

## **ANNEX 9. TOWN OF LOS GATOS**

The Town of Los Gatos is located at the base of the Sierra Azules in the southwestern portion of the County, where the Santa Clara Valley meets the lower slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Los Gatos encompasses a wide variety of terrain, ranging from flat topography at the edge of the valley floor to densely wooded hillsides. Both the valley and hillsides are interspersed with creeks, streams and riparian habitat. The sharp contrast between the valley floor and the hillsides provides the town's picturesque background. The population is estimated to be 30,391 in a 14-square-mile area.

### **ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION**

The Town of Los Gatos is governed by a publicly elected city council and has authority for General Plan land use planning, code adoption, and permit processing. The Town of Los Gatos does not have a city fire department; Los Gatos is within the Central Fire Protection District.

State law designates all lands within the city limits of Los Gatos as a Local Responsibility Area (LRA) for purposes of wildland fire protection. Most state fire prevention and defensible space laws do not apply within LRAs. Recent legislation requires state review and input on General Plan Safety Element updates where wildland fire is a hazard (Government Code Section 65040.20).

Fire protection services for Los Gatos are provided by Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District (dba Santa Clara County Fire Department), including emergency's in State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) in unincorporated areas of the wildland urban interface (WUI), adjacent to Los Gatos. To determine LRAs and SRAs of the community, please visit:

[http://www.firepreventionfee.org/srviewer\\_launch.php](http://www.firepreventionfee.org/srviewer_launch.php)

### **PLANNING TEAM PARTICIPATION**

The Los Gatos community is represented on the Core Team by representatives of the Santa Clara County Fire Department. The community has been engaged in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) planning process through two rounds of workshops that have been held in Cupertino and Redwood Estates and focus on the Los Gatos, Cupertino, and surrounding WUI communities.

### ***LAND USE PLANNING, GENERAL PLAN, BUILDING CODES, AND LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS***

Authority and jurisdiction for approving the General Plan and elements, and determining land use, community design, and building code adoption rests with the Los Gatos Town Council. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) identifies hazards that exist in Los Gatos that create risk to citizens and properties in Los Gatos. WUI fires are a real and present danger to the western portions of Los Gatos. This CWPP identifies several goals related to functions the Town of Los Gatos has the authority to undertake.

This CWPP may serve as basis for the WUI fire component for LHMP, General Plan, or General Plan element updates.

## **SUMMARY**

Los Gatos is listed as a Community at Risk from wildfires on the Federal and/or California Fire Alliance list of Communities at Risk in Santa Clara County.

Wildfires occur in the vicinity of Los Gatos and present a danger to people and properties within the town.

Mitigations can reduce the risk of injury and damage. Some mitigations are solely the responsibility of property owners, other mitigations require neighborhood level action, and some require town government action.

## **WUI AREA DESCRIPTION**

### ***WUI AREA DEFINED***

The Los Gatos WUI planning area includes primarily Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone areas on the southern side of Los Gatos (Figure 9.1). The WUI area is best described as a wildland-urban intermix with homes scattered amongst wildland fuels.

### ***FIRE HISTORY***

For fire history information, please see Figure 3.5 in the main CWPP document.

### ***HAZARDOUS FUEL CHARACTERISTICS***

The Los Gatos planning area comprises a range of vegetation communities that differ depending upon elevation, precipitation, and slope. Chaparral vegetation is often found on south facing slopes, where winter precipitation is relatively high, but dry summers are common. The chaparral will have long flame lengths under either moderate or extreme weather scenarios. The nature of these fuels is to burn quickly and intensely. Oak woodlands, comprised of a variety of oak species are also interspersed throughout as well as mixed conifer comprising knob cone pine and grey pine. A fire in either the mixed conifer or hardwood would likely be a surface fire with patches of active behavior and fairly low rates of spread. However, active fire behavior is possible in this vegetation type under extreme weather conditions, especially where there is high surface loading. Coastal coniferous forest communities such as redwoods and Douglas fir are located at lower elevations where precipitation is high, fog is common, and temperatures are moderate. Fire spread is generally limited in this fuel type; however, given the right combination of weather conditions, surface fire can be expected to burn uphill. Areas with increased fuel loading from dead and down materials may experience crowning under the right conditions. The varied vegetation composition result in the Los Gatos WUI comprising a range of wildfire hazard.

For fuel model information, please refer to Section 4.6.3 and Figure 4.3 in Chapter 4 of the main CWPP document.

