



ENVISION **CONTRA COSTA 2040**

Committee for Industrial Safety

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**General
Plan**



**Zoning
Code**



**Climate
Action Plan**

Environmental Impact Report

What is the General Plan?

- » “Constitution” for land use
 - Local jurisdiction’s highest land use document
 - Establishes a vision and supporting goals, policies, and actions for the unincorporated areas
 - Provides consistent direction for future development
 - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life



Why is the General Plan Important?

The General Plan affects:

- » How property can be developed
- » The quantity and types of jobs available in the community
- » The appearance and feel of neighborhoods
- » How roadways are designed and improved
- » Risks to people and property from hazards
- » Resource conservation



Why Update the General Plan Now?

- » Existing General Plan is 30 years old and doesn't address many of the challenges communities currently face
- » AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions Act
- » SB 375 – Sustainable Communities Strategy/Plan Bay Area
- » SB 743 – Vehicle Miles Traveled
- » AB 379 – Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience
- » SB 1000 – Environmental Justice
- » New legislation related to housing
- » Consistency with other plans and initiatives (Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Adapting to Rising Tides, Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Delta)

Components of the General Plan

» Required Elements

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Safety
- Noise
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Housing

» Optional Elements in Current General Plan

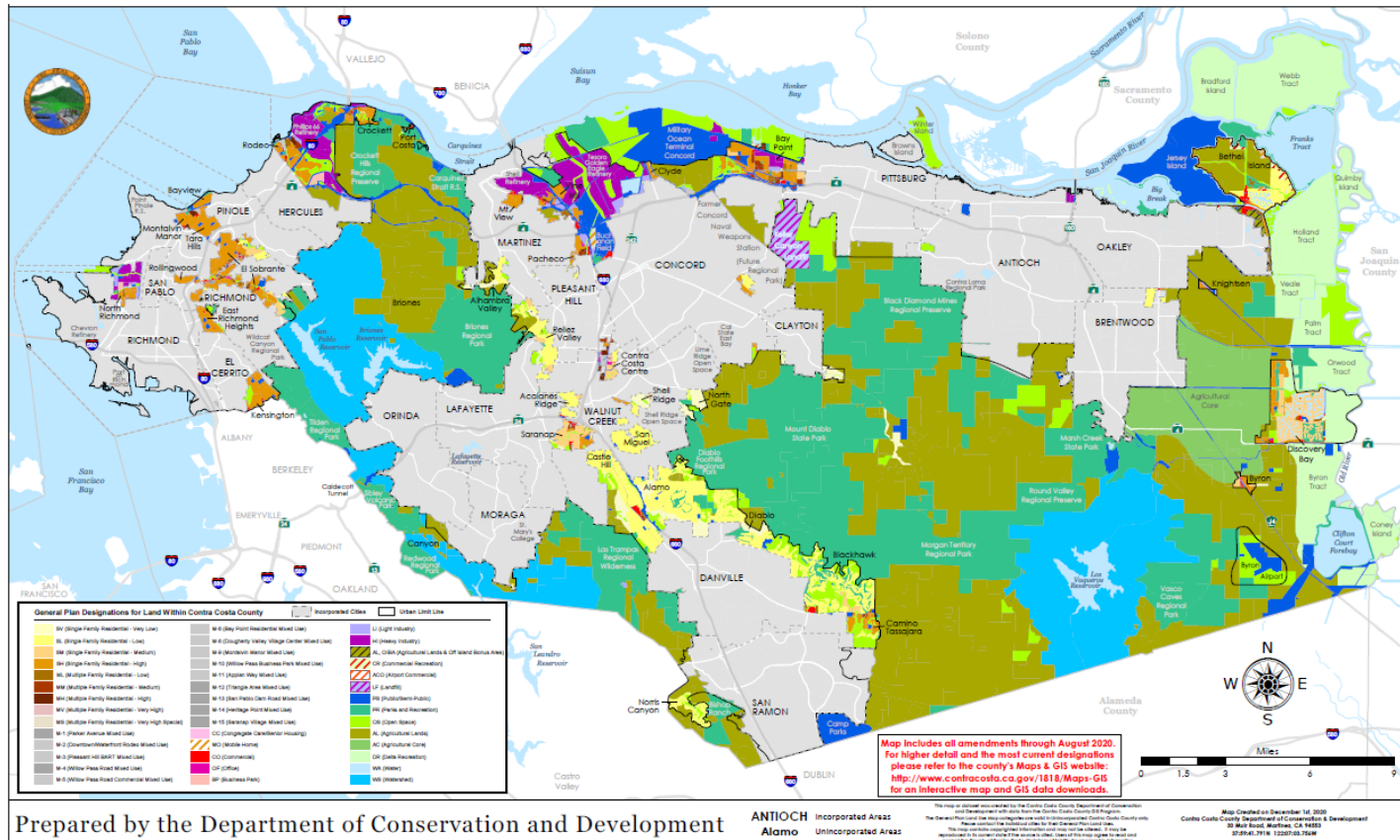
- Growth Management
- Public Facilities/Services



