



**City of Irvine 2017 Program Synopsis**

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The City of Irvine is committed to energy conservation and green building, with a long history of environmental stewardship including open space preservation, protecting the environment, and conserving natural resources.

A key component of Irvine's efforts is the landmark Irvine Open Space Initiative that was overwhelmingly approved by Irvine residents in 1988. The historic initiative enables the City to preserve important conservation and open space resources through a program that consolidates large, contiguous open space areas under public ownership as phased, master-planned growth occurs in other areas of the city. As a result of the 1988 Open Space Initiative and the partnerships it created, some 16,000 acres will be preserved as natural habitats and wildlands.

In 1989, Irvine enacted the nation's most far-reaching local measure to control ozone-depleting compounds through an ordinance prohibiting the use of nearly all chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) within the city. Irvine's comprehensive regulations set the standard for future federal legislation controlling the use of CFCs throughout the country.

The City's commitment to energy conservation was endorsed by Irvine residents in November 2010 when the Irvine Sustainable Community Initiative, Measure S was approved by Irvine voters. Measure S endorses previous actions of the Irvine City Council to adopt policies and establish programs in support of renewable energy.

Transportation also plays a role. The iShuttle, now operated by the Orange County Transportation Authority, takes commuters from the Irvine Station and Tustin Metrolink Station to the business centers of Irvine Spectrum and Irvine Business Complex, respectively. For more information: [irvineshuttle.net](http://irvineshuttle.net).

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