



MILPITAS

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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The City of Milpitas has embarked on an exciting and challenging process, an update to the General Plan. State law requires the City to adopt a General Plan and to periodically review and revise it. The General Plan is the City's guiding policy document for future development decisions related to land use, community design, transportation, public services, and resource conservation.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN MILPITAS IN THE NEXT 10 TO 20 YEARS?

- A thriving, active community?
- New places to shop and dine?
- New community focal areas?
- Different housing opportunities?
- Increased business opportunities?
- Strong protection for environmentally sensitive areas?

TELL US YOUR VISION

The City wants to hear from its residents, businesses, and employees to make sure that the General Plan addresses current issues of local concern and provides a vision for the future that is consistent with the desires of the community. There are many ways for you to participate:

- Attend a Visioning Workshop
- Visit the website and fill out a survey
- Contact the City of Milpitas Planning Division

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GET INVOLVED!

WEBSITE: milpitas.generalplan.org

Visit the General Plan website to take community surveys and find out more about future meetings, available background data, and the status of the project.

VISIONING WORKSHOPS

Attend Visioning Workshops and share your ideas. Three Visioning Workshops will be held at the beginning stage of the process. These workshops will identify the overall vision and core values that will guide the General Plan Update.

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPAC) MEETINGS

Meetings will be held with the General Plan Advisory Committee to develop goals and policies. The GPAC will serve as the advisory board to create the new General Plan. All GPAC meetings are open to the public, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

NEWSLETTERS

During the General Plan update, a series of newsletters will be prepared to provide an overview of the progress being made and the direction being pursued.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be added to the General Plan Update mailing list, please contact Sarah Fleming at the City of Milpitas Department of Planning & Neighborhood Services.



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WHAT IS COVERED IN A GENERAL PLAN?

The General Plan will focus on choices the City can make that result in Milpitas being a vibrant, healthy community. General Plan elements will address:



CIRCULATION Guides transportation decisions for autos, bikes, pedestrians, and transit.



PARKS AND RECREATION Ensures adequate planning for park and recreation services and facilities.



COMMUNITY DESIGN Defines urban form and community character, and ensures that future development and revitalization projects contribute to the City's urban form and provide a distinct sense of place.



CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE Provides measures to protect and improve natural and cultural resources, waterways, and open space lands.



ECONOMIC AND FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY Provides tools and strategies to strengthen and diversify the local economy and ensures the City maintains adequate revenues to provide quality public services.



HOUSING Plans for housing to meet the needs of all segments of the community and addresses state requirements.



LAND USE Establishes land use designations and patterns and community design concepts to support a sense of place and sustainable growth.



SAFETY Addresses hazards such as fires, geologic hazards, and hazardous materials.



NOISE Addresses noise-generating and noise-sensitive uses such as residences and schools.



AIR QUALITY AND ENERGY Provides measures that reduce energy use and improve local and regional air quality.



FLOOD MANAGEMENT Provides an integrated approach for an effective and efficient flood mitigation and management strategy.



WATER RESOURCES ensure that Milpitas's water resources are sustained and protected.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

GPAC meetings and visioning workshops to develop a long-term sustainable vision for the city.

1

EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Information on current conditions and trends.

2

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES REPORT

Describe core values and identify community issues and opportunities based on GPAC input, stakeholder outreach, and visioning workshops.

3

LAND USE ALTERNATIVES

Prepare land use concept maps, based on input received from the GPAC, the community, and City leadership. Analysis of the fiscal viability of each land use alternative map will be performed.

4

DRAFT GOAL AND POLICY SETS

Develop goals, policies, and actions to address identified issues and achieve desired land uses.

5

DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

Design a plan to reach the preferred vision of the city's future.

6

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Analyze the environmental effects of implementing the General Plan.

7

GENERAL PLAN ADOPTION

The Planning Commission and City Council will consider the General Plan at a series of public hearings.

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GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

The General Plan update process will take approximately two years, with an anticipated completion in late 2018. As the General Plan is prepared, a number of major documents will be available for public review and comment.

EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT This document will provide a snapshot of the conditions, trends, and regulations that are influencing the City today. The report will focus on development patterns, natural resources, economic conditions, environmental constraints, and demographics.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES REPORT This report will provide a summary of the critical policy and program issues to be addressed in the General Plan. The report will present alternative approaches that can be used to address each issue. This document will be used by the City to provide direction on the focus of the General Plan update.

LAND USE ALTERNATIVES REPORT This report will present three to four different Land Use Map alternatives. An analysis of the land use, circulation, fiscal viability, economic development, and public services and infrastructure effects relative to each alternative will be provided. The report will be accompanied by a detailed fiscal analysis that will address long-range fiscal impacts in terms of the cost to provide services to projected land uses and growth versus the revenues generated under each alternative.

DRAFT GENERAL PLAN The draft General Plan will contain the goals and policies that will guide future activities, services, and development in the city. The General Plan establishes land uses and policies for the use and preservation of resources. It also identifies a full set of implementation measures that will ensure the policies of the General Plan are carried out.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) The EIR prepared for the General Plan will meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Planning Commission and City Council will use the EIR during their consideration of the draft General Plan to understand the potential environmental implications associated with it.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!



QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER:

– ASSETS

- What do you value most about Milpitas?
- What makes this a special place to live or work?

– CHALLENGES

- What issues are facing the city that need to be addressed in the General Plan?

– VISION

- What ideas do you have for the future of Milpitas?
- What would make your community better?
- What three things would you like to see accomplished by 2040?

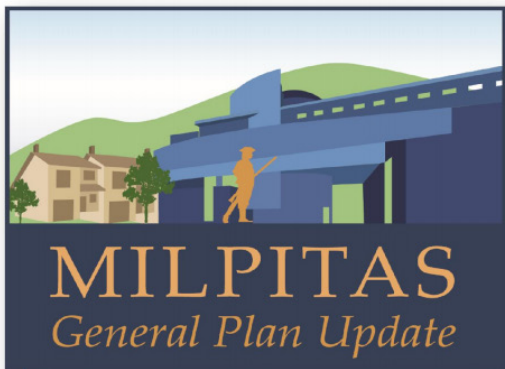


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STAY INFORMED! GET INVOLVED!

A successful General Plan will reflect the community's priorities, and your input is needed to confirm the community's values and establish its vision.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

The Milpitas Community is invited to participate in the City's General Plan Update

VISIONING WORKSHOP #2

WHEN: Thursday, October 20, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Barbara Lee Senior Center Community Room
40 North Milpitas Boulevard

Light refreshments will be available.

For disability-related accommodations please call (408) 586-3278

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK? THOUGHTS ON KEY ISSUES?

Visit the website at milpitas.generalplan.org, or contact the City for additional information. The website will allow community members to provide input at key points throughout the General Plan Update process. Website updates will be ongoing throughout the process, so check back regularly for additional information regarding project status, announcements of upcoming workshops and meetings, and publication of milestone reports.