Land Use Map

» Land use designations specify development intensity

- Maximum residential density (housing units per acre)
- Maximum nonresidential floor area ratio (FAR)



Four Themes Throughout the New Plan

» Economic development



» Environmental justice



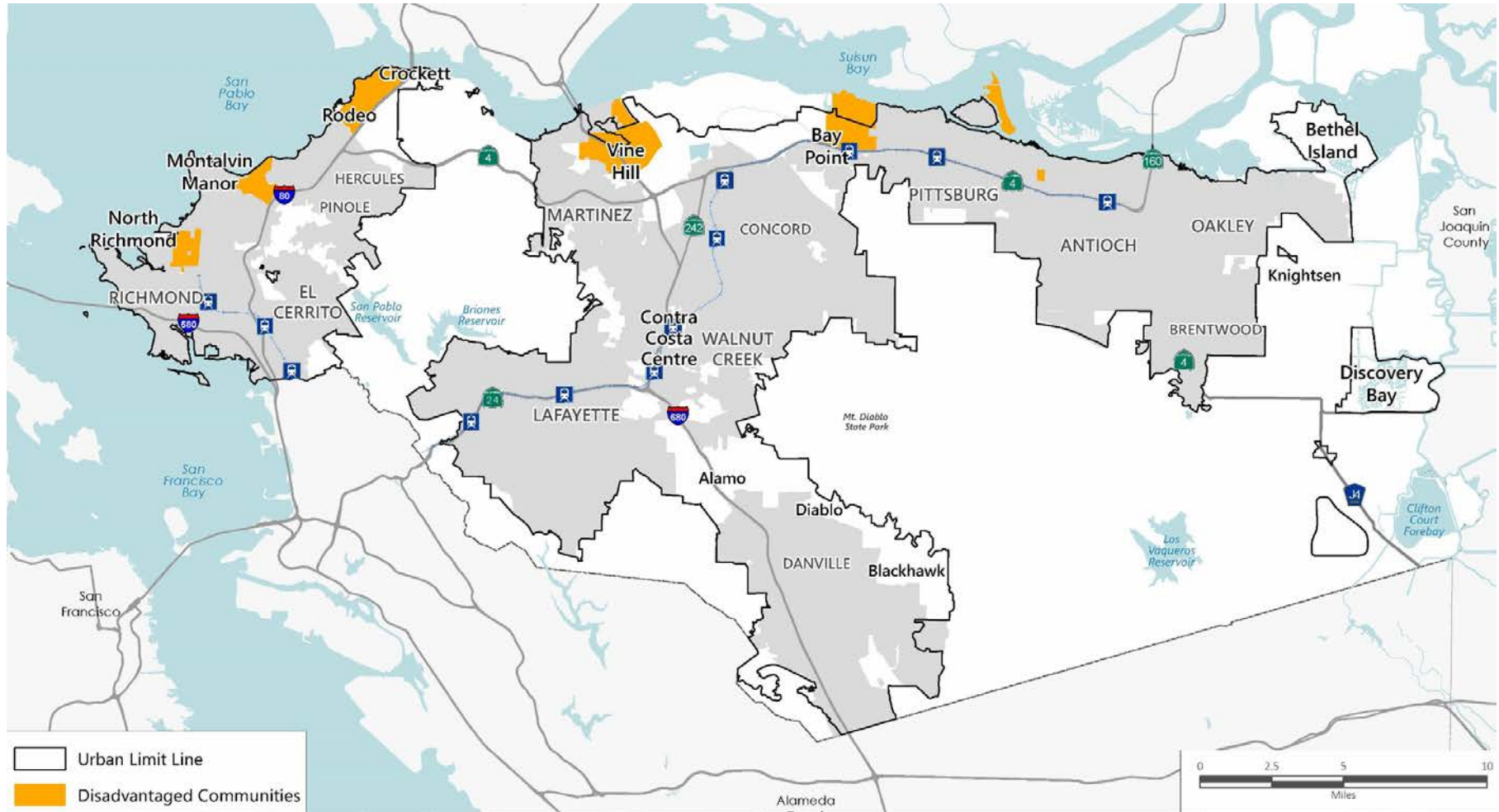
» Sustainability



» Community health



Disadvantaged Communities in Unincorporated Contra Costa County



What is the Zoning Code?

