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**General
Plan**



**Climate
Action
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What is the General Plan?

- » **“Constitution” for local planning**
 - Every city and county must adopt a General Plan
 - The General Plan is a jurisdiction’s highest land use planning document and the basis for its land use decisions
 - Establishes a vision and provides direction for future development
 - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
 - Contains context, maps/diagrams, goals, policies, and actions to guide land use



General Plan Themes



Environmental Justice



Community Health



Economic Development



Sustainability

General Plan Elements

Stronger Communities

Land Use

Transportation

Housing

Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands

Public Facilities and Services

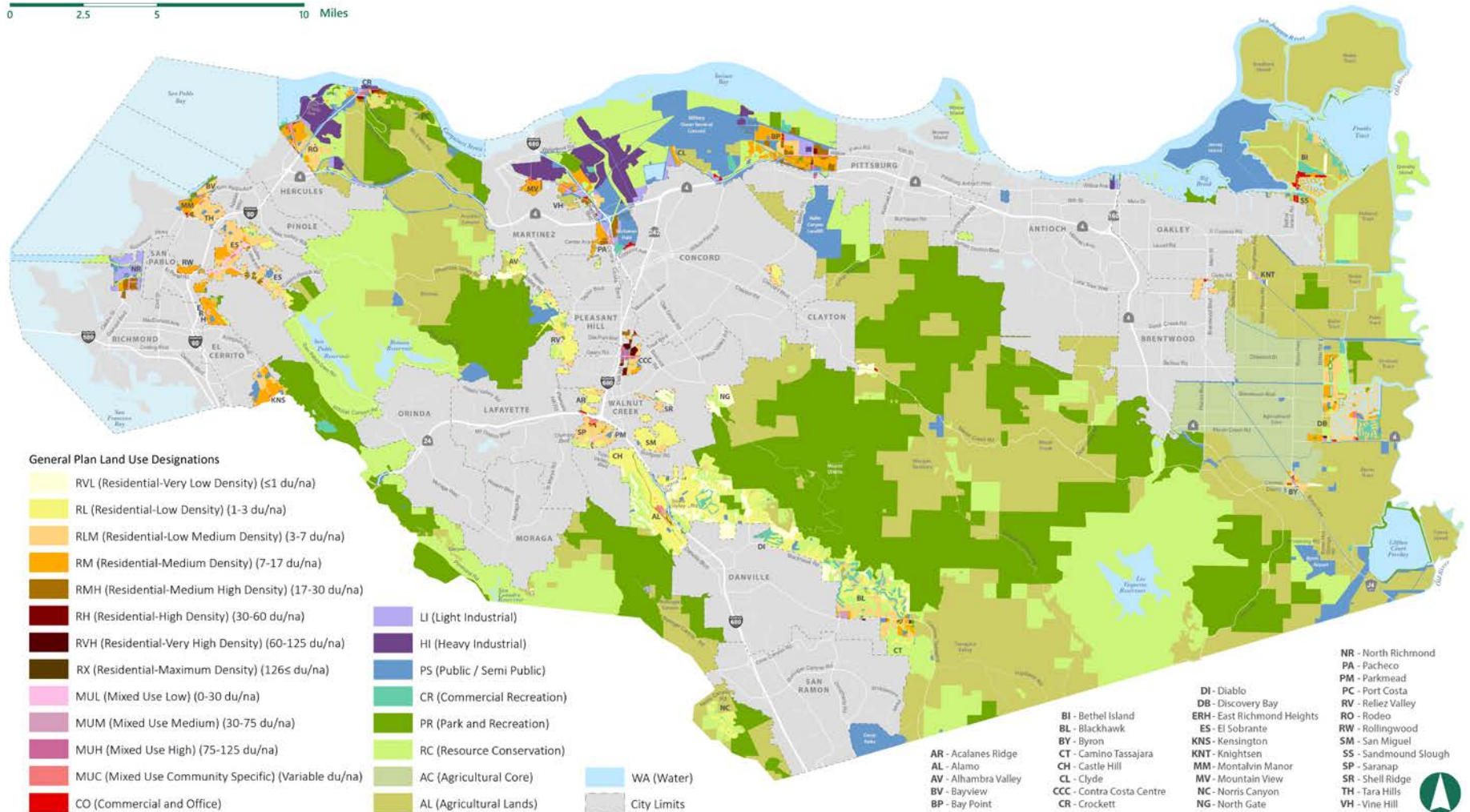
Health and Safety

Growth Management



General Plan Land Use Map

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Policy Guidance Example

Colleges and universities also play an important role in community life. Aside from the direct contributions they make to the local economy as large employers, post-secondary educational institutions provide critical workforce development and training through partnerships with local businesses and community groups. Post-secondary public education in Contra Costa County is offered at California State University, East Bay – Concord Campus and three community colleges: Contra Costa College in San Pablo; Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, with a satellite campus in San Ramon; and Los Medanos College in Pittsburg. Numerous public and private colleges and universities, including prestigious institutions like the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, are also within 50 miles of Contra Costa County, providing county residents with extraordinary opportunities to pursue higher education.

Goal PFS-9

Primary, secondary, and higher education facilities that serve the varied educational needs of all county residents.

Policies

PFS-P9.1

When reviewing new development proposals, coordinate with affected school districts to ensure adequate school capacity is or will be available, school sites are designated or dedicated if necessary, and adequate access is provided.*

PFS-P9.2

Encourage dedication of school sites through density transfer of the dedicated acreage or other incentives.

PFS-P9.3



Encourage school districts to use school sites for multiple community purposes, such as recreation, and to locate new schools in conjunction with and/or adjacent to parks and trails.

PFS-P9.4

Oppose efforts by school districts to locate new schools outside the Urban Limit Line.

PFS-P9.5

Support efforts to enhance and expand access to higher education.

