

**What is a Habitat Conservation Plan?** A Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is a document that meets federal Endangered Species Act requirements and enables local agencies to allow projects and activities to occur in endangered species' habitats. In exchange, those projects and activities must incorporate HCP-prescribed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for adverse effects on endangered species.

**Purpose and Need:** The City of Livermore is in a unique setting where open space, working lands, and urban development meet. This region also supports habitats of several listed and at-risk plant and wildlife species that are found within and surrounding the City limits. The City is pursuing development of the Livermore HCP to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements that protect sensitive wildlife, plant, and habitat resources within the Livermore region. The HCP will allow the City to carry out necessary infrastructure improvement, operation, and maintenance activities while also coordinating impacts mitigation into a landscape-level conservation program.

**Benefits to the Community:** The HCP will significantly streamline environmental permitting efforts for City projects by establishing a consistent process while increasing conservation benefits through a programmatic, landscape-level approach to mitigation rather than on a project-by-project basis. This approach will allow the City to implement projects such as stream maintenance and road widening, while also conserving important habitat and protecting listed and at-risk species, such as California tiger salamander and California red-legged frog in Livermore and the surrounding area. The City anticipates developing an approach that facilitates compliance with other Federal and State regulations for an overall more efficient regulatory program.



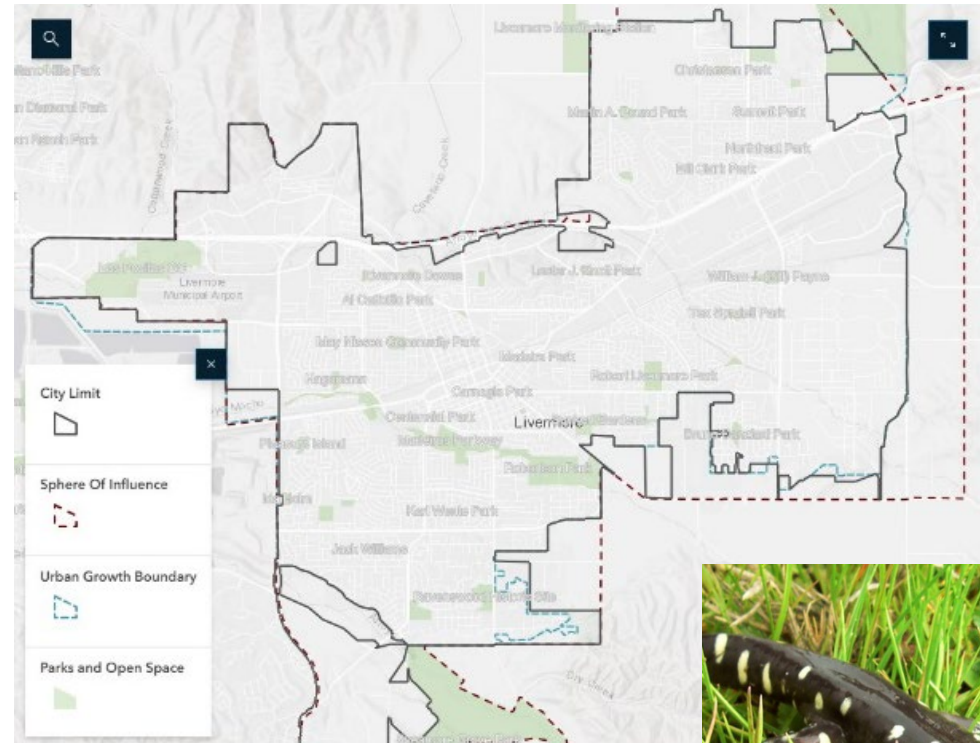
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**Current Phase:** In 2023, the City was awarded a \$700K Section 6 Grant from California Department of Fish and Wildlife to initiate the planning phase. The City is currently completing strategic planning to support the development of the public draft HCP and supporting environmental documents.

- Tentative Schedule:**
- Section 6 Grant Awarded: Mar. 2023
  - Strategic Planning & Determining HCP Scope: Apr. 2023 – Feb. 2024
  - HCP Public Draft Development: Feb. 2024 – Feb. 2025
  - Final Public Draft HCP: Jan. 2026
  - Environmental Documents Development: Jan. 2025 – Jan. 2026

**Website:**  
<https://www.livermoreca.gov/departments/community-development/engineering/programs-in-development/livermore-habitat-conservation-plan/-fsiteid-1#!/>



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