



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Crockett Community Meeting #2: Guiding Principles**

Crockett Community Center  
850 Pomona Street, Crockett, CA  
Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The second community meeting for Crockett residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Crockett Community Center. The purpose of this workshop was to collect feedback on draft guiding principles, which articulate the values, priorities, and aspirations for the future of Crockett shared by community members at the first community meeting. The guiding principles are organized in five categories: Safety and Resiliency, Community Character, Mobility, Housing, and Recreation and Access to Nature. In addition, participants were asked to share ideas for potential policies, actions, and other strategies that support those guiding principles.

County staff and consultants facilitated the workshop and approximately 15 residents attended and participated. After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members worked in three small groups discussing guiding principles, policies, actions, and other strategies specific to Crockett. Input and ideas are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions are attached to this summary.

#### ***Safety and Resiliency***

- Preserve local law enforcement's level of service and response times while focusing on car and home break-ins.
- Strengthen safety along the waterfront by addressing local crime.
- Address illegal dumping, especially at the top of Cummings Skyway, potentially through affordable dumping solutions.
- Provide ongoing maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and bridges, and provide adequate trash collection service.
- Improve local telecommunications services.
- Improve health care and hospital access for Crockett residents.
- Provide better services for homeless people, including publicizing Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings for those in need.
- Prohibit expansion of the Phillips 66 refinery, including incremental minor expansions.
- Protect the community from refinery-related hazards that might result from sea level rise, fires, and earthquakes.
- Protect the community from hazards related to the Selby Slag site.
- Use Community Warning System sirens as a form of emergency alerts for the community.
- Address wildfire hazards for both residential and commercial buildings.

#### ***Community Character***

- Revitalize the waterfront with shops, restaurants, a dog park, and recreational trails.

- Create design guidelines for Crockett to preserve the historic character while allowing for building modernization and rehabilitation.
- Provide more flexible zoning that allows for revitalization while recognizing Crockett's historic building patterns.
- Maintain the current density across the community.
- Maintain C&H at its current scale to preserve existing community character.
- Support local land ownership to increase accountability by absentee landlords.
- Celebrate Crockett's artist community with murals and artistic installations.
- Encourage community involvement and enhance the sense of community.

### ***Mobility***

- Consider establishing residential parking permit areas on certain residential streets.
- Improve and expand sidewalks to create a connected pedestrian network.
- Consider the feasibility of establishing electric vehicle infrastructure.
- Install protected bike lanes to connect Crockett to nearby Rodeo and Port Costa.
- Construct a separated bike and pedestrian route on Crockett Boulevard.
- Study the feasibility of locating a ferry terminal or train station in Crockett to increase regional accessibility.

### ***Housing***

- Incentivize rehabilitation of existing buildings to improve the quality of the housing stock.
- Preserve existing housing affordability relative to regional housing costs.
- Provide a diverse mix of single- and multi-family housing types in Crockett.

### ***Recreation and Access to Nature***

- Create a dog park and other recreational open spaces along the waterfront and in the nearby hills for outdoor activity.
- Designate a hiking trail from Duperu Drive to the Bull Valley Staging Area.
- Support private investment to clean up the waterfront area along the Crockett Strait Regional Shoreline.



# Safety + Resiliency

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- Address car break-ins, drug-us issues, home break-ins
- ★ Preserve level of service/response times from sherriff & law enforcement
- ★ Address dumping → install solar security cameras in common dumping areas (top of Cummings Skyway)
- Provide better services for homeless
- Broadcast AA + NA meetings more (Crockett signal)

## Community Character

- Choose between historic preservation & modernization
- ★ Create design guidelines for Crockett
- ★ enhance waterfront (restaurants, shops...)
- ★ encourage community involvement

## Mobility

- Create reserved parking for residents
- ★ consider permitting areas for residents
- Examine existing transit routes & update based on ridership needs and street network



- maintain roads for car + bike safety (monitor dirt & clean it up when in road)
- like the ferry terminal or train station (to bring people into town too.)

## Housing

- housing is relatively affordable which is good

## Pec + Nature

- Support for dog parks & parks along waterfront
- create hiking trail connection from Dupru to Bull Valley Staging Area  
→ bring businesses along the waterfront/  
at the marina back
- Encourage EBRPD to develop more trails and pedestrian grade-separated trail
- Add bike ~~lane~~ on Crockett Boulevard



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## ① What's Missing?

CC Consistent maintenance (garbage, streets, Sidewalks, bridges) ~~\*illegal dumping\*~~

- solutions = affordable dumping
- County had study session (6/2019) to consider recommendations (53) to remedy.

M Bike lanes blw Redwood, Port Costa

CC Downtown historical district; would facilitate "ease" in rehab of older buildings regulatory

S/R Discourage expansion of Phillips 66; as well as incremental "minor" expansion

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### Safety + Resiliency

- Use of emergency sirens/ emergency communication
- Improve cell signal service
- Health care access
- Don't expand refinery -

### ~~Community Character~~

- Maintain current density
- Preserve historic architecture/buildings

### ~~Community~~ Mobility

- EV infrastructure
- Access to hospitals
- ~~Improve access to~~ Crockett Shoreline (bike/ped)

### Housing

### Rec. + Access to Nature

- Pursue ways to clean up/improve Crockett Shoreline lands (owned by State Lands Commission)
- encourage private investment to revitalize Crockett Shoreline area.