Actions

PFS-A9.1

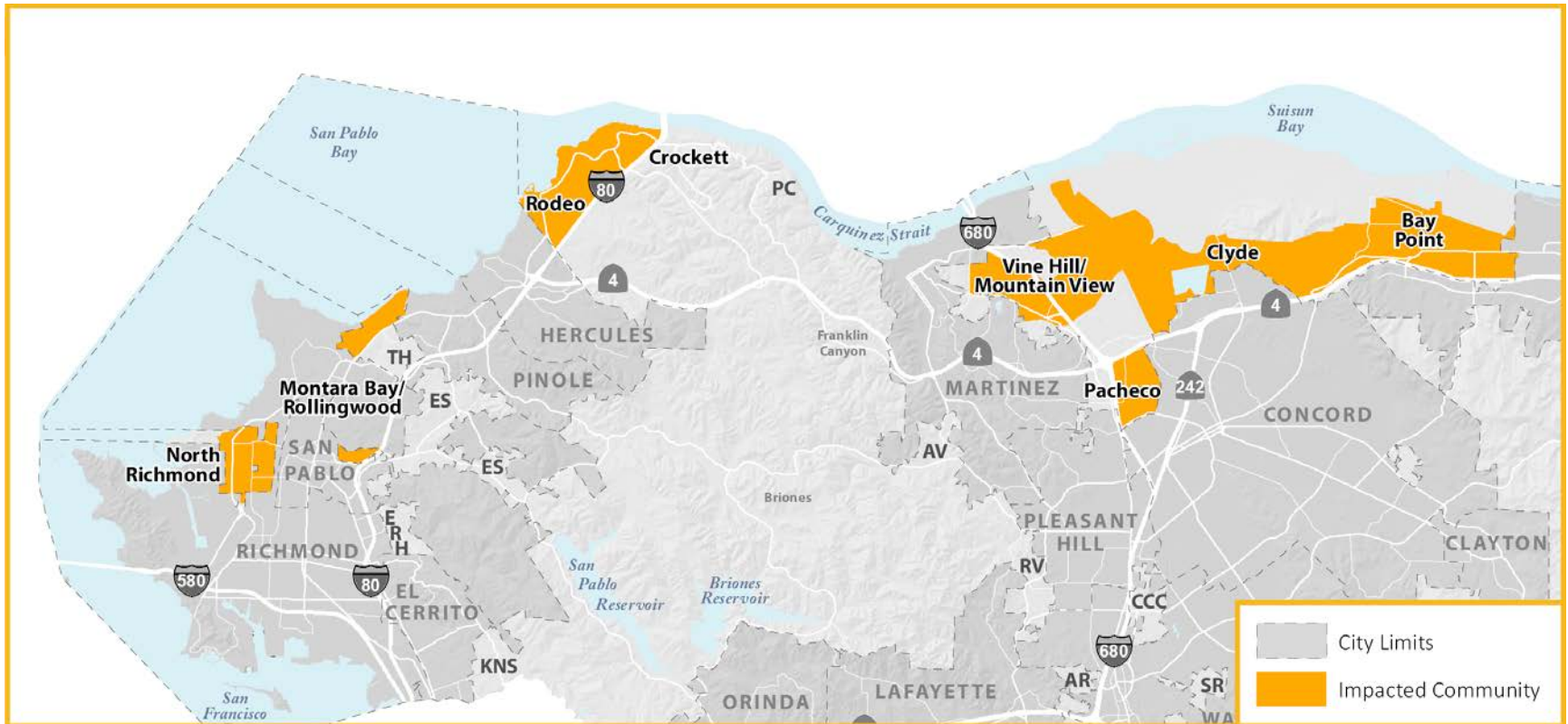
Amend County Ordinance Code Title 8 – Zoning and Title 10 – Public Works and Flood Control to regulate public school siting and construction of off-site improvements related to public schools, to the extent allowable under Government Code Sections 53094 and 53097. Ensure these amendments include requirements for roadway improvements, including complete streets and multimodal roadway conditions.

See the Stronger Communities Element for policies and actions related to workforce development.

Environmental Justice



» Impacted (aka “disadvantaged”) Communities identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0



Environmental Justice



» Clean Industry & Jobs Policy Highlights

- Plan for a transition from highly polluting industries to a net-zero emission economy that provides living-wage jobs
- Require new or expanded industry to mitigate pollutants at the source and separate sources of pollution from sensitive receptors (e.g., homes, schools)

