

# **CITY OF LATHROP** GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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#### LATHROP GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

In 2018 the City of Lathrop embarked on an exciting and challenging process to update its General Plan!

#### **PROGRESS OVERVIEW**

The General Plan update process will produce a number of major documents that will be available for public review. To date, the update process has produced the following major documents, which are all available on the General Plan Update Website:

## **1** Existing Conditions Report

This document identifies Lathrop's existing development patterns, natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, environmental constraints, and summarize the local, state, and federal regulations for each of these topics. This report is a resource for the City Council, the Planning Commission, the General Plan Steering Committee, City staff, the consultant team, and the public throughout the remainder of the General Plan Update process.



The Community Profile Magazine provides a concise summary of key facts and findings from the Existing Conditions Report in a graphically-rich and easy to read format.

#### IMPORTANT OUTREACH DOCUMENTS

# 3 Outreach Summary Report

The City hosted three General Plan Update Visioning Workshops. A summary of community input, comments and concerns are provided in the Outreach Summary Report. The feedback received will be used to memorialize key themes and ideas, and help inform future work tasks associated with the General Plan Update; including the evaluation of opportunities and challenges, land use changes, and the creation of new goals, policies, and actions.

## Community Vision Document

The Lathrop Community Vision is an aspirational statement of what Lathrop wants to become through the implementation of its General Plan. The Vision Statement provides a sense of purpose and mission for the General Plan, and sets the tone for the Plan's guiding principles and core values to aid in the development of goals, policies and actions that will guide development in the coming years. The Community Vision combines values expressed through community workshops, and online surveying conducted during the initial stages of the General Plan Update.

# **GET INVOLVED!** Public Engagement Opportunities

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## Upcoming Community Workshop

In 2016, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 1000 (SB-1000) requiring cities and counties with disadvantaged communities to incorporate environmental justice policies into their General Plans. Cities like Lathrop must identify disadvantaged communities and work to reduce health risks specific to these communities by outlining policies and programs within the General Plan relating to:

- •Pollution Exposure and Air Quality
- Public Facilities
- Food Access
- Safe and Sanitary Homes
- Physical Activity
- •"Civil" or Community Engagement
- Improvements and Programs

#### PURPOSE OF THE UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to give participants an overview of state requirements, best practices in planning, and provide opportunities to participate in land use map and policy development through identification of issues areas and potential policy solutions to ensure an environmentally equitable community. Please join us for the upcoming Environmental Justice Workshop!

Environmental Justice Workshop June 27th, 2019 @ 6:00 pm City Council Chambers 390 Towne Centre Dr. Lathrop, CA 95330









# WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS?

The General Plan Update process will occur over an approximately three-year period, with an anticipated completion date in 2020. The major steps in the update process are as follows:

#### Document Existing Conditions

Identify a range of policy and land use options to help the community achieve its desired vision for the future.

#### Vision, Opportunities, and Land Use Alternatives - We Are Here!

Identify a range of policy and land use options to help the community achieve its desired vision for the future.

#### Draft General Plan

A comprehensive portfolio of goals, policies, and actions that will guide future decisions related to land patterns, infrastructure, and services to ensure a high quality of life for residents and businesses.

### Environmental Review

To analyze and minimize all potential environmental impacts, the City will prepare a Program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

### Adoption

The Final General Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and the City Council at public hearings, with the City Council having the authority to adopt the General Plan and EIR.

#### **GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENTS**

As the General Plan is prepared, a number of major documents will be made available for public review and comment.

#### **Existing Conditions Report**

Provides a snapshot of the conditions, trends, and regulations that are influencing the city today. It focuses on development patterns, natural resources, economic conditions, environmental constraints, and demographics.

#### Issues And Opportunities Report

Provides 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.

#### Land Use Alternatives Report

Presents three to four different Land Use Map alternatives, and an analysis of the land use, circulation, fiscal viability, economic development, and public services and infrastructure effects associated with each alternative.

#### Draft General Plan

Contains the goals and policies that will guide future activities, services, and development in the city. It also identifies a full set of implementation measures that will ensure the policies are carried out.

#### Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Will meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The decision makers will use the EIR during their consideration of the draft General Plan to understand the potential environmental implications associated with development allowed by the General Plan.

#### STAY INFORMED! GET INVOLVED!

A successful General Plan will reflect the community's values and priorities, and your input is needed to help reinforce the community's vision for Lathrop. You are encouraged to stay informed and participate in the process in the following ways:



#### Community Workshops

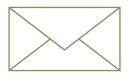
Attend the upcoming Environmental Justice workshop on June 27, 2019 to share your ideas for how the City can become a more environmentally friendly and equitable community. Additional workshops will be scheduled as the General Plan Update progresses.



Attend the Open Houses to learn about the General Plan Update's key deliverables. Open houses will take place in the future to coincide with the publication of the Issues and Opportunities Report and Land Use Alternatives Analysis and the Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report.



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



#### Mailing List

If you would like to be added to the General Plan Update mailing list, please visit the website or contact the project team.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER**

In anticipation of your involvement in the General Plan Update, please consider the following questions for the upcoming Environmental Justice Workshop:

#### Impacted Areas

Are there areas in Lathrop that you feel are disproportionately impacted by pollution, safety, or could benefit from additional resources and services?

#### Land Use Decisions

What land use decisions can be made to improve disadvantaged communities and community equity?

#### Policies

What types of policies should the City implement in order to ensure an equitable distribution of services?

#### **CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM!**

If you would like to provide comments and input on the General Plan Update process or be added to the project mailing list, please visit the website or contact us by mail, email, or by phone:

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