

Redevelopment means different things to people in Tahoe

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Development takes much of the blame for the long decline in Lake Tahoe's legendary clarity. Now, in a move they admit seems "counterintuitive," regulators are counting on more housing, ski lodges and hotel rooms to help reverse it..

Although construction of new projects has all but ceased at the sensitive Sierra lake, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) has launched a new initiative — dubbed the Community Enhancement Program — with the goal of attracting a different breed of builder.



Artist's rendering of what Homewood may become.

The idea: to replace blighted or environmentally damaging projects from the 1950s and '60s with new, "green" buildings that not only fit in with their surroundings but also would hold back lake-clouding runoff.

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