The Guiding Principles have been formulated to serve as the framework for the preparation of a unified General Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley by the City of Santa Clarita and County of Los Angeles. They have been written in consideration of the extensive public input received during the One Valley One Vision process through surveys, stakeholder interviews, children and youth activities, Visioning Workshops, and the Valley Congress.

Major themes have been identified and its principles are summarized below.

**ESSENTIAL GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. **MANAGEMENT OF GROWTH**
   - Growth and development should be consistent with the interests of each community with higher densities adjacent to transit and activity centers.

2. **LAND USES**
   - A common, diverse set of land use designations shall support the needs of each community’s current and future residents.

3. **VITAL ECONOMY**
   - A mosaic of unique villages with growing ethnic diversity, each with individual identities, surrounded by open space and preserved significant ecological areas.

4. **INFRASTRUCTURE**
   - Continues the expansion of infrastructure with new developments without impacting urban areas preserved for natural or natural resources.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**
   - Development shall be located & designed in a manner to protect & preserve the overall high quality of life.

6. **RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**
   - Ensure that a mix of housing types are developed to serve a diverse population within each neighborhood.

7. **MOBILITY**
   - Maintain streets and highways according to common standards and develop a range of travel options.

8. **SCHOOLS & PUBLIC SERVICES**
   - Provide services and facilities that are valued by the community.

9. **RECREATION**
   - Establish a valleywide trail network and develop new parks.

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**VISION OF THE FUTURE**

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**Map Creation**

Phases IV of the OVOV process led to the development of a land use plan map which lays out areas suitable for future development while preserving significant ecological areas. Producing such a map required analysis of various data sources which included, but were not limited to, aerial photography, topographical features, infrastructure, and soil plans. Coupling these factors with the goals of community residents will lead to a vibrant and sustainable future for the Santa Clarita Valley.

**Aerial Photography**

Surveying the land through aerial photography allowed staff to comprehensively analyze the Valley's features. Areas of existing development could be easily identified in order to keep with the residents’ goal of growth management by locating higher densities adjacent to existing and planned transit corridors and activity centers. In order to preserve environmental resources and minimize the impact on the Valley’s topography, many of the rural areas will retain low densities while existing developed areas will serve as centers of activity.

**SEAs**

Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) are important or sensitive land and water systems that are valuable as plant or animal communities and are often important to the maintenance of threatened or endangered species. Connectivity between significant natural habitats plays an important role in maintaining biotic communities. SEAs are not preserves, but instead, are areas where it is vital to facilitate a balance between new development and resource conservation.

**Topography**

A significant amount of land in the Santa Clarita region consists of areas of steep terrain. The connection of these areas creates a natural buffer around the entire Valley. Beautiful ridgelines can be seen in all directions within the Valley basin.
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3. The Pacific Crest Trail runs north-south through the east valley connecting from Mexico to Canada.

Legend:
- **Rural**
- **Urban**
- **Employment Center**
- **Valley Center**
- **Open Space**

**Valencia Shopping Center**
**Centre Pointe Business Park**
**Tourney Place**
**Vasquez Rocks**
**Castaic Lake**
**Towsley Canyon**
**Elsmere**
**Valencia Commerce Center**
**Val Verde**
**Castaic**
**Whittaker**
**Downtown Newhall**
**Lost Canyon**
**Valencia**
**Newhall Ranch**
**Agua Dulce**
**Valencia Industrial Center**

**Diagrams and Images**
- **Valley of Villages**
- **Valley Center**
- **Employment Centers**
- **Valley Greenbelt**

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- In 2006, *Money Magazine* ranked Santa Clarita #18 out of a nationwide survey of the best small cities to live in, coming in ahead of all other California cities.