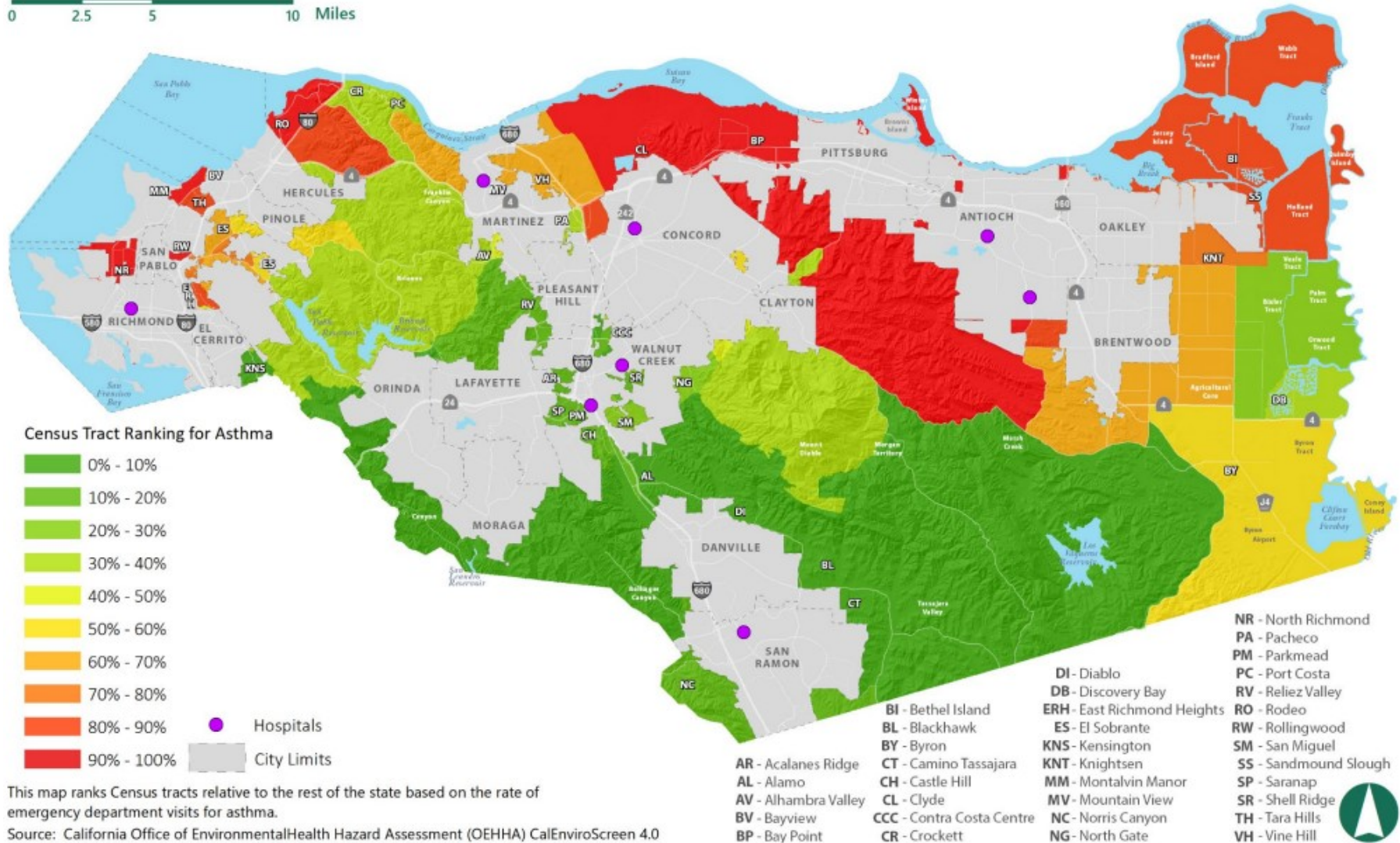
» Public Engagement Policy Highlights

- Strengthen public trust in planning processes through transparency, accessibility, and accountability
- Strive for more diverse representation on County boards, commissions, and committees
- Conduct meaningful public outreach, especially relayed to major projects



Asthma Rankings

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Economic Development



» Northern Waterfront Policy Highlights

- Strengthen the economic viability of the Northern Waterfront
- Promote expansion of clean manufacturing and technology
- Support development of Priority Production Areas in Bay Point and North Concord/Pacheco/Vine Hill area