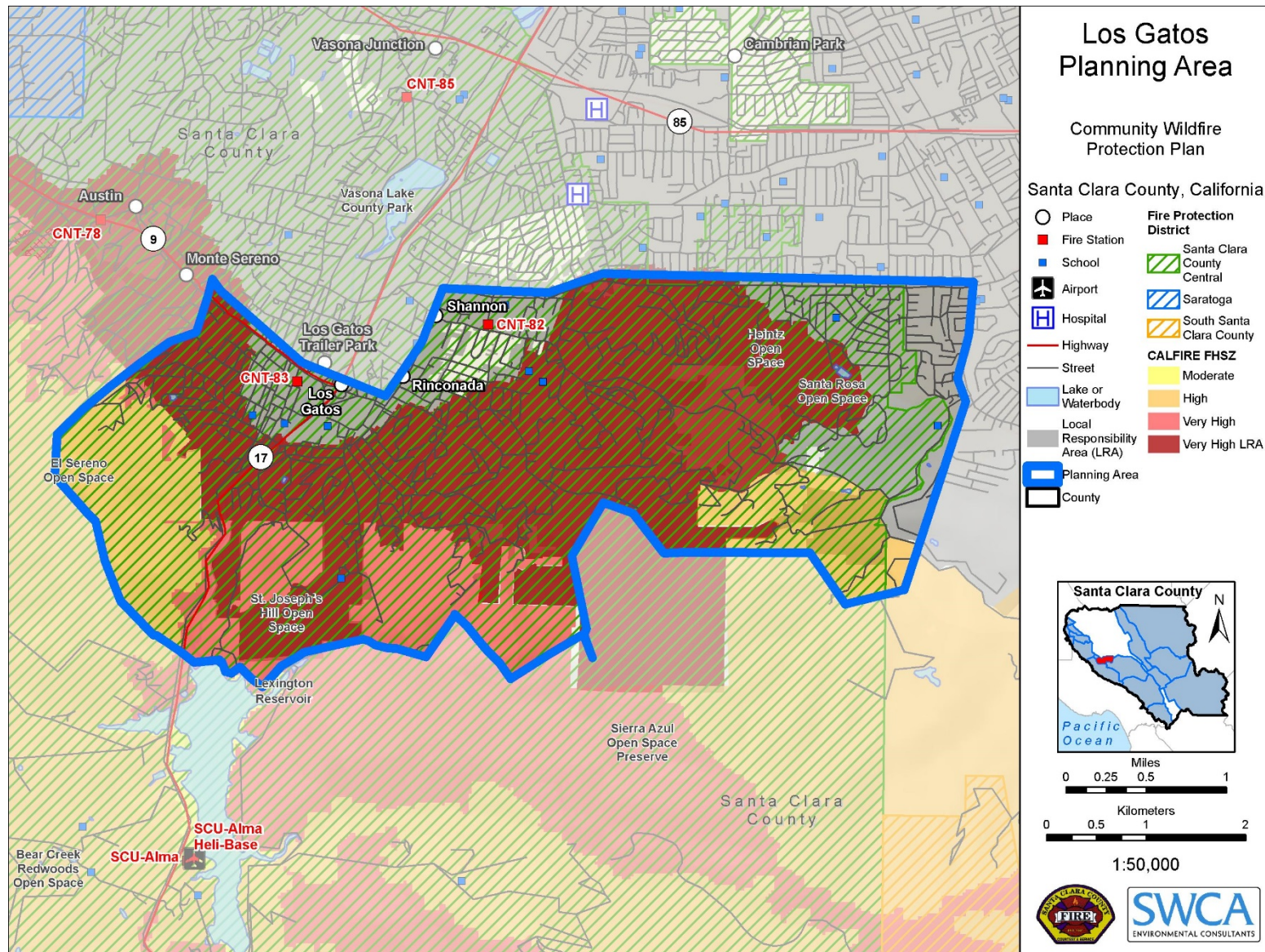


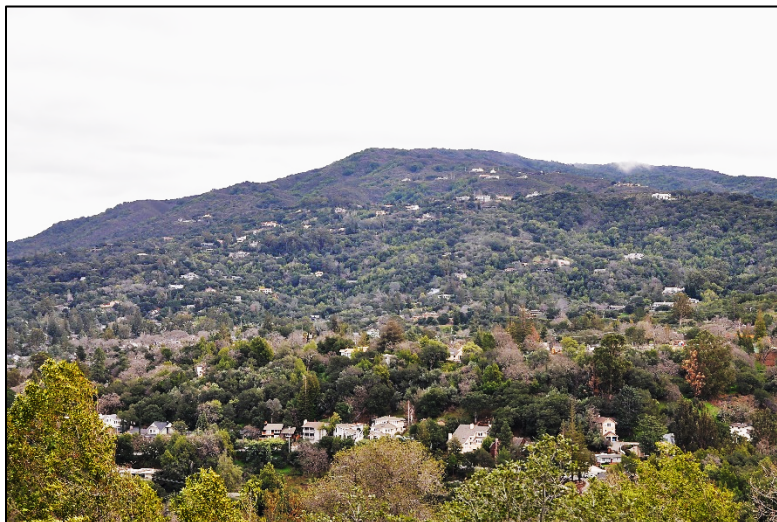
Figure 9.1. Los Gatos planning area.

