 7** - Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

**June 11** - Council will meet to discuss the proposed FY19-20 budget and CIP.

**June 18** - City Council will meet to formally adopt the Budget for FY19-20 and funding for CIP.

For more information and to view past City budgets, you can use the online tool at [MountainView.OpenGov.com](http://MountainView.OpenGov.com).



### The View

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### Extra Copies

A limited supply of extra copies are available at City Hall, 500 Castro St.; the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St.; and the Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

### City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

### Organizational Values

The City staff has established the following organizational values that guide their work for the community:

- Provide exceptional service
- Act with integrity
- Treat others with respect

