



CITY OF LATHROP
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Workshop #4
(Environmental Justice)
June 27, 2019

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Workshop Purpose

- Continue to Involve and Engage the Community on the General Plan Update.
- Workshop Goals:
 - Get on-the-ground feedback of problem areas that may be disproportionately impacting the community.
 - Receive community input on key approaches to guide the General Plan's goal/policy development for Environmental Justice (EJ) issues.





Workshop Overview

- General Plan Overview and State Requirements
- Summary of the General Plan Update Process
- How to Get Involved and Stay Informed
- EJ In General Plans - Overview and State Requirements
- Activity: EJ - Local Issues and Policy Development
- Activity: EJ - Land Use and Improvement Mapping
- What We Have Heard





General Plan Overview

- The General Plan Update will reflect community goals and serve as the City’s “constitution” or “blueprint” for future land use and planning decisions, including:
 - Land Uses (residential, commercial, industrial, business parks, open space, etc.)
 - Infrastructure Planning (roads, water, sewer, etc.)
 - Public Services (police, fire, parks, libraries, cultural activities, etc.)
 - Resource Conservation (historic structures, clean air, sensitive habitat, waterways, groundwater, etc.)





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
- 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
 - Environmental Justice
 - Climate Change
 - Complete Streets
 - Flood protection





Summary of the Process

Public Participation

Existing Conditions Report

COMPLETE

Identify Community Priorities

ONGOING

Issues and Opportunities Reports

ONGOING

Land Use Alternatives Reports

PENDING

General Plan Goals, Policies, and Programs

PENDING

Draft General Plan Update

PENDING

Environmental Impact Report

PENDING

Public Hearings - General Plan and EIR

PENDING





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





Get Involved and Stay Informed!

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

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

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SB-1000

EJ In General Plans

- SB 1000 requires cities to address Environmental Justice (EJ) in their General Plans if they have “disadvantaged communities”

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC's):

“An area identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code or an area that is a low-income area that is disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative health effects, exposure, or environmental degradation.”





SB-1000

EJ In General Plans

- Each General Plan must address the following topics in order to meet the requirements of SB 1000:
 - Pollution Exposure and Air Quality
 - Public Facilities
 - Food Access
 - Safe and Sanitary Homes
 - Physical Activity
 - “Civil” or Community Engagement
 - Improvements and Programs (that address the needs of Disadvantaged Communities)