***NEIGHBORHOOD AND STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS***

The foothills above Los Gatos (Figure 9.2) are characterized by steep, winding, and narrow roads that pose potential ingress and egress problems for emergency response and evacuations. Some areas may be subject to slow response times for emergency response due to the distance from the nearest fire station and road conditions. Some homes have minimal turnaround space, posing a concern to emergency responders due to potential entrapment. There are a number of dead end roads and narrow driveways.

Most homes have moderate defensible space (at least 30 feet) but some homes do not meet the necessary 70- to 100-foot space. Homes are inspected by Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD) personnel at least every three years. Most homes have non-combustible siding, but the majority have combustible decks and fencing that comes into contact with wildland fuels. Some homes have wood shake roofs which put the property and neighborhood at risk. Many subdivisions are managed by homeowner associations (HOAs), which provide a conduit for fire prevention and public education and outreach messages regarding structural ignitability and defensible space. A large number of 7A compliant new build properties (Figure 9.3) are interspersed with older properties, many are on large lots with good separation and have well maintained yards. Many homes are landscaped by contracted landscape companies, outreach regarding defensible space and non-flammable landscape vegetation could be targeted at those companies. Vulnerable populations, such as retirement homes, are a concern to fire department personnel, due to evacuation concerns along narrow roads. Defensible space in these areas is a priority, particularly where vegetation is close to the property (Figure 9.4).

Many homes are located upslope from thick scrub fuels, with continuous canopies. Homes are located on steep slopes with often minimal set-back from the slope. Topography is a concern due to the influence steep slopes have on potential fire behavior.



**Figure 9.2. Overview of Los Gatos WUI community.**



**Figure 9.3. New build property, built to 7A compliance.**



**Figure 9.4. Eucalyptus close to units in a retirement community in hills above Los Gatos.**

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPACITY**

Fire suppression for the Los Gatos WUI area is provided by:

- Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District:
  - Los Gatos Fire Station, 306 University Ave, Los Gatos
  - Shannon Fire Station, 16565 Shannon Rd, Los Gatos
  - Winchester Fire Station, 14850 Winchester Blvd, Los Gatos

## **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

Santa Clara County Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division provides a comprehensive fire and life safety educational program within Los Gatos. More information can be found on its website:

<http://www.sccfd.org/community-education/overview>

The Santa Clara County Fire Safe Council is actively involved in the Los Gatos and surrounding communities. (<http://www.SCCFireSafe.org>). This organization provides information regarding chipping programs, defensible space mitigation, forest health issues, and much more. They also offer public meetings and forums to support wildfire awareness.

The Town of Los Gatos provides comprehensive emergency preparedness information on its website: <http://www.town.los-gatos.ca.us/57/Emergency-Preparedness>. In addition the Town has an active CERT program: <http://www.town.los-gatos.ca.us/152/CERT-Emergency-Management>

## **POLICIES, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, AND CODES**

Buildings within the Town of Los Gatos would be subject to the Municipal Code of Los Gatos. Chapter 9 Fire Protection and Prevention outlines codes and ordinances pertaining to wildfire.

[https://www2.municode.com/library/ca/los\\_gatos/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CO\\_CH9FIPRPR](https://www2.municode.com/library/ca/los_gatos/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH9FIPRPR)

*In particular Section 4907.1 General.* Defensible space will be maintained around all buildings and structures in SRA as required in Public Resources Code (PRC) 4290 and "SRA Fire Safe Regulations" California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 1.5, [Chapter 7](#), Subchapter 2, Section 1270.

In addition buildings and structures within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones of an LRA shall maintain defensible space as outlined in Government Code 51175 - 51189 and any local ordinance of the authority having jurisdiction.

Refer to Chapter 49 of the California Fire Code as amended and adopted by the Town of Los Gatos for all of the requirements for Wildland Urban Interface Fire Areas in the Town.

## **HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

Community hazard assessments include ratings of community conditions compared to best practices for WUI fire mitigation. Community hazard ratings include consideration of applicable state codes, local ordinances, and recognized best practices guidelines.

The National Fire Protection Association Standard 1144 (NFPA 1144) defines WUI hazards and risks at the community and parcel level. This plan utilizes components of NFPA 1144, California laws and local ordinances to evaluate neighborhood WUI hazard and risk. California PRC 4290 and 4291 sections address best practices WUI community design and defensible space standards.

