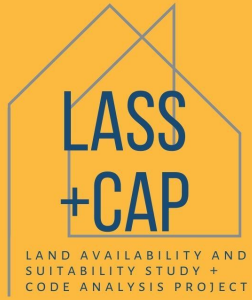


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Parks & Recreation and Open Space Commissions Joint Meeting

February 25, 2025



Overview & Objectives of the LASS+CAP Project

- The Land Availability & Site Suitability Study (LASS) examines the suitability of available land to determine opportunities and barriers to housing development (**Complete**)
- The Code Analysis Project (CAP) is intended to evaluate development codes and processes to identify areas of improvement towards the City's housing and climate goals. The project has been broken into three separate tasks:
 - Code Diagnostic Report (**Complete**)
 - **Code Concepts to address highest priority barriers (We Are Here)**
 - Final Code Recommendations

10-Year Housing Plan

The 10-Year Housing Plan aims to reduce the affordable housing need in our community by half over the next ten years through two elements:

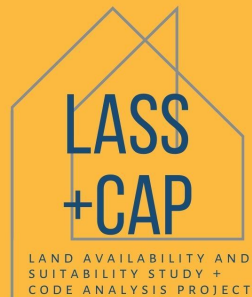
1. Impact at least 6,000 low-to-moderate income Flagstaff residents through a combination of unit creation or subsidy provision.
2. Create or preserve 7,976 housing units by 2031 with a minimum of 10% of them being affordable. This will increase the overall supply of market rate, workforce, and affordable housing occupied by local residents.

Carbon Neutrality Plan

The Carbon Neutrality Plan has three primary goals:

1. Achieve **carbon neutrality** by 2030 through a 44% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Prepare Flagstaff's communities, systems, and resources to be more **resilient** to climate change impacts.
3. Address climate change in a manner that **prioritizes those most impacted** and ensures the costs and benefits of climate adaptation and mitigation are equitably distributed.

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Long Term Recommendations

Migrating away from a broad overlay zone that requires site-specific inventories to a more focused overlay that focuses on resources that were inventoried as part of a city-wide study. This concept could apply to both forest and slope resources.

Short Term Recommendation

Eliminate density reductions for properties located within the Resource Protection Overlay.

Allow overlapping slope and forest resources to count towards meeting both requirements.



Resource Protection Standards

Purpose

This division provides standards for the protection of natural resources, including floodplains, steep slopes, and forest. The requirements of this division are intended to maintain natural resources and to ensure that proposed development is consistent with the character of its natural surroundings. Developments shall be designed to incorporate native habitat and existing features on-site as they provide important visual, environmental, health and economic benefits. Standards in this division also protect developed places from natural hazards, such as floods.



