



FOSTER CITY

PARKS & OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENTS

City of Foster City

General Plan Parks and Open
Space Element and General
Plan Conservation Element

City Council Meeting #2

June 2, 2025





Agenda

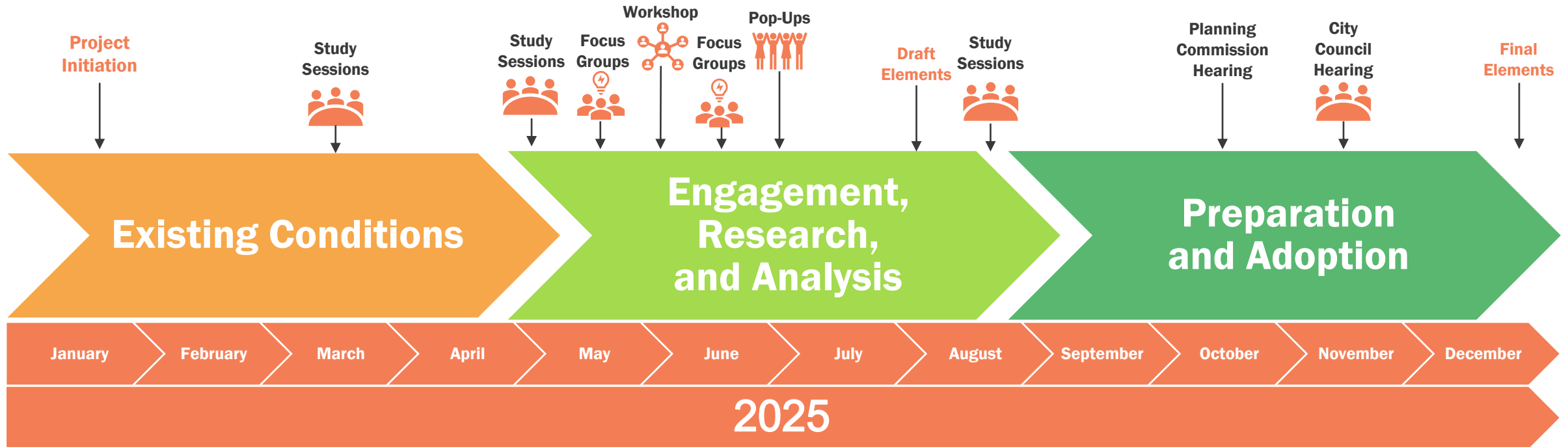
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Project Updates



Project Timeline





Parks and Recreation Assessment

- Evaluates the current state of Foster City's parks, amenities, and recreation programs to identify areas for improvement and growth
- Discusses key issues such as park accessibility, usage patterns, and site conditions
- Provides opportunities for enhancement and policy considerations to improve the quality and accessibility of parks and recreational services





Conservation and Open Space Assessment



- Assesses Foster City's natural open spaces, biological resources, water resources, climate resilience, air quality, and energy conservation to guide policy development and enhance environmental sustainability
- Highlights key issues related to habitat loss, water quality, climate vulnerabilities, and energy use
- Offers strategic opportunities and policy recommendations to improve environmental sustainability and resilience



Key Findings



Key Findings: Parks and Recreation Assessment

Park Accessibility and Equity

- Demographic patterns suggest a need for senior serving recreational resources
- Park access is generally equitable across racial and income groups

Park Usage

- Some parks are currently underused relative to some of the larger parks in the City



Key Findings: Parks and Recreation Assessment

Site Assessment

- Parks vary in access, functionality, and condition
- Geese impact park cleanliness, especially at lagoon adjacent parks

Market Potential Index

- High demand for sports and fitness activities like golf, tennis, walking, and cycling
- Trends align with national recreation patterns



Key Findings: Conservation and Open Space Assessment

Natural Open Space

- Fragmentation of open spaces limits ecological and recreational benefits
- Limited rewilding and naturalization efforts (SB 1425)

Biological Resources

- Habitat loss due to urbanization
- Wetlands conservation threatened by climate change
- Barriers to wildlife movement and invasive species encroachment



Key Findings: Conservation and Open Space Assessment

Water Resources

- Lagoon water quality issues
- Stormwater pollution from urban runoff

Climate Resilience

- Future vulnerability to sea level rise and flooding
- Urban heat island effect
- Rising groundwater levels and infrastructure risks



Key Findings: Conservation and Open Space Assessment

Air Quality

- Traffic-related air pollution
- Wildfire smoke exposure
- Gaps in local air quality monitoring

Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy

- Dependence on natural gas
- Slow adoption of solar energy
- Grid resilience and energy storage gaps



Assessment Findings Feedback

Do these findings reflect your knowledge of the city?

