

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

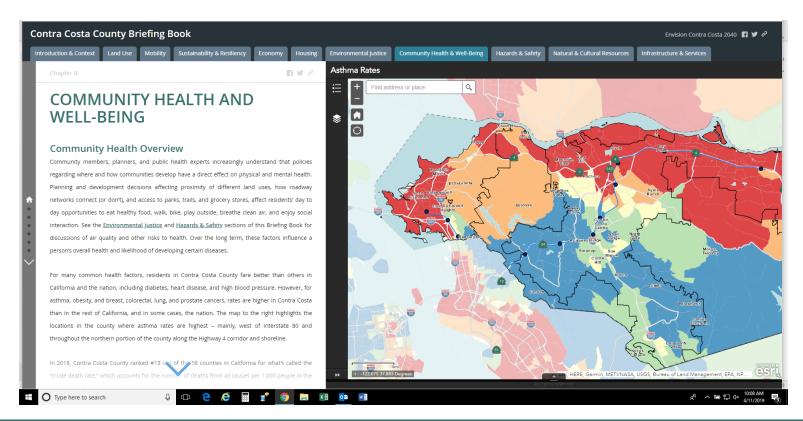
Phase	Schedule
Existing Conditions	Winter 2018 – Spring 2019
Countywide Updates & Community Profiles	Spring – Fall 2019
Draft General Plan and Zoning Code	Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020
Climate Action Plan	Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020
Environmental Impact Report and Fiscal Analysis	Fall 2019 – Summer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

Envisioncontracosta2040.org > Documents



Public Meetings

- » <u>Community Meetings</u>: 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
- » <u>Focused Meetings</u>: 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
- » <u>Planning Commission</u>: 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