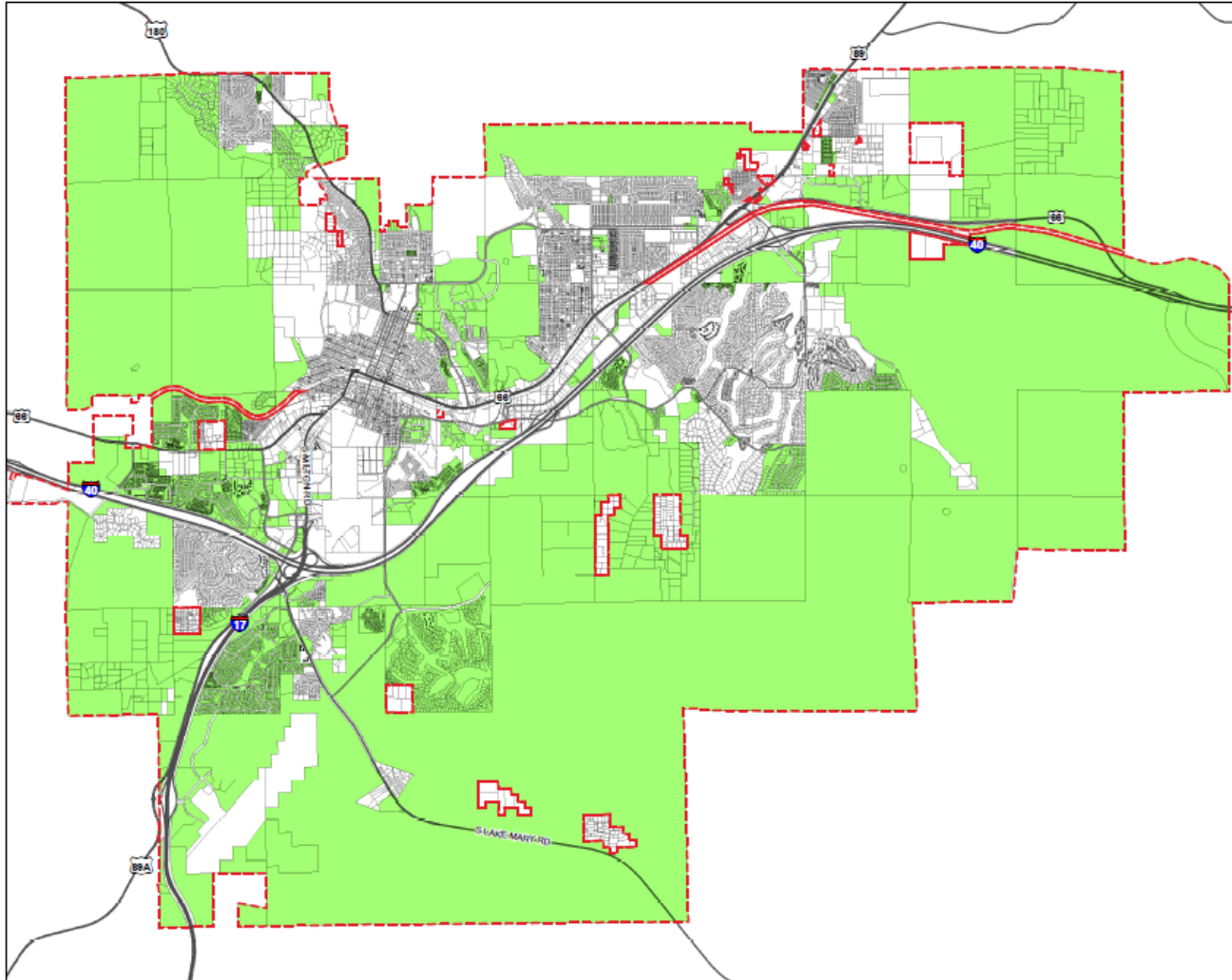
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Goals

1. Preserve significant natural resources characterized by unusual terrain, scenic vistas, unique geologic formations, and native vegetation;
2. Preserve and enhance the natural environment, visual character, and aesthetic qualities of the City for its citizens' and visitors' enjoyment;
3. Preserve and enhance the character and value of all properties;
4. Preserve wildlife corridors and habitat;
5. Prevent encroachment into floodplains;
6. Manage healthy and sustainable forests to reduce fire risk;
7. Promote and improve the quality of the environment by enhancing air quality, reducing the amount and rate of storm water runoff, improving storm water runoff quality, and increasing the capacity for groundwater recharge; and
8. Establish regulations for the preservation and protection of natural resources before, during, and after the construction and completion of a new development.



Resource Protection Overlay



Section 10-90.30.050: Resource Protection Overlay Zone Map

- City of Flagstaff Boundary
- Parcels
- Resource Protection Overlay Zone

Feet
0 2,400 4,800 7,200



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This division is meant to apply in conjunction with the Flagstaff Fire Department's implementation of the Flagstaff Forest Stewardship Plan, which occurs before forest resource calculations are completed.



