

Community Focus Statement F: Increase community involvement in community beautification and social cohesion.

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Action Statement F.1: Partner with local recycling companies to develop and expand programs and incentives for hazardous waste and large item pickup and recycling to discourage the dumping of tires, old furniture, and other large items.

Benchmark: Phelan Piñon Hills Community Cleanup Committee hosts two cleanup events per year providing opportunities for businesses, local organizations, and residents to get involved in community improvement. The committee can take advantage of grant programs and incentives for funding to support recycling in the long term.

Champion: Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District

Estimated Cost: \$500–\$750



Looking Good Santa Barbara (LGSB) is a City of Santa Barbara program joining residents, City staff, and community representatives with the mission to reduce waste (reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost) and contribute to a clean community through graffiti and litter abatement. LGSB meets on a monthly basis and holds an annual community cleanup day to collect trash, maintain trees, distribute door hangers, remove graffiti tags, install storm drain markers, and clean up Old Mission Creek. For more information, visit

Community cleanups improve the physical community, as well as create opportunities for social interactions and for individual investment and pride in the community. Community cleanup programs are organized to collect materials that are not easily placed in garbage or recycling containers. Typically, cleanup programs address hazardous waste and large and bulky items. Such programs would provide many opportunities for businesses, local organizations, volunteer groups, and citizens to support cleanup efforts and get involved in community improvement. Through partnerships and strategic alliances with citizens, businesses, and nonprofit organizations, the community could explore grant programs, incentives, and types of programs and activities that offer funding for innovative efforts and allow investment to support recycling in the long term.

San Bernardino County offers bins for community cleanups through the County’s Solid Waste Management. The cost per bin is \$500 plus staff costs and can be scheduled through Solid Waste Management. This is a low cost way to expand community cleanup and large item disposal.

Grants and incentive programs are offered through the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) that focus on hazardous waste and discouraging tire waste. CalRecycle provides a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) grant, which could help the community establish a HHW collection program, and Used Oil Recycling grants for the development of a used oil and filter collection program. CalRecycle also administers a

Tire Incentive Program (TIP) that provides an incentive to eligible businesses that divert waste tires from landfill disposal.

The Phelan Piñon Hills community could also reuse and recycle many bulky goods by implementing these types of programs and activities:

- Charities and thrift stores that serve the community can collect reusable items from residents
- Community exchanges and community-wide garage sales that allow residents to bring their reusable or repairable items to give away and perhaps also find items they want and take those away for free or a low cost
- Use of the California Materials Exchange (CalMax), a free service designed to help businesses find markets for materials that have been traditionally discarded
- Promotion of reuse and recycling around campaigns like Second Chance Week, Earth Day (April), and America Recycles Day (November)

Currently, Phelan Piñon Hills residents have options for low or no cost disposal. Trash service typically includes bulky item and electronics pickup at no extra cost, twice per year. Residents must call CR&R Environmental Services for detail and arrange for pickup. Additionally, many materials can be recycled or reused by taking them to recycling centers or thrift stores.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Encourage the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (CSD) to contact residents and leaders of local organizations and volunteer groups to join a community committee/team to organize cleanup events.	Champion with Phelan Piñon Hills CSD, and support from community leaders and residents	Month 1	CalRecycle, California Materials Exchange (CalMAX) Portal, http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/calmax/
2. Select a leader to serve as cleanup program lead to provide leadership to the committee and act as a point of contact.	Community Cleanup Committee	Month 2	CalRecycle, Community Cleanups: Models for Local Government Recycling and Waste Reduction.
3. Develop a list of priority areas that would benefit from trash pickup and cleanup.	Community Cleanup Committee	Months 2 – 3	CalRecycle, Grant, Payment, and Loan Programs, http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/#Grants
4. Partner and align with community businesses and nonprofit organizations to explore grant programs and incentives to fund investment and cleanup efforts.	Community Cleanup Committee, with support from local businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community members	Months 2 – 4	City of Santa Barbara, Clean Community, http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/services/recycling/community/default.asp
5. Implement programs and activities that allow the community to reuse and recycle large and bulky items.	Community Cleanup Committee, with support from local businesses, charities, thrift stores, Community exchanges, and community members	On-going	Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, Conducting a Community Cleanup Fix-up Campaign, http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf931.pdf
6. Continue partnerships and relationships with community members to promote knowledge and awareness on recycling and reuse in the community.	Community Cleanup Committee, with support from local businesses, charities, thrift stores, Community exchanges, and community members	On-going	San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management, http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/SolidWasteManagement.aspx