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Examples of Community Tools

Landscaping Regulations require property owners to manage hazardous vegetation and maintain their properties.

Watershed Management Plans reduce wildfire through fuel treatments, protecting vital water resources.

Forest Management Projects reduce fuels within the wildland-urban interface (WUI).

Building Codes require ignition-resistant construction materials for new developments and retrofits.

Land Preservation Tools encourage agricultural lands to buffer development from wildfires.

Steep Slope Ordinances restrict development within high wildfire-risk areas.

Land Use and Development Codes incentivize developers to plan open space and recreational trails, creating fuel breaks.

Subdivision Design Standards require risk reduction features, such as minimum road widths, secondary access, and adequate water supply.

Local Governments support fire adapted communities through good land use planning.

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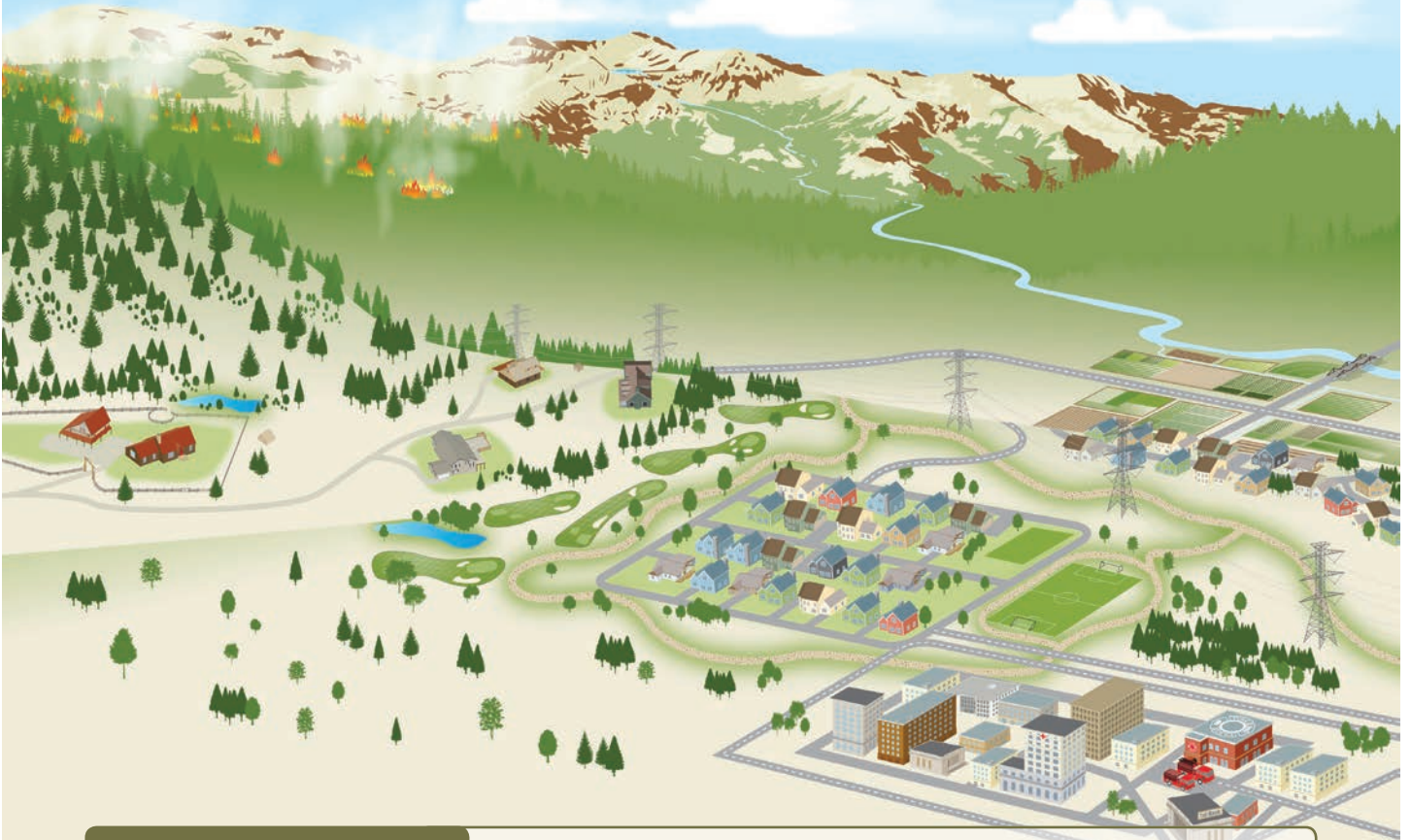


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A fire adapted community is prepared for the next wildfire.



The Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program works with communities to reduce wildfire risks through improved land use planning, including:

- Providing communities with professional consulting services, including land use planners, foresters, and wildfire risk modelers.
- Linking planning policies with other efforts, such as Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Firewise Communities.
- Sharing lessons learned between different communities and enabling peer networking opportunities.

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Participation in CPAW is voluntary and based on a competitive application process.
CPAW is a partnership between Headwaters Economics and Wildfire Planning International.



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