Did we miss any important information or findings?



Policy Considerations



Policy Consideration: Parks and Recreation Assessment

Park Land and Amenity Standards

Adjust park acreage standards to reflect realistic growth and community preferences

Establish amenity level of service standards to align with community desires

Facility and Amenity Enhancements

Target expansions of high-demand facilities

Promote interconnected pedestrian and bicycle trails

Comfort and Extended Use

Prioritize installation of lighting and shade structures

Enhance park amenities to maximize usage

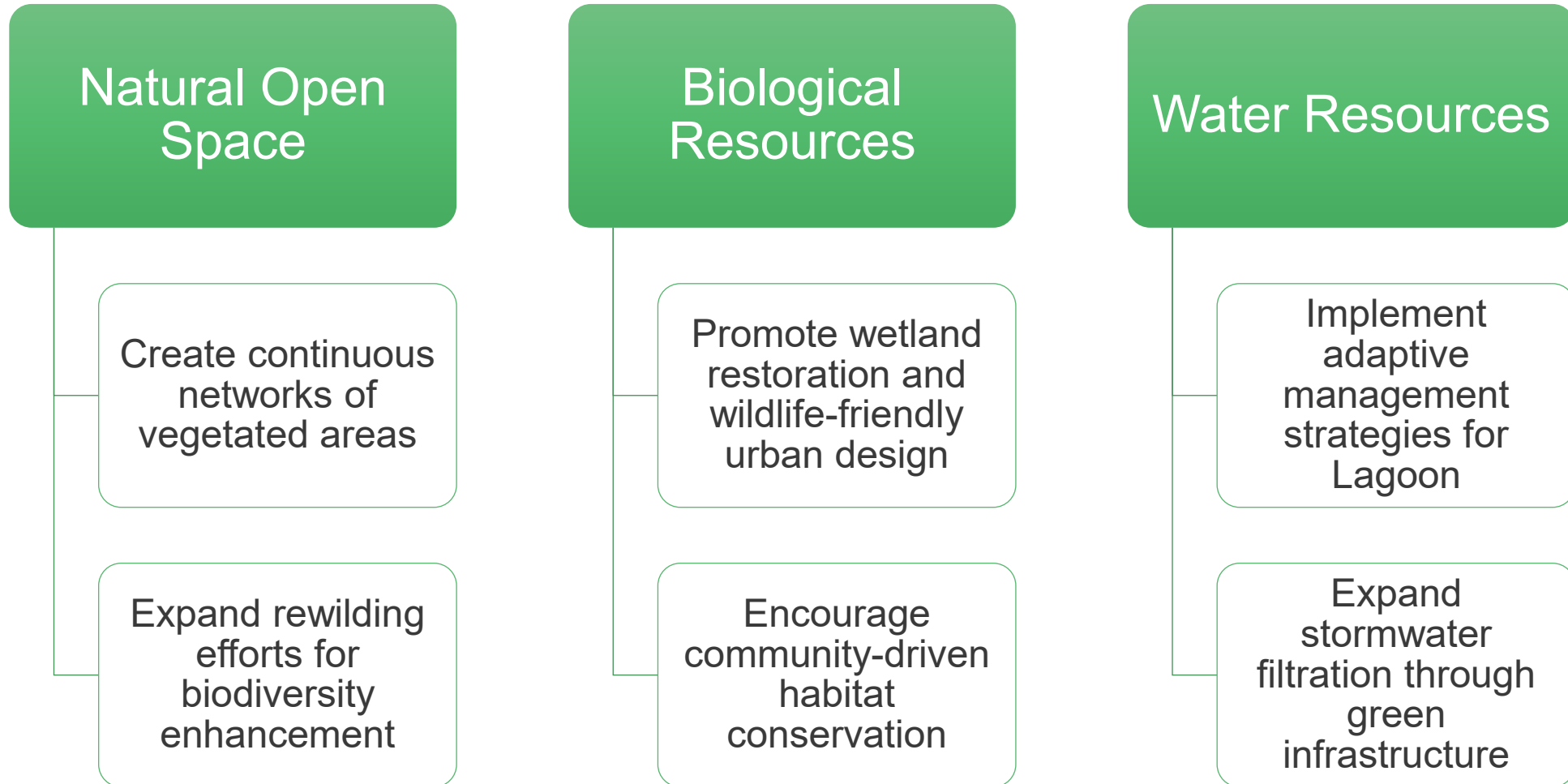
Visitor Management and Revenue Opportunities

