



Policy Areas

A Policy Area is a portion of an area plan that contains special or unique characteristics that merit detailed attention and focused policies. The location and boundaries of these areas are shown on Figure 4, Policy Areas, and are described in detail below.

Two Policy Areas have been designated within the Highgrove area. These include the Highgrove Community Policy Area and the March Airport-Influenced Policy Area. Additionally, the Highgrove Community Policy Area contains one Special Planning Area. Policy Areas are important locales that have special significance to the residents of this part of the County, or will have when their development potential is realized. Many of these policies derive from citizen involvement over a period of years in planning for the future of this area. In some ways, these policies are even more critical to the sustained character of Highgrove than some of the basic land use policies because they reflect deeply held beliefs about the kind of place this is and should remain. Their boundaries, shown on Figure 4, Policy Areas, are approximate and may be interpreted more precisely as decisions are called for in these areas. This flexibility, then, calls for considerable sensitivity in determining where conditions related to the policies actually exist, once a focused analysis is undertaken on a proposed project.

HIGHGROVE COMMUNITY POLICY AREA

Prior to commencement of the Riverside County Integrated Project (RCIP) process in 1999, the County had embarked on an update of the Highgrove Community Plan. After an extensive period of outreach and plan preparation, the County adopted the Highgrove Community Plan in December 1999. Rather than duplicate efforts for the Highgrove area as part of the RCIP, the County chose to incorporate the goals, issue statements, and policies as written in the Community Plan, within the Highgrove Area Plan document. Some minor changes are made to reflect consistency with the County's General Plan and updated Area Plan Land Use Designation system, though the essence and intent of the policy direction in the original Highgrove Community Plan remains. Policies pertaining specifically to Highgrove apply to the area denoted as the "Highgrove Community Policy Area" on Figure 4.

The Highgrove Community Policy Area applies to approximately 2,454 acres of unincorporated land located immediately south of the San Bernardino County line. The Highgrove area stretches eastward to the Box Springs Mountains and southward to the incorporated limits of the City of Riverside.