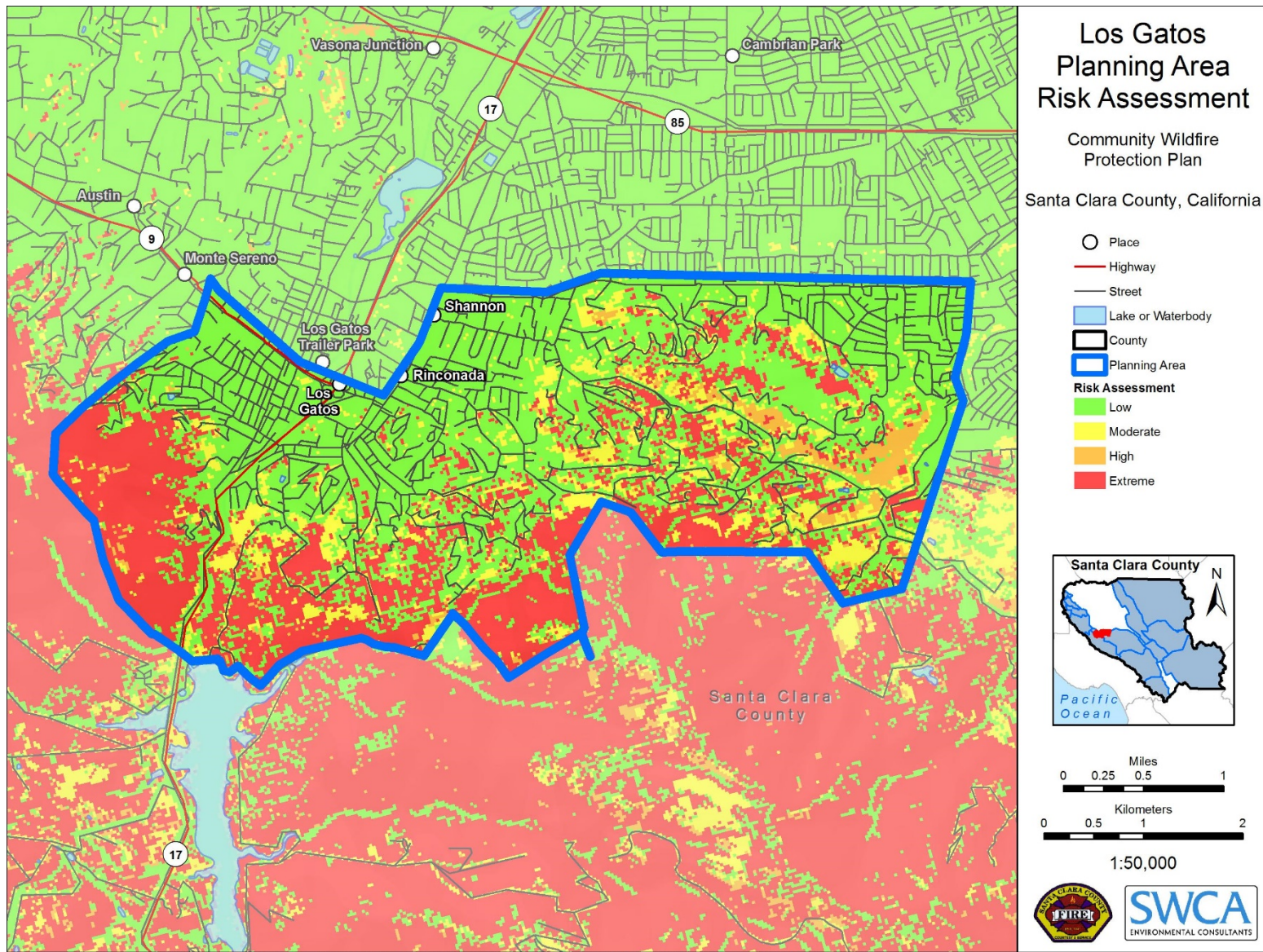
The NFPA 1144 community risk assessment completed for the Los Gatos Hills Community assigned the WUI community a risk rating of High with a score of 89 (<40= low, >40 = moderate, >70 = High, >112 = Extreme) see tabulated list below. Factors that contributed to the risk are illustrated below. Averages are taken across the community for each of these parameters.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Access	Two roads in and out but access still concern	+/-
	Narrow road width	-
	Surfaced road with greater than 5% grade	+
	Poor fire access, dead end spurs, lack turnaround	-
	Street signs are present, some are non-reflective	+/-
Vegetation	Adjacent fuels: Medium	+/-
	Defensible space: >30 feet < 70 feet around structure	+/-
Topography within 300 feet of structure	21%–30%	-
Topographic features	Moderate to high concern	+/-
History of high fire occurrence	Low	+
Severe fire weather potential	Low	+
Separation of adjacent structures	Good separation	+
Roofing assembly	Class C	-
Building construction	Combustible siding and deck	-
	Building set back <30 feet to slope	-
Available fire protection	Water: hydrants present with variable pressure	+
	Response: Station <5 miles from structure	+
	Internal sprinklers: some newer 7A compliant homes	+/-
Utilities	One above and one below ground	+/-
<b>Risk Rating- High (89)</b>		

In addition to the on-the-ground hazard assessment, the CWPP also includes a Composite Fire Risk/Hazard Assessment, which uses fire behavior modelling to determine potential fire behavior and is based on fuel characteristics, topography, weather, and fire history. The Composite Risk/Hazard Assessment for the planning area is shown in Figure 9.5. For more information on the methodology for this assessment please refer to Section 4.6.1 in Chapter 4 of the CWPP.

