

City Council Kickoff Session March 12, 2018



Meeting Overview

- Summary of the General Plan Update Process
- Public Outreach and Community Involvement
- Completed and Ongoing Tasks
- Next Steps



Purpose of the General Plan

- Define a long-term vision for future growth and resource management within the City over the next 20 years
- Reflect the goals and values of the City
- Build on recent City planning efforts (Specific Plans, etc)
- Include extensive public outreach and community participation
- Balance growth, conservation, and quality of life



Existing General Plan

- Adopted in 1991. Hasn't been comprehensively updated in over 25 years.
- Numerous changes to State law
 - Climate change
 - Environmental justice
 - Complete streets
 - Flood protection



Summary of the Process

Public Participation

Existing Conditions Report

Identify Community Priorities

Issues and Opportunities Reports

Land Use Alternatives Reports

General Plan Goals, Policies, and Programs

Draft General Plan Update

Environmental Impact Report

Public Hearings - General Plan and EIR



General Plan Content

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS

Required Elements

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Housing*
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Safety
- Noise

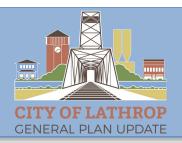
Optional Elements

- Economic Development
- Community Character
- Air Quality
- Public Facilities and Services
- Community Health and Wellness
- Implementation



Land Use Map Alternatives Report

- A range of Conceptual Land Use Maps will be developed.
 - Input from staff and City leadership will be incorporated.
 - Property owners will have opportunities to request land use changes.
 - Maps will depict differing levels of development intensity, location, and mix of uses.
 - Each Map Alternative will include an analysis of fiscal/economic implications, natural resource constraints, transportation implications, and growth projections.



Environmental Review

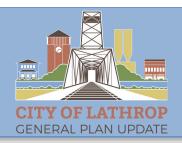
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 requires the preparation of an Environmental
 Impact Report EIR prior to adoption of the General
 Plan.
- The EIR will be prepared concurrently with the General Plan.
- The EIR will identify possible environmental impacts.
 - Measures will be incorporated into the General Plan to make it a "self-mitigating" document.
- The EIR will serve as a "tiering" document to streamline review of future projects.



Identifying Community Priorities

Three Visioning Workshops will be conducted

- The Visioning Workshops focus on:
 - Communicating the intent of the General Plan Update
 - Gathering public input
- Their primary purpose is to:
 - Develop a Vision Statement that guides the General Plan Update process
 - Identify community values and priorities
 - Identify issues for the General Plan to address



Steering Committee

- The Steering Committee will assist the project team in developing General Plan Goals, Policies, Actions, and the Land Use Map
- Includes key department heads and City staff
 - City Manager
 - City Attorney
 - City Engineer
 - Finance Director
 - Community Development Director
 - Planning staff
 - River Islands representative
 - Central Lathrop representative



Community Participation and Outreach

PARTICIPATION

- Visioning Workshops (3)
- Land Use Workshop (1)
- Community Open-House Workshops (2)
- Council Workshops/Meetings (6)
- Planning Commission Meetings (4)
- City Council Meetings/Hearings (4)

OUTREACH

- General Plan Website
- Community Presentations
- Newsletters
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Online Surveys
- Email updates



Completed Tasks

- Project kickoff and data collection
- Website completion and launch
- Drafted sections and analysis for the Existing Conditions Report
- Drafted first General Plan Update Newsletter



Pending Tasks

- Schedule and conduct 3 Visioning Workshops
- Publish Newsletter
- Completion of Existing Conditions Report
- Draft Public Input Summary Report
- Launch property-owner land use change request process



Stay Informed

The General Plan Update Website will be a great resource for reports, maps, newsletters, meeting agendas, meeting summaries, and upcoming meeting dates.

The site will also provide opportunities for public surveys and the submittal of public comments directly to the project team.

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Questions?

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