



# ENVISION **CONTRA COSTA 2040**

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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 planning document
  - The basis for a jurisdiction’s land use decisions
  - Establishes a vision and supporting goals, policies, and actions
  - Provides consistent direction for future development
  - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life



# Why is the General Plan Important?

The General Plan affects many aspects of our lives, including:

- » Housing and job opportunities available in our communities
- » Community services (police, fire, parks, etc.)
- » Roadway design and construction
- » Risks to people and property from natural and human-caused 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

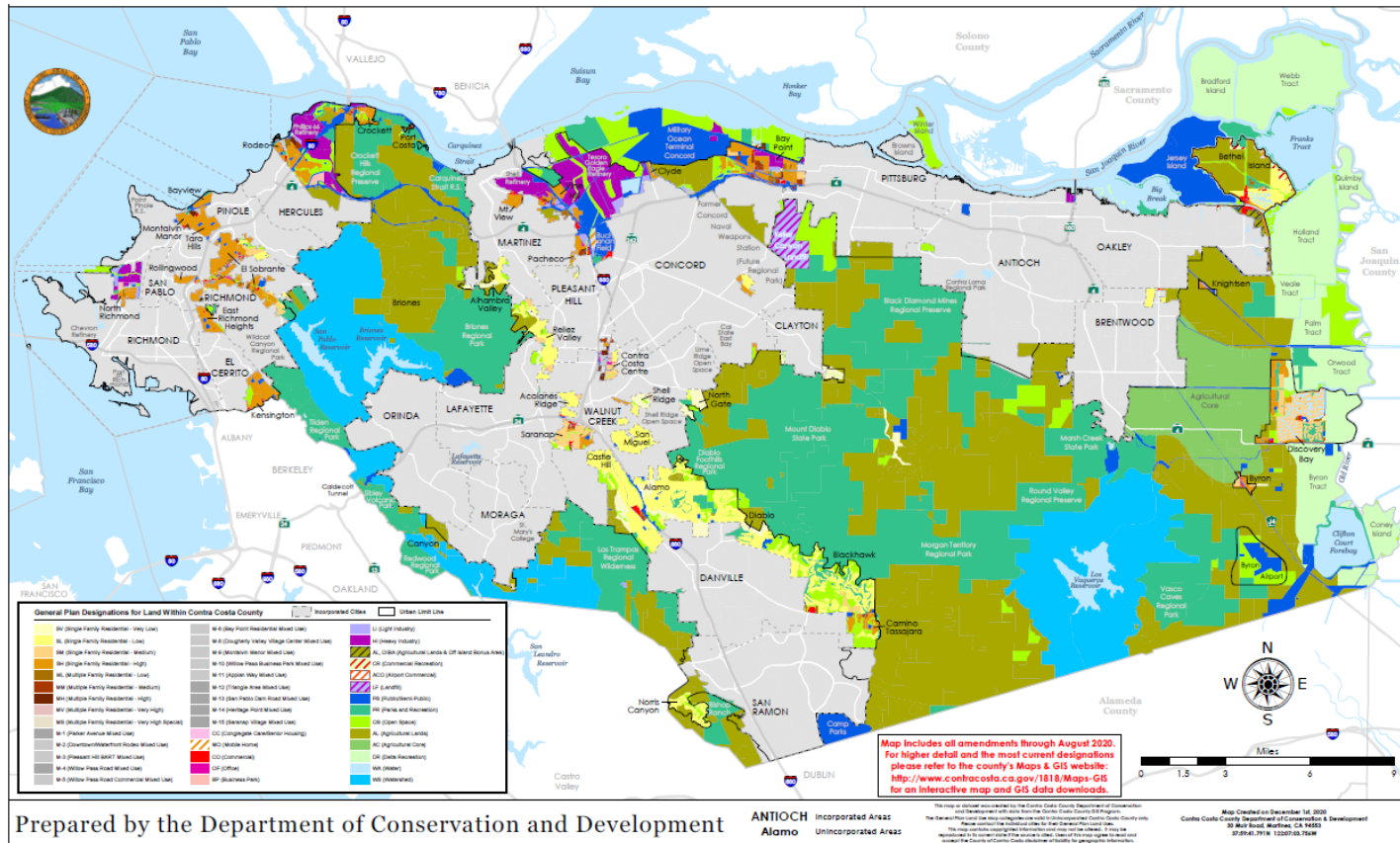
## » New Element

- Stronger Communities

# 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





# 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

# 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](https://Envisioncontracosta2040.org)
- » Community Meetings
- » Focused Meetings
- » Sustainability Commission
- » County Planning Commission
- » Board of Supervisors





# Online Participation

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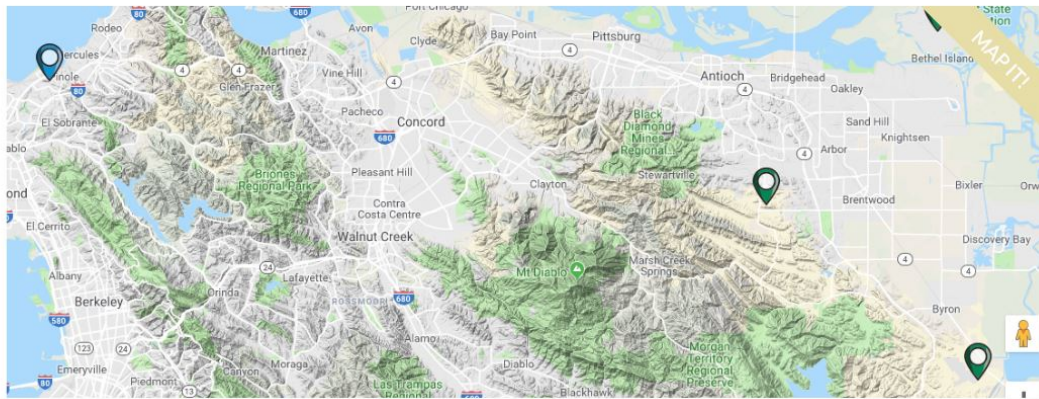
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# What's Next?

## » **Summer 2021**

- County Planning Commission review of Draft General Plan goals, policies, and actions

## » **Fall/Winter 2021/2022**

- Prepare full drafts of General Plan, CAP, and EIR

## » **Spring/Summer 2022**

- Public review of draft documents

## » **Fall/Winter 2022/2023**

- Prepare and adopt final documents



# Questions?

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