***PARCEL LEVEL ASSESSMENT***

A model for determining parcel level risk and effect of mitigations has been developed through this CWPP project. The model can use information available through public record for basic analysis but can be further refined with a site visit with property owner for a thorough analysis of risk score. The County will be seeking funding to fully implement this parcel level assessment in the future. The goal is for the property owner to be able to use this analysis to determine the most effective steps they can take to reduce their risk. For more information refer to Chapter 4 in the countywide CWPP document.



**Figure 9.5. Composite Risk and Hazard Assessment for Los Gatos WUI community.**



## **IDENTIFY CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY VALUES AT RISK**

Critical utility infrastructure such as, electric power supply lines, substations, and natural gas lines are essential to supply to residents and businesses for services that in some cases are critical to health and life safety. In many parts of the project area, electric power is needed to power pumps for the domestic water supply, and to provide heating and lighting. Wildfire is a significant threat to the electric utility supply.

The project area has several watersheds that are community values at risk. Watersheds need to be protected and maintained from catastrophic wildfire damage in order to prevent erosion, sedimentation and water contamination (Taylor et al. 1993). Long-term issues resulting from damage to watersheds would be increased run off, poor soil retention, and decreased water quality.

The WUI area surrounding Los Gatos is comprised of open space areas, including El Sereno Open Space, St. Josephs Hill Open Space, Heintz Open Space, Sierra Azul Open Space and Santa Rosa Open Space. These open space areas are valued for recreational use and for their natural resources.

Other community values at risk include: life safety, homes and property values, infrastructure, recreation and lifestyle, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, and environmental resources and commercial business, for example, a number of wineries/vineyards are located in the interface, including, the Testarossa Winery, McCarthy Family Estate Vineyards, La Rusticana D’Orsa Vineyard, and Perrucci Family Vineyard.

## **MITIGATION PROJECTS AND PRIORITIZATIONS**

The following project matrices have been developed by the CWPP working group to guide specific project goals implementations for the Town of Los Gatos (Table 9.1–Table 9.5). The matrices below are tiered to the strategic goals presented in the body of the CWPP through project IDs in the first column of each matrix. The matrices are broken down into projects for addressing public education and outreach, reducing structural ignitability, improving fire response capability, and reducing hazardous fuels.

**Table 9.1. Recommendations for Public Outreach and Education in the Los Gatos Planning Area**

ID LG	Project	Presented by	Target Date	Priority (1,2,3)	Resources Needed	Serves to
<b>Strategic Goal: EO1- Educate citizens on how to achieve contemporary WUI code compliance in retrofits/cost: benefit ratio. Provide workshops and/or demonstration site. and EO5- Emergency preparedness meetings. Use American Red Cross volunteers and other preparedness experts. Attend community functions and hold special meetings to provide guidance for creating household emergency plans. Use Ready, Set, Go! program.</b>						
LG-EO1.1	Wildfire Preparedness and WUI Code workshops	FireSafe Councils, County Fire, CAL FIRE	Within 2 years	1	Workshop expenses, personnel Workshop venues Demonstration site Strategize on avenues for engaging the public.	Increase compliance with County code.  Reduce fire risk level for individual parcels and community as a whole.
<b>Strategic Goal: EO3- Organize a community group made up of residents and agency personnel to develop materials and communicate relevant defensible space messages. Could coordinate with fire departments or Fire Safe Council.</b>						
LG-EO3.1	Form community working group for defensible space outreach	FireSafe Council, fire departments, local residents, Eagle Scouts, High School Community Volunteer Program	Within 1 year	1	Funding to help cover costs of materials (green waste removal or chipper) and participation.  Hire contractor trained in defensible space practices.	Engage diverse stakeholders in reaching out to community members and encourage defensible space practices.  Empower homeowners to make affordable and effective changes to reduce the vulnerability of individual homes.
<b>Strategic Goal: EO4- Information dissemination Develop a local newspaper column that provides fire safety information, promotional information for volunteer fire departments, fire announcements, and emergency planning.</b>						
LG-EO4.1	Develop content and disseminate information that provides fire safety information, fire announcements, and emergency planning.	Town Los Gatos	Within 1 year	1	Content to be provided by fire departments, local residents, Santa Clara County FireSafe Council and the Town.	Protect communities and infrastructure through increasing public awareness and providing medium for information regarding emergency fire response.
<b>Strategic Goal: EO10- Insurance Services informational meetings</b>						
LG-EO10.1	Outreach to the community to schedule an Insurance Services informational meeting.  Invite Insurance Services representatives to speak to groups regarding ways to improve insurance ratings in the community.	Insurance Services in conjunction with SCCFSC	Within 2 years	2	Resources provided by Insurance Services. Venue provided by SCCFD fire department.	Communities can learn how to improve their insurance ratings, which will reduce insurance costs in their community by implementing wildfire prevention measures.
<b>Strategic Goal: EO11- Increase signage/replace or augment existing signage.</b>						