Resource Protection Overlay Pilot Program



- Proposing a limited term pilot program that would allow staff and developer to pursue alternate methodology to preserve resources in alignment with the purpose and goals of the Resource Protection Standards.
- Pilot program would inform future Zoning Code Text Amendment with proven track record.
- Based on the requirements as identified in the Forest Management Plan approved by Council in December 2024.



Forest Management Plan

The intent of [this plan](#) is to provide generalized guidance in planning and implementing forest treatments to achieve a Desired Future Condition of our forest that is focused on enhancing community well-being by:

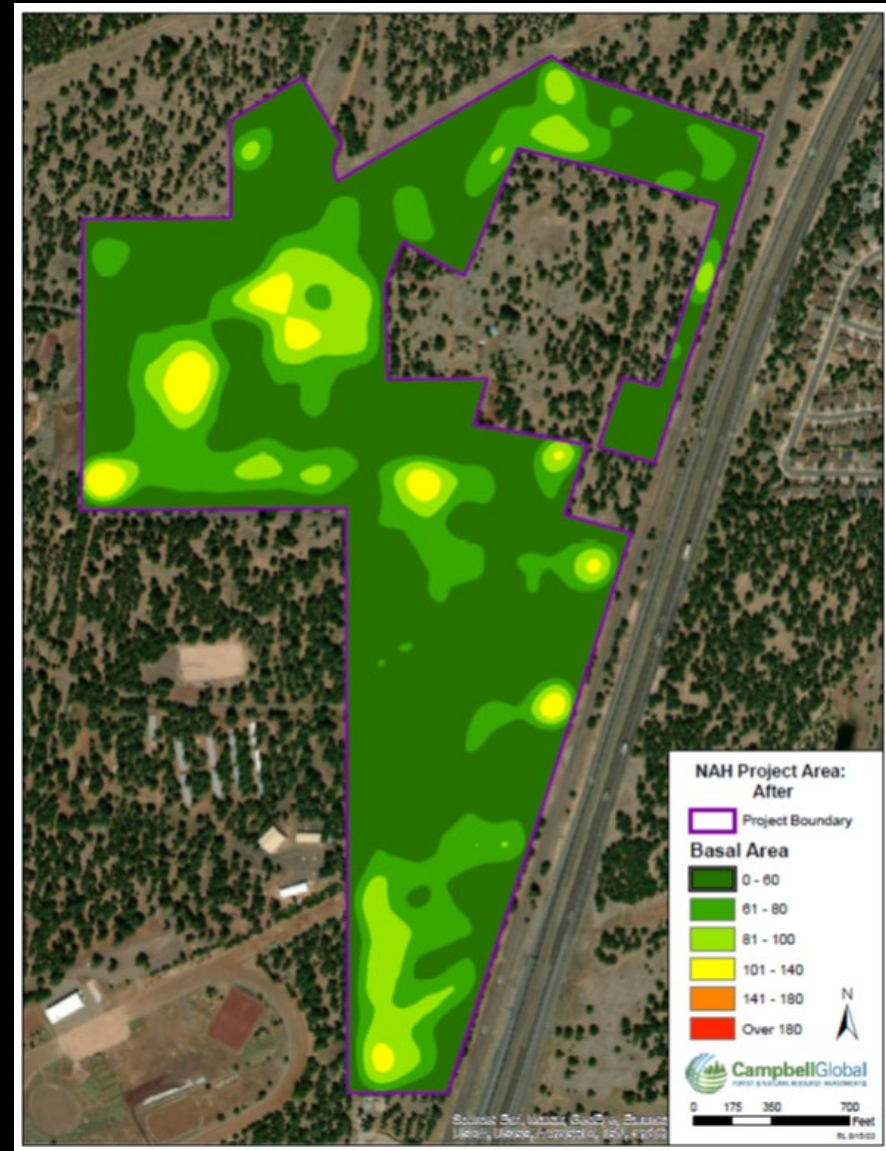