- » Zoning map and districts
- » Regulations that control physical development
 - Permitted uses
 - Permitting requirements
 - Specific site development standards – setbacks, parking, lighting, signage, fences, trash enclosures, etc.
- » **General Plan vs. Zoning Code**
 - Zoning Codes implement the General Plan with specific development regulations:
 - General Plan = “Residential”
 - Zoning Code = “Single-family; Multiple-family”

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

» What is the CAP?

- Sets greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets for the county
- Establishes a plan to reach those targets
- Implements the climate-related policy direction of the General Plan



» Why is the CAP being updated?

- State law has changed since the CAP was adopted (in 2015)
- New reduction strategies are available
- Evolving understanding of resilience and adaptation
- Opportunity to improve how the CAP is implemented
- More extensive support for greater equity
- CAP can better integrate with the new General Plan

CAP Update – Draft Goals

- » Clean and Efficient Built Environment - *Homes, workplaces, and businesses in Contra Costa County run on clean energy.*
- » Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure - *Contra Costa County will increase resilience to climate hazards and foster community health.*
- » No-Waste Contra Costa - *Contra Costa County generates no more solid waste than 2.25 pounds per person per day (PPD).*
- » Reduce Water Use and Increase Drought Resilience - *Contra Costa County uses less water and communities are prepared for drought.*
- » Clean Transportation Network - *Contra Costa County's transportation network provides safe and accessible options for walking, biking, and transit. If residents and workers are driving, they are in electric vehicles.*
- » Climate Equity - *The CAP will mitigate environmental factors leading to health disparities, promote safe and livable communities, and promote investments that improve neighborhood accessibility.*
- » Leadership - *Contra Costa County is a model for how local government can take action on climate issues.*

Climate Emergency Resolution

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors and the County Sustainability Commission seek input from the community (with a special focus on highly impacted Environmental Justice communities), workers (especially impacted workers), and business/industry to help the County anticipate and plan for an economy that is less dependent on fossil fuels, helps to plan for a “Just Transition” away from a fossil-fuel dependent economy, and consider how the County’s recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic can incorporate the County’s climate goals. As the State of California adopts policies and goals for reducing pollution and addressing climate change, the County will develop strategies to improve health, safety, infrastructure, job opportunities, and revenue opportunities during the shift to a zero-emission economy. The County will provide special attention to helping develop new opportunities for frontline and impacted communities that realize economic, health, and other benefits. The Commission will include this topic in its ongoing advice to the Board.

Adopted September 22, 2020

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- » **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires disclosure of a project's potential impacts on the physical environment**
- » **EIR must:**
 - Disclose information about the effects the project could have on the physical environment
 - Identify measures to mitigate environmental impacts
 - Describe feasible alternatives to the proposed project
- » **Public review**
 - Initial 30-day scoping period – tell us what to analyze
 - Minimum 45-day review of Draft EIR – comment on the analysis

Opportunities for Public Involvement

- » Envisioncontracosta2040.org
- » Community Meetings
- » Focused Meetings
- » Sustainability Commission
- » County Planning Commission
- » Board of Supervisors



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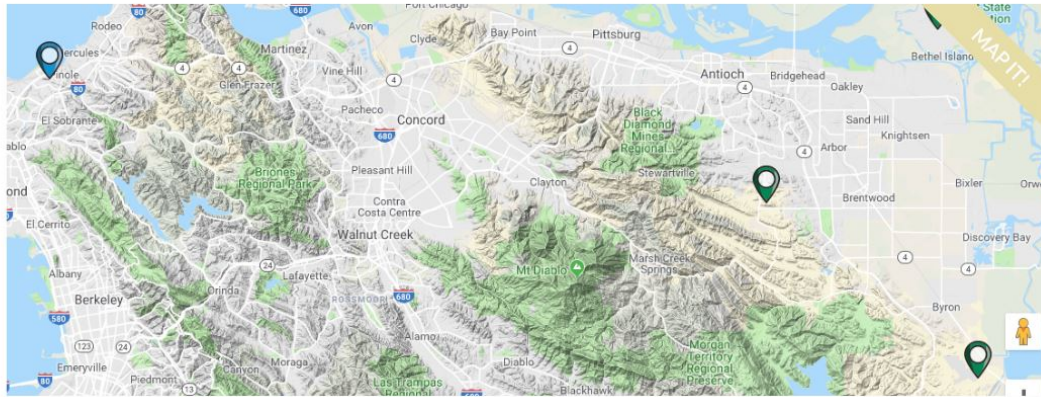


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