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ID LG	Project	Presented by	Target Date	Priority (1,2,3)	Resources Needed	Serves to
LG- EO11.1	<p>Increase signage/replace or augment existing signage.</p> <p>Use existing signage to spread fire prevention message along highways and in public open space areas (trailheads, info kiosks) to reduce human ignitions.</p> <p>Promote the use of existing electronic signs at firehouses and other locales to display fire prevention information, safety messages, and fire danger rating linked to safety actions.</p>	County Fire	Within 2 years	2	<p>Mostly existing signs and posting sites, people to post and update signs.</p> <p>Replace, or augment the existing Smokey Bear signs with electronic Fire Danger Warning Signs that are solar powered, LED displays (visible day &amp; night), and accessible and programmable through an internet website.</p>	Protect communities and infrastructure by raising awareness of local citizens and those traveling in the area about actions that can prevent fire.

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**Table 9.2. Recommendations for Reducing Structural Ignitability in the Los Gatos Planning Area**

ID	Project	Presented by	Programs Available	Description	Priority (1,2,3)	Timeline
<b>Strategic Goal: SI1: Retrofit/Eliminate flammable roofs</b>						
LG-SI1.1	Identify all wood shake-roofed properties within planning area and target homeowners with outreach on retrofitting roofs.	City and County Planning in conjunction with County Fire and municipalities. Town of Los Gatos	FEMA and other grants	Explore elimination of flammable roofs through attrition or potential Town Code modification	1	5 years
<b>Strategic Goal: SI5- Adopt landscape standards for recommended plant landscape materials</b>						
LG-SI5.1	Adopt landscape standards for recommended plant landscape materials	FireSafe Councils to lead	Research Firewise plants suitable for the region.  Develop plant list, poster materials and research demonstration site.  Firewise Communities USA: <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a>	Educate property owners, landscape firms and landscape architects in appropriate ornamental plantings, mulches, and landscape design/maintenance in WUI areas.	3	Next 2 years
<b>Strategic Goal: SI6- Develop landscape contractor maintenance program for “Right Plant-- Right Place” and maintenance</b>						
LG-SI6.1	Develop landscape contractor non-flammable plant list.	FireSafe Councils to lead in cooperation with local Home Owner Association	Firewise Communities USA: <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a>	Educate property owners, landscape firms and landscape architects in appropriate ornamental plantings, mulches, and landscape design/maintenance in WUI areas. Work with HOA.	2	Next 2 years
<b>Strategic Goal: SI8- Interactive tool for citizens to use on line, ID their property and what hazard/risks exist and mitigations they can apply to improve their survivability</b>						
LG-SI8.1	Work with County Fire to develop parcel level application of CWPP risk assessment using Interra software.	Santa Clara County Fire Department with revised Interra contract	Interra	County Fire to pursue funding to increase contract provisions with Interra to provide public facing tool.  Simplify tool and provide easy to follow instructions.  Could develop YouTube informational video	1	Next 3 years
<b>Strategic Goal: SI11- Implement spring community yard clean-up days. In combination with FireSafe Council chipper program.</b>						
LG-SI11.1	Implement community work day to encourage yard clean-up and defensible space maintenance	County Fire, CAL FIRE, FireSafe Council and the Town	FireSafe Council chipping program Ready, Set, Go  CAL FIRE	A community-led day of yard clean-up with fire mitigation in mind would encourage large numbers within the community to carry-out mitigation measures and implementation of defensible space.	2	Next 2 years

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ID	Project	Presented by	Programs Available	Description	Priority (1,2,3)	Timeline
<b>Strategic Goal: SI12- Assess and improve accessibility to property</b>						
<b>Weekend program to inform homeowners about emergency response access</b>						
<b>LG-SI12.1</b>	Institute a weekend program to inform homeowners about emergency response access.	Fire departments, Fire Marshal	Firewise	Inform homeowners about the importance of keeping driveways accessible to fire trucks and emergency responders.	1	Within 1 year