Introduce user fees or revenue-generating events for parks

Enhance visitor experiences to leverage investment

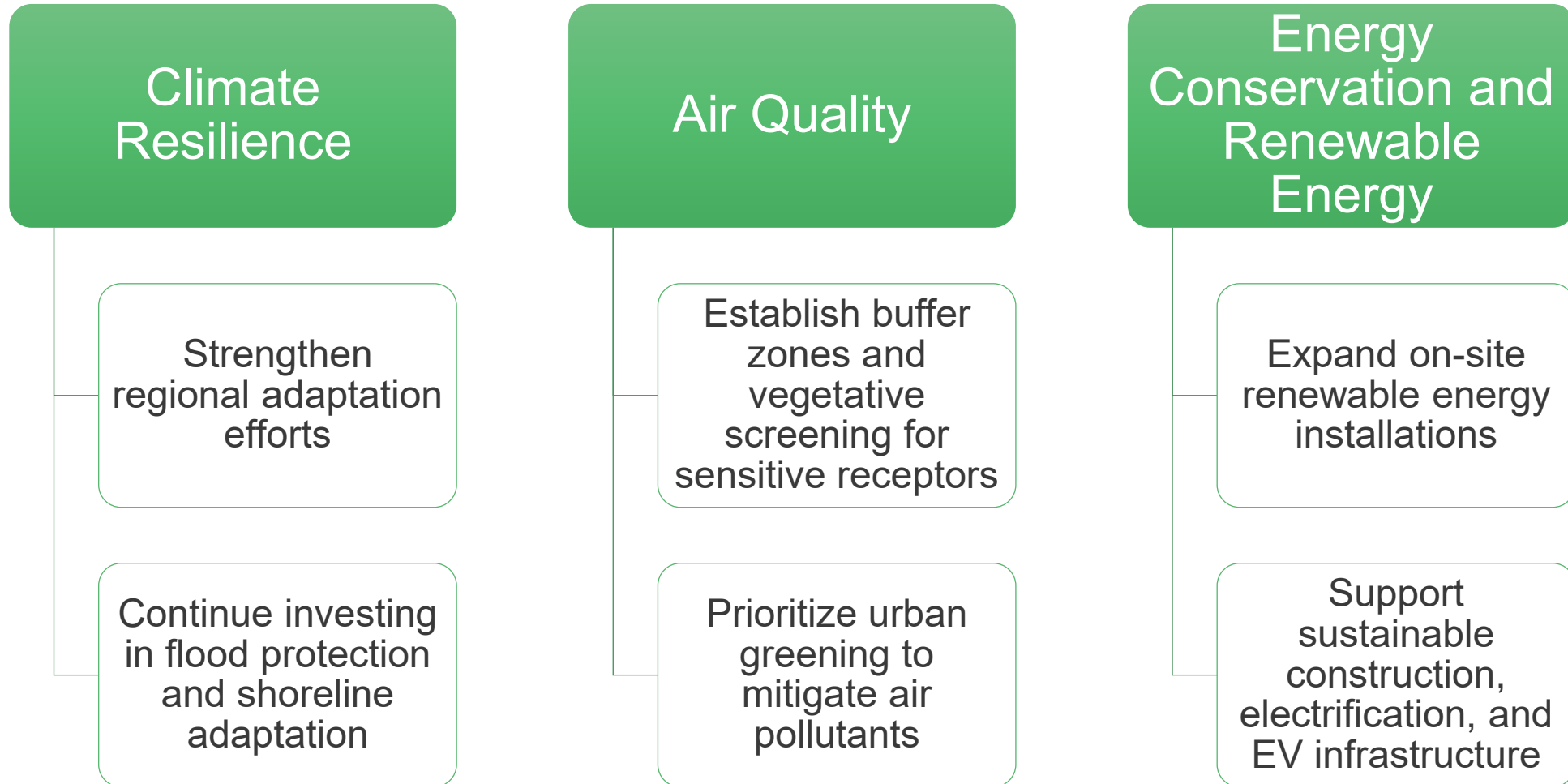


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Policy Considerations Feedback

Do these strategies seem both effective and feasible?

Are there potential policy solutions that should be added?

Do you have thoughts on how these policy could be implemented?



Next Steps



Next Steps

- First round of community engagement in May and June
 - Community Priorities Survey
 - Community Workshop
 - Focus Groups
 - Pop-Up Events
- Study Session #3 in August





Thank you!