

# Strife over what to do with Tahoe's aging urban areas

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Redevelopment of aging, polluting urban areas will prove critical to restoring Lake Tahoe's troubled environment in coming decades, Tahoe land-use regulators insist.

Environmental groups counter that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency appears to be steered on a path that could substantially alter the lake's rustic characteristics, bringing taller buildings and denser development around the lake.



Razing the Biltmore and starting over is one example of redevelopment controversy.

The emerging debate comes as TRPA, established by Congress in 1969 to save an endangered national treasure, prepares a new strategy guiding land use for the next 20 years. The stakes are high, both sides agree.

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