**Table 9.3. Recommendations for Improving Firefighting Capabilities in the Los Gatos Planning Area**

ID	Project Description	Fire Department/Agency	Benefits of the Project to the community	Timeline	Priority (1,2,3)	Resources/funding sources available
<b>Strategic Goal: FC2- Define Safe Refuge Areas and establish maintenance program in WUI areas where fire behavior and evacuation timing is problematic.</b>						
LG-FC2.1	Define and delineate spatially Safe Refuge Areas and establish maintenance program in WUI areas where fire behavior and evacuation timing is problematic.	County Fire/CAL FIRE/FireSafe Councils	Provides safety measure for residents of rural areas in event that evacuation is limited.  Provides for firefighter safety by creating escape route.	2 year	1	Grants: FEMA, CA FSC, DHS
<b>Strategic Goal: FC5- Develop WUI preplans and accompanying evacuation plans for all WUI areas in Santa Clara County using standardized format</b>						
LG-FC5.1	Develop WUI preplans and accompanying evacuation assessment plan for Los Gatos WUI	County Fire/CAL FIRE/FireSafe Council and the Town	Helps fire response agencies understand geographic area evacuations.  Helps identify areas where mitigation measures are needed to facilitate safe evacuation.  Helps establish consistent model across all agencies.	1 year	1	Grants: FEMA, CA FSC, DHS
<b>Strategic Goal: FC8: Where road systems are antiquated and do not provide for proper evacuation or two way flow, require removal of obstructions or upgrade to minimum 2 lanes road system over time</b>						
LG-FC8.1	Address poor road access issues - develop long-term plan for road improvements and prioritized routes for evacuation.	County Planning, Town Planning and Public Works	Addresses evacuation concerns of residents living in areas with poor ingress/egress.  Provides for improved response capabilities and reduces risk that responding emergency vehicles will conflict with evacuation of residents.	2 years	1	Homeowner Associations, Road Associations, County Service Areas
<b>Strategic Goal: FC11- Investigate and potentially install Fire Detection Robots to alert departments of a fire start in remote areas.</b>						
LG-FC11.1	Investigate installation of fire detection robots on open space lands adjacent to Los Gatos.	County Fire	Uses technology for single-tree wildfire detection solution that help forestry agencies and fire protection professionals manage the risks of fire damage cost-effectively.	Within 2 years	1	Private companies provide robotic technology
<b>Strategic Goal: FC14- Where possible encourage sharing of water sources in areas where residential water supplies may be low or non-existent during periods of drought or when wells/springs have run dry</b>						
LG-FC14.1	Address water shortage concerns- particularly at high elevations by following the model currently under way by Loma Prieta Fire Department.	fire agencies, local community organizations, local water purveyors	Encouragement and assistance from FireSafe Council can provide a catalyst for action.	1–5 years	1	County Fire

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ID	Project Description	Fire Department/Agency	Benefits of the Project to the community	Timeline	Priority (1,2,3)	Resources/funding sources available
<b>Strategic Goal: FC15- Where Open Space and Park Agencies establish trail head parking areas, operating facilities such as horse stables and camping areas that will increase public access add large capacity water tanks and hydrants for wildfire protection.</b>						
<b>LG-FC15.1</b>	Installation of water tanks on Open Space property for fire suppression purposes.	MROSD	Alleviates public and agency concern for limited water supply in remote areas.	Within 5 years	3	This could eventually be amended into the building code for Santa Clara County.

**Table 9.4. Fuel Reduction Treatment Recommendations in the Los Gatos Planning Area**

ID	Project Description	Location and Responsible Party	Method	Serves to:	Timeline for Action	Priority (1,2,3)	Monitoring	Resources/funding sources available
<b>Strategic Goal: FR1- Incorporate single track trails into fire defense system where practical</b>								
LG-FR1.1	Fire Safe Council to continue community outreach to prioritize treatments along existing trails that could help to provide a more substantial fuel break and break up the continuity of fuels.	Open space lands: Trails that run adjacent to community	Detailed analysis would be needed in development of treatment location to ensure protection of natural resources.	Provide access when fires occur to reduce spread  Enhance Community fire defense by breaking up fuel continuity.	Ongoing-LONG RANGE	1	Regular monitoring to determine project success in reducing fuel loading and enhanced access.	Grants: CA FSC; California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP); Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), FEMA, Green House Gas Reduction Fund (GHGRF)
<b>Strategic Goal: FR7- Develop roadside fuel treatment program, including suite of methods available and sustainability mechanism</b>								
LG-FR7.1	Implement roadside brushing/mowing throughout community to increase buffer from wildfire ignitions and provide for safe evacuation.  Community members to approach SCCFSC to identify roadside fuel treatment priorities and seek funding to implement.	County and city road agencies; private road associations, PG&E, Cable and Phone companies.  Led by SCCFSC.	Determine suite of treatment methods allowed and restriction for roadside hazard reduction including mowing, mastication, chemical, plantings, mulching, etc.  Develop treatment plan and rotation schedule for roadside treatments, focusing of primary evacuation or access/egress corridors.	Reduce fuel loading around roads and highways to ensure safe passage of vehicles in event of evacuation and reduce unplanned ignitions from vehicles and highway users.	Within 2 years	1	Regular maintenance schedule should be implemented to ensure clearance levels are maintained.  Develop standards for road crews.	Grants: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), California Fire Safe Council (CA FSC), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
<b>Strategic Goal: FR9- Establish assistance program for hazardous fuel reduction for physically or fiscally challenged parcels</b>								
LG-FR9.1	Establish assistance program for hazardous fuel reduction and defensible space for elderly or physically challenged individuals within Los Gatos	Los Gatos neighborhood groups, HOAs.	Identify barriers to achieving parcel level defensible space and establish assistance program of resources: education, consulting, guidance, people, funding.	Ensure that individual properties with poor property hygiene do not put adjoining properties at risk in event of wildfire.  For residents who are not capable of implementing good property hygiene.	Within 2 years	2	Establish levels of participation by assistance type	Grants: CA FSC; CFIP; NRCS, FEMA, GHGRF