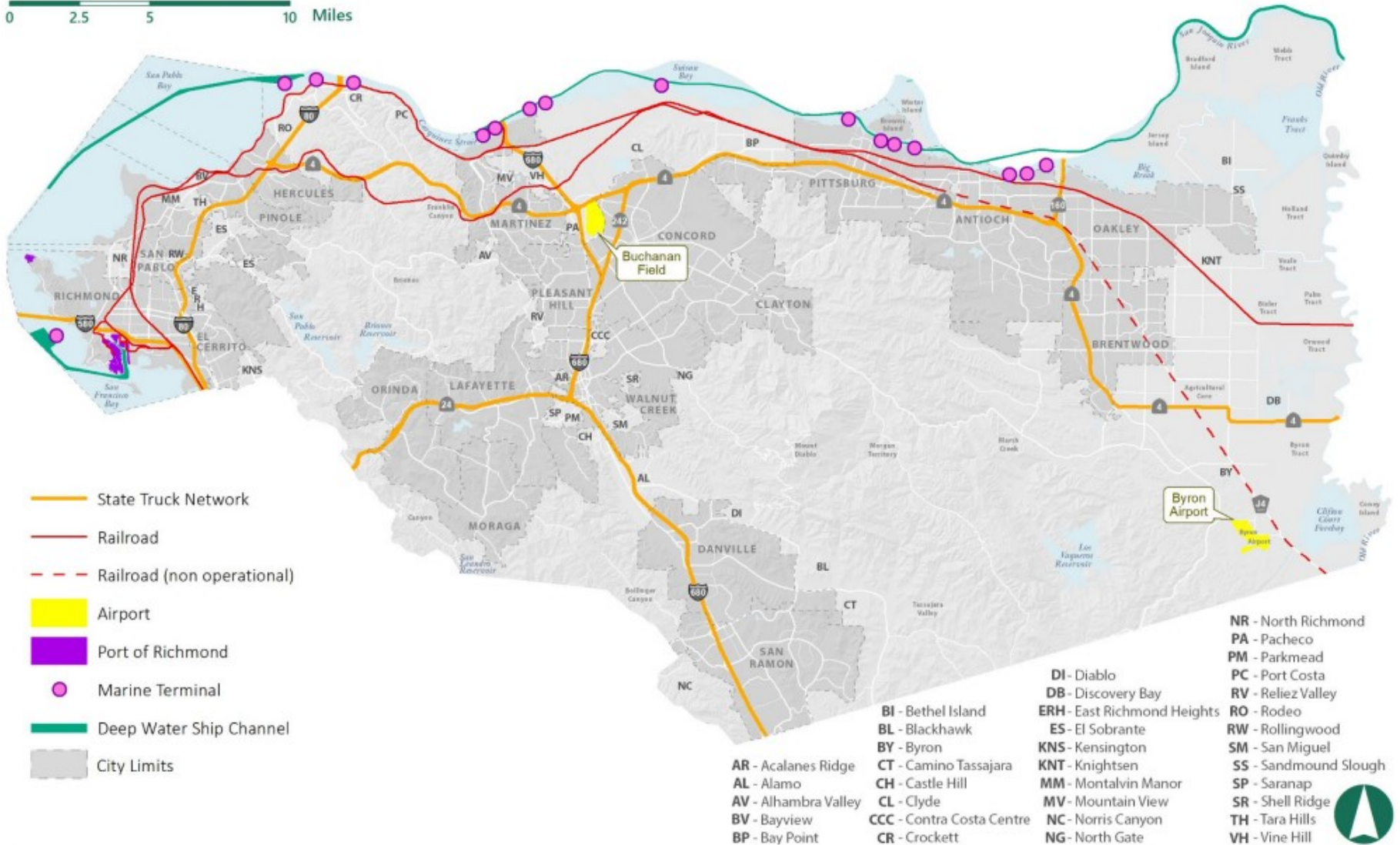
» Local Workers and Businesses Policy Highlights

- Support training programs and institutions that develop and enhance local workforce skills
- Adopt an Economic Development Strategy
- Address the jobs/housing imbalance
- Streamline permitting for businesses that benefit communities



Goods Movement Facilities

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Community Health



» Healthy Lifestyles Policy Highlights

- Increase access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food
- Partner with other agencies to fund, design, and maintain high-quality parks, trails, and open spaces
- Provide opportunities for walking, biking, and other physical activity

» Vibrant Neighborhoods Policy Highlights

- Promote cultural, community-driven, and beautification events
- Incorporate public art and beautification into new development
- Promote housing and infill development to revitalize existing urban areas





Sustainability



» Sustainable Land Use and Transportation Policy Highlights

- Focus on infill development, locate housing and jobs in proximity, and encourage high-density, mixed-use development near transit with opportunities to walk and bike
- Increase access to zero-emission vehicles and reduce dependence on personal vehicles

