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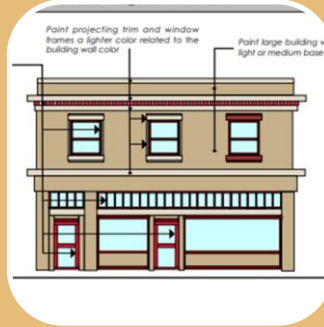
Walnut Creek Watershed Council

June 3, 2021

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**General
Plan**



**Zoning
Code**



**Climate
Action Plan**

Environmental Impact Report

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



Four Themes Throughout the New Plan

» Economic development



» Environmental justice



» Sustainability



» Community health



***Draft* Goal, Policy, and Action**

» **Conservation Element - Creeks, Wetlands, and Riparian Areas**

- *Draft Goal: Protected and restored natural watercourses, riparian corridors, and wetland areas that improve habitat, water quality, wildlife diversity, stormwater flows, and scenic values. (7-P, 8-D, 8-E, 8-V, 8-W, 8-3, 8-6, 8-17, 8-82, 8-83, 8-90, 8-98)
- *Draft Policy: Require that new development preserve natural watercourses and riparian habitat where they occur, either by avoidance or through ecologically-sensitive design, like clustering buildings, restoring riparian habitat, and purchasing development rights or easements within required setback areas. (8-91, 8-92, 8-cy)
- *Draft Action: Acquire deeded development rights to setback areas surrounding wetlands and natural watercourses to ensure preservation of the resource and protect adjacent improvements. (8-V, 8-96)

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 mitigation measures, if necessary
 - 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



Online Participation

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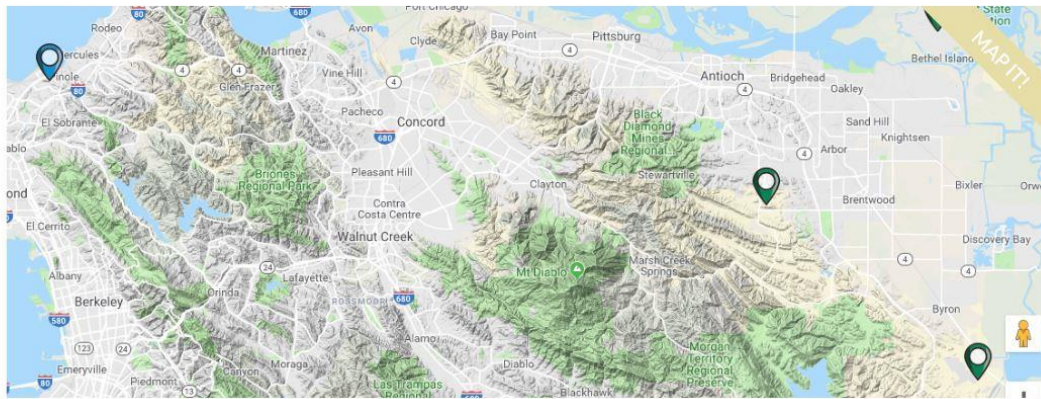


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What's Next?

» **Summer 2021**

- County Planning Commission review of General Plan policy guidance

» **Fall/Winter 2021/2022**

- Draft General Plan

» **Spring 2022**

- Public review

» **Summer/Fall 2022**

- Review and adoption



Questions?

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