

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

City of Carmel
City Council Meeting
September 10, 2024



How do we use the CWPP?



- As A Policy Based Directive
- As Resources Permit
- Update On A Regular Basis
 - Annually
 - Show progress
 - Identify new projects



Introductory Statement

The Monterey Fire Department (MFD) recognizes the potential for significant loss of life, property, and resources from wildland fire. To assist in reducing this risk, in November 2022, MFD coordinated the kickoff for the CWPP. This CWPP was developed for the Cities of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea and Pacific Grove (Plan Area), with input and direction from stakeholders, agency representatives, and community members. In November of 2023, the CWPP was completed.



Monterey CWPP Plan Documents

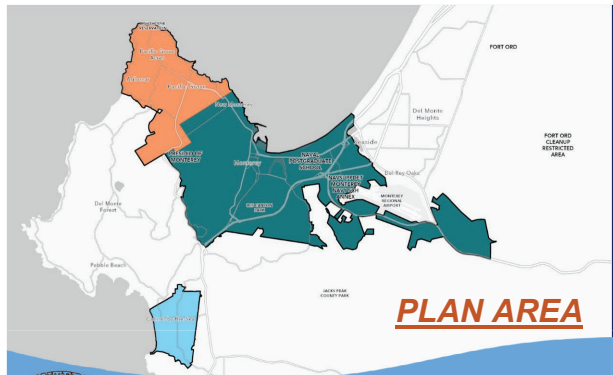
- The finalized plan is accessible on our city website
- There are also 6 appendices that delve into
 - A- Modeling methodology
 - B- Community outreach
 - C- Vegetation management
 - D- Priority management projects
 - E- Planning and regulatory statutes
 - F- Funding opportunities



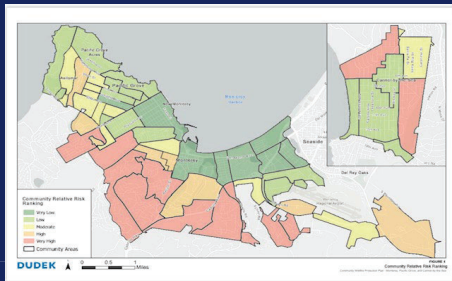
What is a CWPP?



- A tool to help reduce the severity and impact of wildfires and increase community resilience
- An assessment of the wildfire risks in a community
- Identifies potential areas for taking action
- Identifies "Priority Projects" to begin risk mitigation



Plan Area Risk Assessment



Priority Vegetation Management Projects Cont.

- Educate and assist neighborhoods in becoming NFPA Firewise
- Hire Defensible Space Inspectors to conduct inspections in High and Very High Areas
- Develop and maintain a "Residential Chipper Program" for Firewise designated neighborhoods
- Create a Defensible Space and Vacant Lot Ordinance for adoption into the city code



Priority Vegetation Management Projects

- Work interdepartmentally with City of Carmel Public works
- Priority maintenance along 2nd Ave interface to Pebble Beach and Pescadero Canyon
- Send correspondence to vacant lot owners to relay clearance guidelines
- Send defensible space flyers to all parcels with a structure in the High Hazard (524) and Very High Hazard (899)



Value in Management and Mitigation

- Safety for Citizens and First Responders
- For every dollar spent on preventative measures we save millions of dollars on costs to rebuild after a fire
- We are maintaining healthier ecosystems
- Open spaces that can be utilized for recreation



Priority Vegetation Management Projects Cont.

- Work with Greg D'ambrosia to facilitate the care and maintenance of the Mission Trails Property
- Create shaded fuel breaks along perimeter of Mission Trails and Pescadero Canyon
- Fuel reduction and perimeter management in City owned parks and parcels
- Clearing and mitigation behind Carmel Mission



Tools for Mitigation



- Grazing Livestock
- Masticators
- Chipping
- Tree Felling
- Live Fire



Tools for Mitigation



QUESTIONS?

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Goals of Vegetation Management



- Landscapes and open areas will be maintained with environmental protection and respect for cultural significance as a priority
- Fire roads will be improved and maintained
- The Monterey Fire Department and mutual aid partners will be able to perform with higher degree of safety and efficiency



Partners for success

City of Monterey Forester – Thys Norton and Mike Tope

City of Pacific Grove Forester – Albert Weissfuss

City of Carmel Forester – Justin Ono