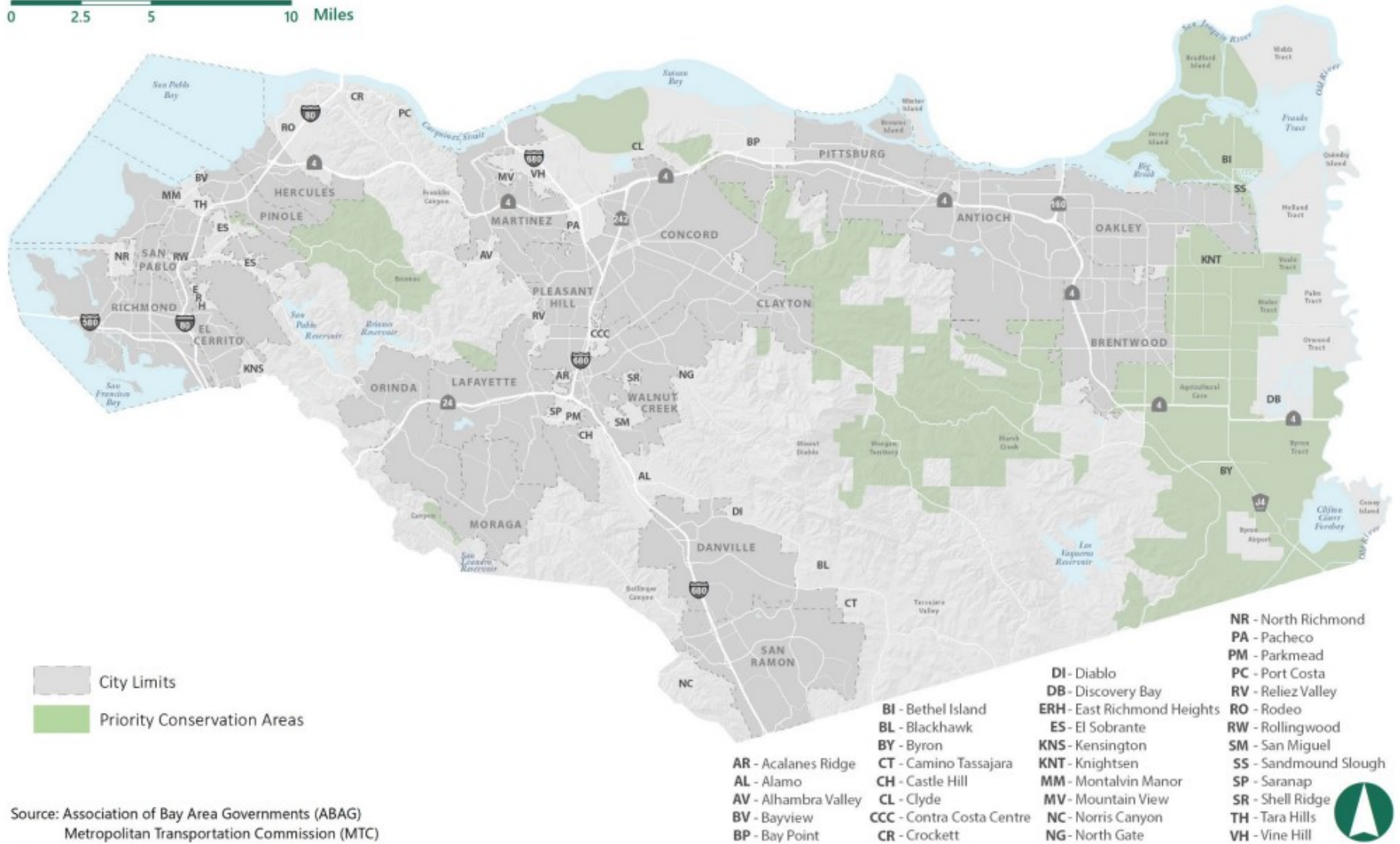
» Natural and Working Lands Policy Highlights

