



CITY OF LATHROP
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Visioning Workshop #1
April 16, 2018

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Workshop Overview

- General Plan Overview and State Requirements
- Summary of the General Plan Update Process
- Vision, Assets, and Challenges Activity
- Mapping Activities
- Summary of What We Have Heard
- How to Get Involved and Stay Informed



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
- 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

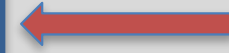
- Adopted in 1991. Hasn't been comprehensively updated in over 25 years.
- Numerous changes to State law
 - Climate change
 - Environmental justice
 - Complete streets
 - Flood protection



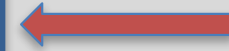
Summary of the Process

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



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.

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

Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goals

Broad statements of community desires, preferences, and the General Plan's purpose

Policies

Guides to decision-makers with respect to development proposals, future growth and resource allocation

Actions

Implementation steps to ensure goals and policies are carried out

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



Community Participation and Outreach

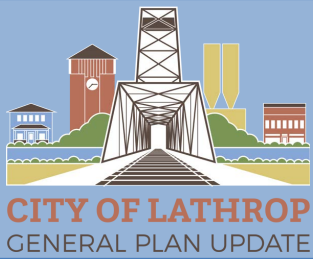
PARTICIPATION

- 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





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

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Visioning Workshop Activities

Activity #1:

Assets, Challenges, and Vision

Post-It Note Exercise

ASSETS

- What do you value most about Lathrop, and what community assets and features should be preserved and protected over the next 20 years?

CHALLENGES

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

VISION

- What three things would you like to see accomplished by 2040 in order to improve your community?

Please provide 3 responses to each question

Activity #2:

Group Mapping Activity

Mapping Instructions

Blue – Key Focus Areas (in need of revitalization, reimagining, or more public gathering places) – **Be SPECIFIC!**

Orange – Business and Employment Opportunities (where should new job growth be located)

Brown – Restaurants and Retail

Red – Higher Density Housing

Green –Parks, open space, habitat conservation

Guidelines:

- Outline areas where land uses and changes should occur using your color markers.
- Please add brief notes and supporting information describing your thoughts and input for each outlined area.
- Feel free to draw anywhere and provide notes and write additional details on the map
- Where the group has multiple ideas, such as differing land uses or different concerns for a focus area, add text to identify all ideas raised by the group.

Summary

What we have heard

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Next Steps

- **Online survey:** Available through the General Plan website. Provide input on key issues, similar to workshop topics. (available through late May)
- **Visioning Workshop #2**
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
Senior Center
15707 5th Street
- **Visioning Workshop #3**
Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 6:00 pm
River Islands Welcome Center
301 Stewart Road

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