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ID	Project Description	Location and Responsible Party	Method	Serves to:	Timeline for Action	Priority (1,2,3)	Monitoring	Resources/funding sources available
<b>Strategic Goal: FR 11- Create Sustainable programs for creating Defensible Space at the parcel Level.</b>								
<b>LG-FR11.1</b>	Create Sustainable programs for creating Defensible Space at the parcel Level within Los Gatos	Home Owner, FireSafe Councils, Home Owner Associations, SCCFD, Administrators for SRA fee distributions.	Example projects - Curbside green waste pickup programs, community chipping piles, drive-up chipping, on site chipping.	Ensure that defensible space actions are sustained in all communities	Within 1 year	1	Regular maintenance schedule should be implemented to ensure clearance levels are maintained.	Grants: CA FSC; CFIP; NRCS, FEMA, GHGRF

**Table 9.5. Recommendations for General Planning Projects in Town of Los Gatos**

ID	Project Description	Method	Timeline for Action	Priority (1,2,3)	Monitoring/Sustainability	Resources/Funding Sources Available
<b>Strategic Goal GP1: Ensure project sustainability.</b>						
<b>LG- GP1.1</b>	The CWPP serves as the wildfire component of Los Gatos LHMP and General Plan - Safety and other element amendments.	Work with city planning to identify timeline for incorporation in next LHMP update.  Explore having the strategic-level CWPP incorporated into the Safety Element of the General Plan when the safety element is next revised.	Next 5 years	2	The core group of stakeholders would need to ensure that the document is kept relevant in that time and position it for incorporation.	Internal funding
<b>LG- GP1.2</b>	Ensure project sustainability.	Have a target date for updating the datasets used in the risk assessment model and re-running the model. Establish trigger points for updating CWPP.  Make contact with Santa Clara County Fire Department to note your interest in participating in the project and identify CWPP meeting schedule.	Annually	1	Establish annual oversight of the CWPP and project status.  Get buy-in from Core Team members for long-term commitment to CWPP review.	Internal funding
<b>LG- GP1.3</b>	Designate a member to the Countywide CWPP Core Team for CWPP updates.	Identify staff and convene a kickoff of the working group and identify tasks and goals for CWPP updates.	Meet quarterly	1	Commit to attendance at one CWPP meeting annually.	Internal funding
<b>LG- GP1.4</b>	Develop methods for sustainability of hazardous fuel reduction.	Develop options for Town Council to evaluate sustainable hazardous fuel maintenance funding	As needed	2	Enactment of policy.	Internal funding
<b>Strategic Goal G24: Parcel Level Defensible Space Inspection Task Force</b>						
<b>LG-GP2.1</b>	Join countywide task force to do parcel level inspection work to enhance model; utilize portable data collection and ArcGIS as analysis tools.	Carryout parcel level assessments to enhance risk assessment model components at a finer scale.  Add data to model and re-run as necessary.	2 years	1	Set target number of parcels to be assessed each year.  Review number of parcels assessed each year at annual CWPP meeting.	Internal funding
<b>Strategic Goal GP3: Develop countywide standard and method for continued data gathering and risk analysis.</b>						
<b>LG-GP3.1</b>	Use a countywide standard and method for continued data gathering and risk analysis.	Conduct funding to purchase a commercial application, such as Fulcrum, that provides a standard data collection platform that could be used on a smart phone/tablet.	2 years	1	Annual review of progress as part of Core Team.	California Fire Safe Council clearinghouse grants; internal funding

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ID	Project Description	Method	Timeline for Action	Priority (1,2,3)	Monitoring/Sustainability	Resources/Funding Sources Available
<b>Strategic Goal GP5: Add hyperspectral and LiDAR imaging to periodic aerial photography flights.</b>						
<b>LG-GP5.1</b>	Seek LiDAR and hyperspectral imagery for aerial photography of Los Gatos.	Work in conjunction with the City Planning, County Assessor, or others to add additional sensing cameras to aerial photo flights.  Hyperspectral and LiDAR can provide in depth identification and analysis of hazards and risks.	1–3 years	1	Periodic new flights to update data sets.	Grants: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Greenhouse Gas Reduction