- Preserve open space and agriculture
- Prioritize the health and viability of natural and working lands
- Maintain the 65/35 Land Preservation Standard and Urban Limit Line



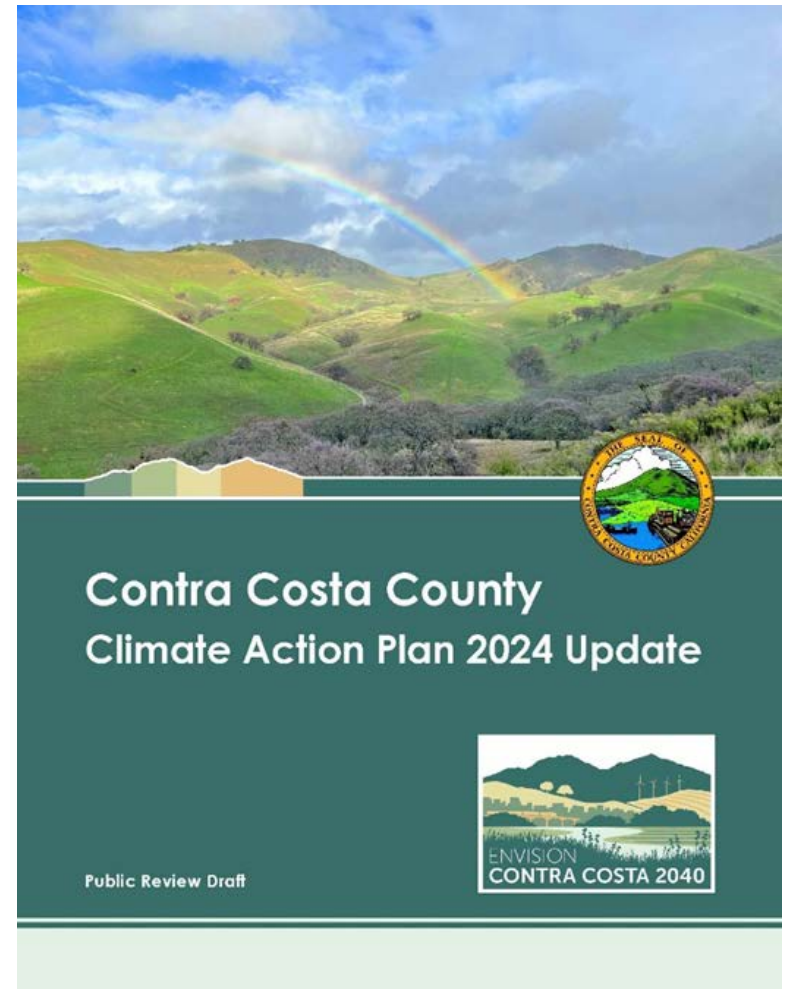
Priority Conservation Areas

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What is the CAP?

- » **The County's strategic plan to address climate change**
 - Reduce GHG emissions through 2045 and beyond
 - Improve climate resilience and adaptation
 - Promote equity on climate issues
 - Demonstrate County leadership
- » **Implements the climate-related policy direction of the General Plan**
- » **Streamlines environmental review for qualifying projects**