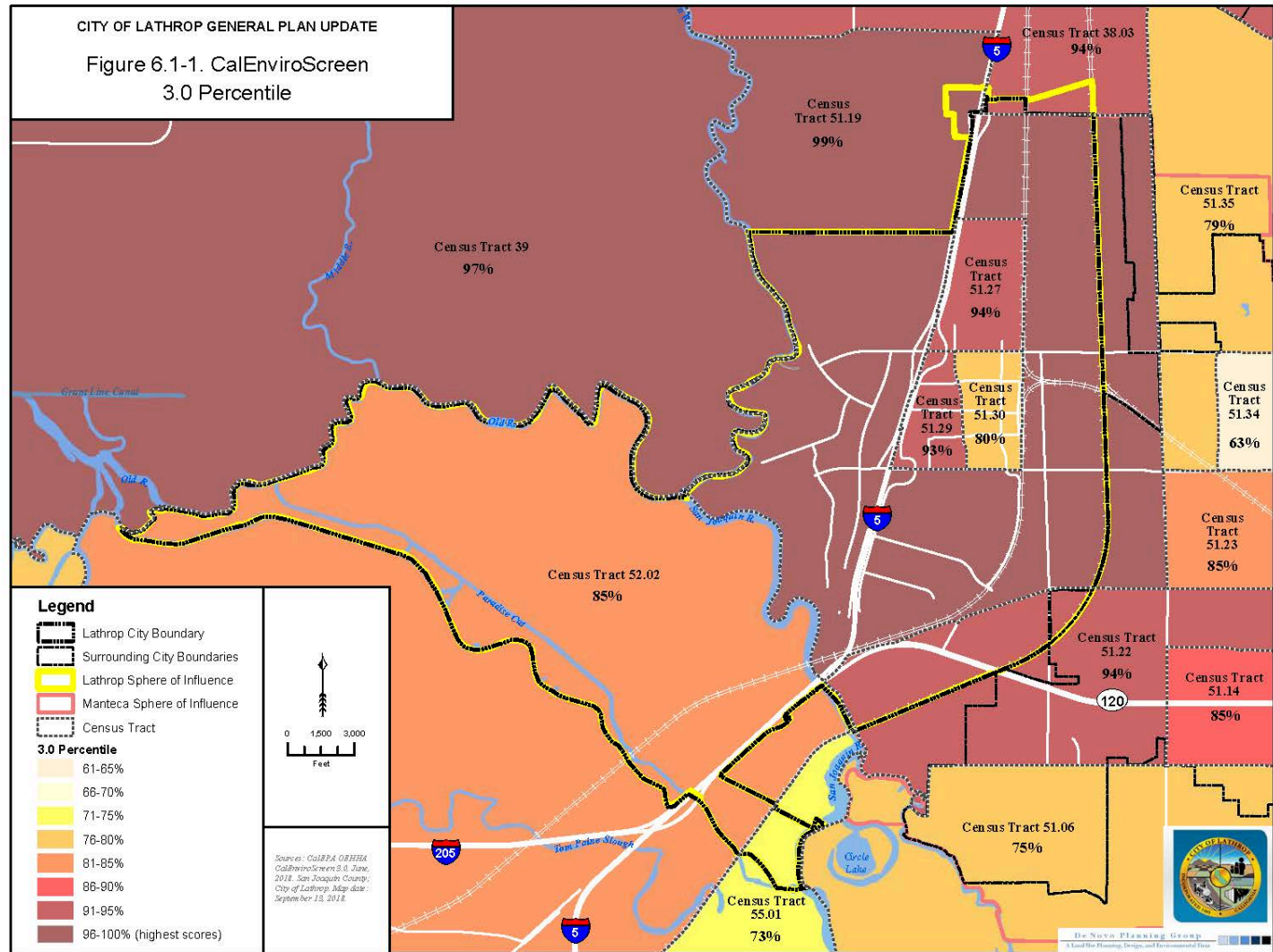


Identifying Disadvantaged Communities

- **Identifying DAC's:** The Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment on behalf of CalEPA created the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 map tool to identify communities that are disproportionately disadvantaged by environmental hazards, designating disadvantaged communities as the highest 25% scoring Census Tracts.
- All Census Tracts within Lathrop meet this criteria.
- **No individual tool is perfect.** Although all Census Tracts within Lathrop meet this highest 25% threshold criteria there are portions of the city that are more likely to be disproportionately impacted by environmental conditions.
- It is imperative that we get local insight and knowledge to further understand where and how the Lathrop community is being impacted by the social and environmental factors.



Identifying Disadvantaged Communities





Identifying Disadvantaged Communities

What resources are there to assist the community in learning more about SB-1000 and EJ issue areas in Lathrop?

- **Documenting Existing Conditions.** The General Plan Existing Conditions Report includes sections on Environmental Justice and related topics including: air and water quality, hazardous materials and sites, parks and public services, and transportation conditions.
- **Workshop Report - Documenting Community Input (community workshops and online survey)**

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Workshop Activities

We are asking residents and stakeholders to share their local expertise and knowledge.



Activity #1:

Issues Identification and Policy Solutions





Issues and Policy Solutions

Environmental Justice Issues

- What environmental issues may be impacting Disadvantaged Communities in Lathrop that you feel should to be addressed in the General Plan Update?
 - Pollution Exposure and Air Quality
 - Water quality and safe drinking water
 - Lack of Public Facilities (parks, libraries, cultural centers, schools, etc.)
 - Lack of access to healthy foods
 - Availability of Safe and Sanitary Homes
 - Physical Activity Opportunities (parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, open space, sports programs, etc.)
 - “Civil” or Community Engagement
 - Improvements and Programs that address the needs of Disadvantaged Communities
- What policy solutions should the General Plan include to address these issues?





Issues and Policy Solutions

Policy Solutions

- What solutions (policies, actions, or programs) can the city implement that can improve the issues that have been identified?
- Please list all potential policy solutions on the right side of the provided issues and policy solutions handout.

Example:

- **Issue:** A lack of opportunity for physical activity in certain neighborhoods within the city.
- **Policy Solution.** Promote an equitable distribution of parks and community facilities across all city neighborhoods to ensure fair and equal access.



Activity #2:

Group Mapping Activity



Group Mapping Activity

As a group, use the colored markers to identify problem areas and issues, and provide suggested solutions or improvement to support Disadvantaged Communities and community equity in Lathrop.

- **Red** – Specific issue areas within the city (please use brief notes on the map to identify specific issues and locations).
- **Green** – Specific improvements and solutions needed to correct the identified problems (please provide brief notes as to the type of improvements and the general areas in need).
- **Black** – Other ideas and notes related to Disadvantaged Communities and Environmental Justice within Lathrop that you feel are important to the General Plan Update.

Feel free to draw anywhere and provide notes and write additional details on the map.





Summary

What we have heard

Stay Informed

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