



ENVISION
CONTRA COSTA 2040

Board of Supervisors

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Components of Envision Contra Costa 2040



**General
Plan**



**Zoning
Code**



**Climate
Action Plan**

Environmental Impact Report

Components of the General Plan

» Required Elements

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Safety
- Noise
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Housing (*adopted 2015*)

» Optional Elements in the Current General Plan

- Growth Management
- Public Facilities/Services

» Four Themes Throughout the New General Plan

- Economic development
- Sustainability
- Community health
- Environmental justice



Envision Contra Costa 2040 Schedule

Phase	Schedule
Existing Conditions	Winter 2018 – Spring 2019
Countywide Updates & Community Profiles	Spring – Fall 2019
Draft General Plan and Zoning Code	Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020
Climate Action Plan	Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020
Environmental Impact Report and Fiscal Analysis	Fall 2019 – Summer 2020
Public Review and Adoption	Summer – Winter 2020

Public Outreach Tools

- » EnvisionContraCosta2040.org website
- » Newsletters and eblasts
- » Billboard on Interstate 680
- » Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) homepage
- » DCD Facebook page
- » County NextDoor account
- » Video screens in Application and Permit Center
- » Flyers in public buildings (libraries, community centers. etc.)
- » DCD email signature blocks

Online Briefing Book

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Contra Costa County Briefing Book

Envision Contra Costa 2040

Introduction & Context | Land Use | Mobility | Sustainability & Resiliency | Economy | Housing | Environmental Justice | **Community Health & Well-Being** | Hazards & Safety | Natural & Cultural Resources | Infrastructure & Services

Chapter 8:

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Community Health Overview

Community members, planners, and public health experts increasingly understand that policies regarding where and how communities develop have a direct effect on physical and mental health. Planning and development decisions affecting proximity of different land uses, how roadway networks connect (or don't), and access to parks, trails, and grocery stores, affect residents' day to day opportunities to eat healthy food, walk, bike, play outside, breathe clean air, and enjoy social interaction. See the [Environmental Justice](#) and [Hazards & Safety](#) sections of this Briefing Book for discussions of air quality and other risks to health. Over the long term, these factors influence a person's overall health and likelihood of developing certain diseases.

For many common health factors, residents in Contra Costa County fare better than others in California and the nation, including diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure. However, for asthma, obesity, and breast, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancers, rates are higher in Contra Costa than in the rest of California, and in some cases, the nation. The map to the right highlights the locations in the county where asthma rates are highest - mainly, west of Interstate 80 and throughout the northern portion of the county along the Highway 4 corridor and shoreline.

In 2018, Contra Costa County ranked #13 out of the 58 counties in California for what's called the "crude death rate," which accounts for the number of deaths from all causes per 1,000 people in the

Asthma Rates

Map showing Asthma Rates across Contra Costa County. The map is color-coded by asthma prevalence, with red indicating the highest rates and blue indicating the lowest. Key geographic areas labeled include El Sobrante, Richmond, Alameda, and San Ramon. Major highways like I-80 and I-580 are also visible.

HERE, Garmin, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NP...

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Public Meetings

- » Community Meetings: focus on issues affecting the individual communities across the county
- » Open Houses: focus on topics affecting the whole county such as housing, safety, and mobility
- » Focused Meetings: will address the new themes in the General Plan (economic development, community health, environmental justice, and sustainability)
- » Sustainability Commission: focusing on environmental justice and the CAP
- » Planning Commission: will review and provide input on the General Plan, Zoning Code, and CAP
- » Board of Supervisors: will ultimately adopt the new plans

Public Meetings So Far This Year

- » 15 Community Meetings covering 25 unincorporated communities, attended by 324 people
- » 3 Open Houses (West, Central, and East County) attended by 50 people
- » 1 Board of Supervisors meeting
- » 1 County Planning Commission meeting
- » 2 Sustainability Commission meetings

22 meetings since February 12

What We've Heard (Positives)

- » People love their individual communities and cherish the “small town” feel many places still retain
- » Contra Costa’s shorelines, open spaces, parks, and agricultural areas are valued resources
- » The county’s central location allows easy access to many destinations (San Francisco, Napa Valley, the Sierras, the ocean, etc.)
- » Living “in the county” provides a certain feeling of independence not found in cities

What We've Heard (Challenges)

- » Many communities feel “forgotten” and need reinvigoration
- » Outdated County regulations hinder economic development
- » There aren't enough high-quality jobs, particularly in East County
- » Housing issues (lack of affordability, accessibility, diversity of options, etc.) must be addressed
- » Commutes are horrendous and getting worse
- » Natural and human-caused hazards (e.g., wildfire and industrial accidents, respectively) are a major concern

What We've Heard (Challenges)

- » County services such as law enforcement, fire protection, and health care need improvement
- » Public transit is largely ineffective (too expensive, takes too long, and isn't comprehensive)
- » There's a general lack of connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists (incomplete sidewalks, too few trail connections, inadequate bike lanes, etc.)
- » Infrastructure is aging and in need of repair

Questions