Climate Action Plan (CAP) Goals

Clean and Efficient
Built Environment

No Waste Contra
Costa

Reduce Water Use
and Increase
Drought Resilience

Clean
Transportation
Network

Resilient
Communities and
Natural
Infrastructure

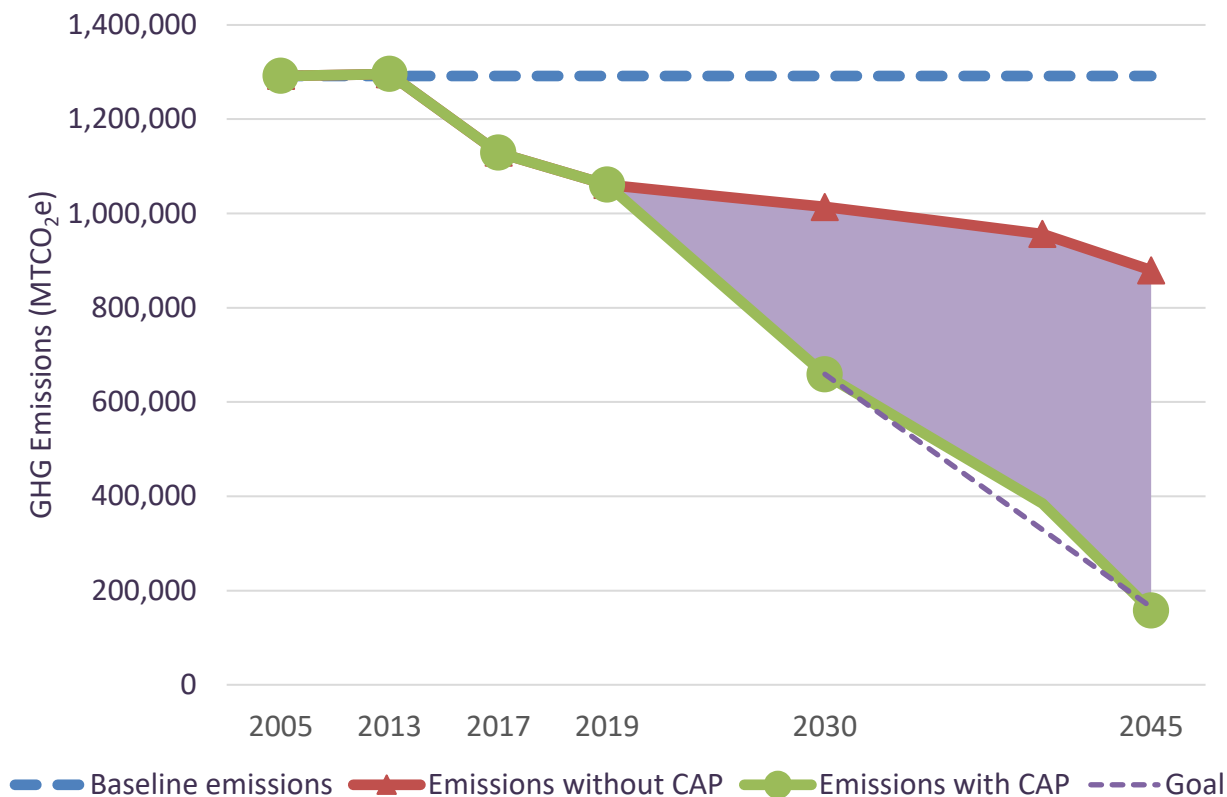
Climate Equity

Leadership

Implementation

Achieving Our Goals

- » CAP strategies provide a path to achieve the State's 2030 and 2045 GHG emission reduction goals and support the State's goal of net carbon neutrality by 2045



Schedule

- » February 9: Publish Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); 60-day public comment period ending April 8
- » April-May: Study sessions with Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to review Public Comments on Draft General Plan and CAP
- » June: Publish Revised Draft General Plan and CAP, and Final EIR
- » June-July: Planning Commission hearings
- » July-August: Board of Supervisors hearings – adoption

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▶ **Public Review Draft Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan**

▶ **Public Review Draft Contra Costa County Climate Action Plan 2024 Update**

▶ **Environmental Analysis Documents**

▶ **Housing Element Documents**

▶ **Background Documents**

▶ **Existing Conditions Documents**

▶ **Archive of Previous General Plan and Climate Action Plan Draft Documents**

 **Past Meeting Materials**

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The Draft Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and Climate Action Plan 2024 Update are available for public review. Tell us how we did!

Learn more and comment on the [Draft General Plan and Climate Action Plan 2024 Update](#).

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