



## ENVISION CONTRA COSTA 2040

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### **Canyon Community Meeting: Issues, Vision, and Draft Community Profile**

Online  
Thursday, August 6, 2020

The virtual community meeting for Canyon residents as part of Envision Contra Costa 2040 took place on Thursday, August 6, 2020, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us). The purpose of this workshop was to establish a vision for the future of this community, identify issues the General Plan should address to achieve that vision, and collect feedback on the draft community profile for Canyon, as well as potential changes to the General Plan land use map. The first part of the draft profile provides context about the community, including its character, demographic information, and exposure to hazards that may impact the community. The second section includes an overview of planned land uses, guiding principles, policies, and actions that will provide guidance to the County when making decisions affecting the community related to growth and development over the next 20 years.

After a presentation about the Envision Contra Costa 2040 process, community members worked in four small groups discussing questions regarding the future of Canyon. The community members also reviewed the draft community profile with County staff and consultants. Responses to each question are summarized below. Detailed notes from the small group discussions are attached to this summary.

Following the virtual meeting, some Canyon residents submitted additional comments via the Envision Contra Costa 2040 website. Those comments have been integrated in this summary as well.

***Question 1: What do you like most about Canyon? What would you like to see supported, preserved, or enhanced as part of this planning effort?***

- Preserve open spaces and wildlife areas, including Indian Valley and San Leandro Creek.
- Focus on community health by preserving access to fresh food while enhancing existing access to health facilities.
- Protect water resources, including creeks and groundwater resources.
- Preserve trees in development or community improvement efforts.
- Maintain the close knit, self-reliant community feel and safe environment for children to explore and play.
- Celebrate Canyon's funky, eclectic building character.
- Preserve the existing community garden in Canyon.
- Maintain the community's empowerment to steward land and water in Canyon and strong relationship with the Board of Supervisor's office.
- Maintain important community spaces such as Canyon School and the post office.

***Question 2: What are the challenges facing Canyon? What would you like to see changed in Bethel Island in order to make it a better place to live and work?***

- Address increasing incidents of illegal dumping.
- Expand resources for local news to keep residents informed about issues and events.
- Improve internet connectivity and cell phone coverage.

- Improve septic systems while avoiding integration with urban sewage treatment.
- Develop bathrooms, bike traffic calming measures, and other infrastructure to mitigate impacts of heavy bicycle traffic through the community.
- Increase road maintenance, signage, and visibility on Pinehurst Road and Canyon Road.
- Address speeding issues and discourage cut-through traffic, especially large trucks, on Pinehurst Road.
- Analyze whether campground development near Canyon is appropriate given high fire risk and community dissent.
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- Establish evacuation routes and increase local resources as part of an emergency response plan to protect residents from flooding, wildfires, and other natural disasters.
- Increase public transportation. Prohibit development projects that encroach upon undeveloped land and open spaces.
- Support strengthened communication with the Sheriff's Office and other County departments.
- Install a stop light at Canyon School.

*Question 3: Do you think changes are needed to the planned land uses shown in the General Plan land use and zoning maps? If so, what changes are needed?*

- Expand scope of profile maps to include San Leandro Creek and Indian Valley.
- Ensure necessary zoning changes do not impose an unreasonable burden on community members.
- Correct location of Canyon School on the maps.
- Do not change land use designations to facilitate land acquisition by East Bay Regional Park District or East Bay Municipal Utility District.