



The Community Plan Frequently Asked Questions



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Q: What is a Community Plan?

A: The Community Plan is a land use policy document. It establishes how land will be used by setting forth broad guidelines for the extent and nature of growth. It is a “blueprint” for the community and establishes the density, form and character.

Q: Why is the Community Plan Update important?

A: The update process is an opportunity for the community to review and provide input on the direction and form of future development and growth.

Q: Do all communities in Los Angeles County have Community Plans?

A: In the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, there are 13 Community Plans (sometimes called Area, Land Use or Neighborhood Plans). The Department of Regional Planning will be working with each of these communities on updating those plans over the next several years.

Q: How often do Community Plan Updates take place?

A: Community Plans are updated after several years when the community, elected officials and the planning department determine there is a need. There is no defined schedule for updates; the frequency typically ranges from 5 years to 10 years, or sometimes more.

Q: How long does the Community Plan Update take?

A: The update can usually be completed in approximately 18 months. The length of time can vary greatly depending on the specific community, their issues and the existing conditions.

Q: Is the Community Plan the same as the General Plan?

A: The “General Plan” refers to the Los Angeles County General Plan, which is the main policy document for the County. It guides the long-term future use and physical development of the land in unincorporated Los Angeles County. A Community Plan provides more detailed policies and goals for the community while maintaining consistency with the General Plan.

Q: How can I participate in the update process?

A: Let us know you are interested! We will make sure you are invited to community planning meetings and events where *your ideas* will shape the Community Plan Update.