## Implementation

- Flexible Zoning standards ~~and to ease~~
- Promote more local ownership; more accountability by "absentee landlords"



# Safety & Resiliency

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- Sea level rise
- Earthquake
- Warning systems
- Carquinez Strait bottleneck - amplification
- Slag(?) facility hazards
- Petty crime / drugs / crime in general w/  
easy freeway access & @ waterfront
- Wildfire hazard
- Residential / building fire hazard



## Recreation & Access to Nature

- Preserve access to waterfront & improve
- Improve park



## Community Character

- Refinery & industry part of community character (hazard)
- Preservation of buildings, i.e. historic designations
- Town has many artists, should have a way to showcase it (murals, etc.)
- Difficulty of ~~being~~ bringing historic/old buildings to code → improve preservation of the style & feel of the town
- Martinez downtown renovation of historic buildings? How can similar concepts be applied?
- Economic development can attract more cultural diversity
- Chicken walk preserve



# Mobility

- Parking standards should reflect the historic existing nature
- Sidewalk improvements, expansion, connection



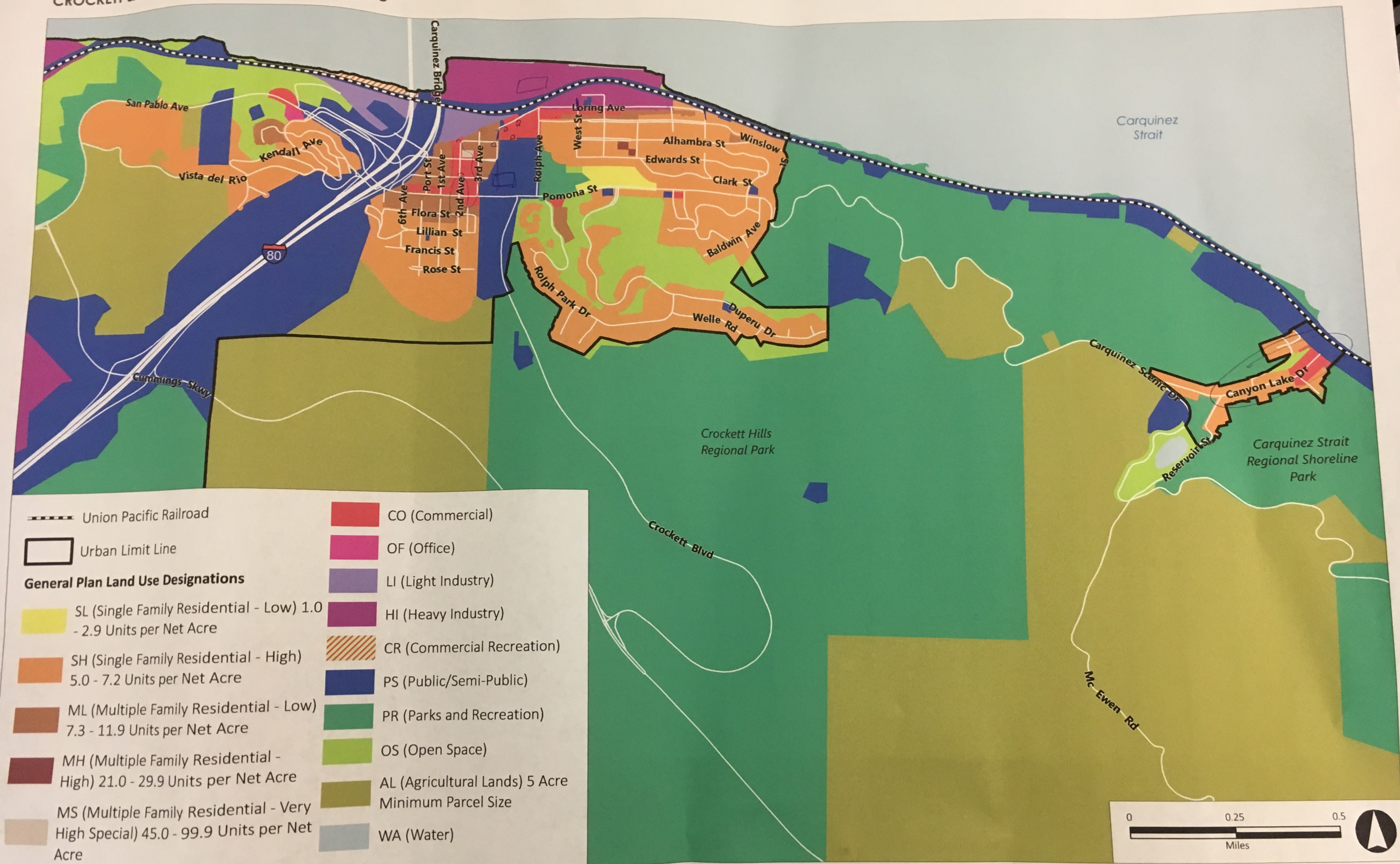
# Housing

- Difficult to bring existing buildings up to current codes

## Density and zoning standards specific to Crockett character

- Maintain quality of housing & yards (problematic landlords)
- Diverse mix of single- & multi-family housing
- Improve & expand multi-family





Source: Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2019.