



**Public Notice of Availability  
Garden Grove General Plan Update  
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report  
SCH# 2008041079**

**DATE:** May 28, 2008

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Garden Grove General Plan Update

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The City of Garden Grove is located in the central portion of the County of Orange, and is bordered by the Cities of Anaheim, Stanton, and Cypress to the north; Los Alamitos to the northwest; Seal Beach to the west/southwest; Westminster and Fountain Valley to the south; Santa Ana to the south and southwest; and Orange to the east.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Garden Grove has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed General Plan Update. The General Plan Update will include the following 12 State mandated and optional elements: Land Use, Community Design, Economic Development, Circulation, Infrastructure, Noise, Air Quality, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Conservation, Safety, and Housing.

The Draft EIR evaluates potential environmental impacts resulting from the following revisions to the City's General Plan, including but not limited to: update of the City's land use database; update of the City's traffic model; revision to General Plan noise and air quality data based on the new traffic model; creation of eight new mixed use designations; additions, deletions or modifications to the General Plan Goals, Policies and Implementation Programs, and revision to maps, figures, text, charts and tables to reflect updated data/information.

The General Plan assumes a planning horizon of 2030. The City of Garden Grove is approximately 99 percent built out, and as such, the General Plan Update will focus on preserving residential neighborhoods, guiding the remaining development and redevelopment opportunities, and encouraging the revitalization of selected areas. The anticipated growth in residential, commercial, and industrial uses over year 2007/2008 conditions is:

- Addition of 6,400 dwelling units;
- Addition of 7,772,500 square feet of commercial/office uses;
- Addition of 55,000 square feet of industrial uses; and
- Addition of 157,500 square feet of institutional uses.

In 2030, the City is anticipated to have 54,296 dwelling units, and 48,572,835 square feet of non-residential uses (commercial, industrial, and civic/institutional).

The Draft Program EIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed General Plan in relation to the following categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems. In addition, the Draft Program EIR recommends general plan policies and mitigation measures to reduce project impacts to less than significant levels, where feasible.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** May 29, 2008 to July 14, 2008

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions and other interested parties about the availability of the Draft Program EIR during the 45-day Public Comment period of May 29, 2008 through July 14, 2008.

Should you decide to challenge the project, you be may limited to issues raised during the Public Comment period. Written comments on the Draft Program EIR must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2008. Submit written comments to:

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**REVIEWING LOCATIONS:** Copies of the Draft Program EIR are available for public review at the City of Garden Grove, Planning Department offices, 11122 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., City Hall offices closed every other Friday).

In addition, the Draft Program EIR can be viewed on the General Plan 2030 website at [www.gardengrovefuture.info](http://www.gardengrovefuture.info)