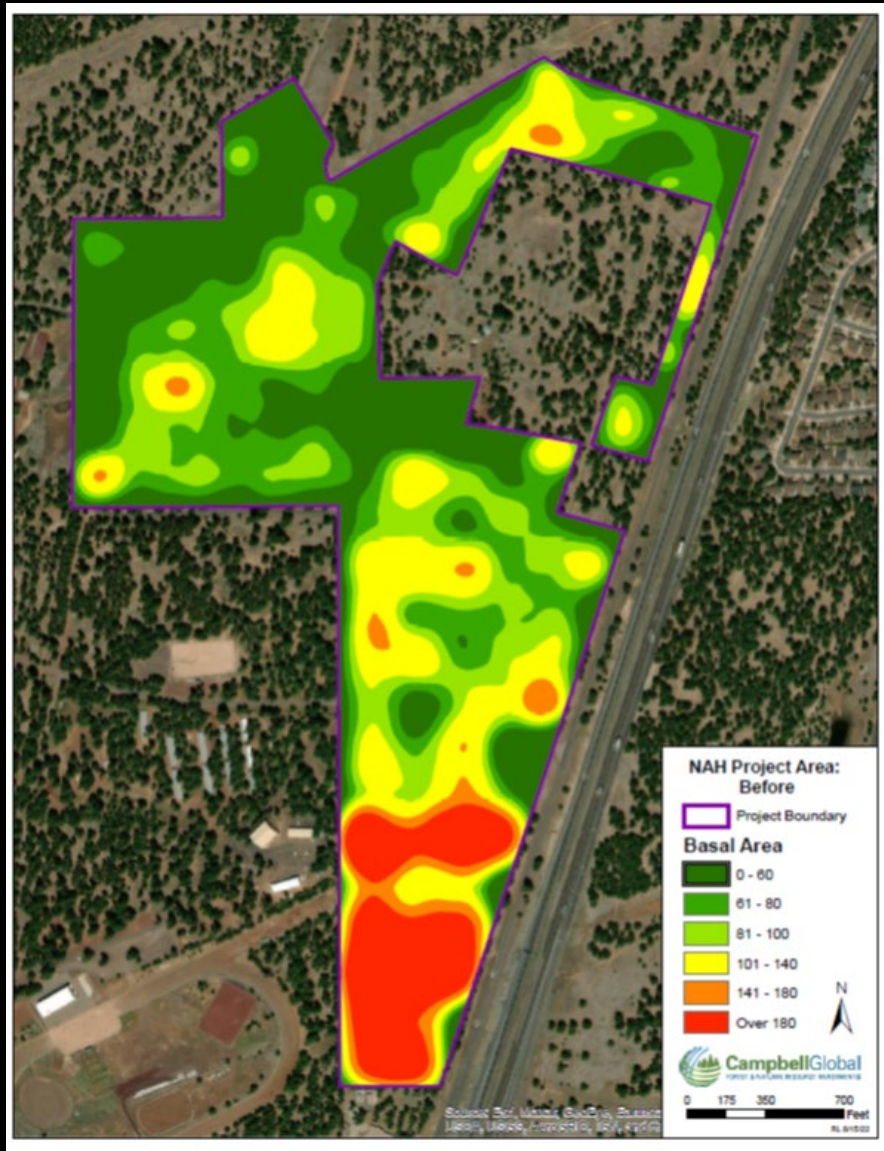
1. Protecting the community from undesirable wildfire by mitigating or reducing hazards.
2. Ensuring forest sustainability by improving long-term forest health, and maintaining wildlife habitat, native plant diversity, carbon storage, recreational opportunities, and other natural benefits of the forest
3. Providing standardized resource management guidance to the customers we service.
4. Permitting consistent implementation standards for all forest management activities within the community.

Natural Environment Without Structures

Desired Conditions



Basal Area Collected via a Drone Flight



Built Environment Desired Conditions

National Fire Protection Association Firewise USA Standards

TREE SPACING

