

COMMUNITY CONSENSUS



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 shall occur according to the objectives 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** Redevelop old commercial areas while encouraging the expansion of commercial and retail uses to provide job opportunities for local residents
- 4 INFRASTRUCTURE** Coordinate the expansion of infrastructure with new developments without impacting services provided to current demand
- 5 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES** Development shall be located & designed in a manner to protect & minimize impact on environmental resources & improve energy efficiency
- 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 unified arterials
- 8 SCHOOLS & PUBLIC SERVICES** Public services and facilities shall be expanded to support community needs and population growth
- 9 RECREATION** Establish a Valleywide trails network and develop new parks

Do you want to be a part of Santa Clarita Valley's future?

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 for updates on scheduled community meetings.
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THE VALLEYWIDE GENERAL PLAN

MAY 2007

A COLLABORATIVE PROCESS BETWEEN



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VISION OF THE FUTURE



The Santa Clarita Valley is a wonderful place to live, work, play, and raise a family. The Valley is a mosaic of unique villages with growing ethnic diversity, each with individual identities, surrounded by a greenbelt of forest lands and natural open spaces. These villages are unified by the Valley Center activity core, a beautiful environmental setting that

includes the skyline and Santa Clara River, a vibrant and growing economy, and a rich history of common social values. The Valley's network of roads, transit, and trails links these villages and provides access to a wide offering of quality education, cultural, recreation, and social services and facilities.

Life in the Santa Clarita Valley will continue to be exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding through a broad range of housing types, an increase in quality jobs in close proximity to all neighborhoods, and transit-oriented villages complemented by excellent schools, attractive parks and other recreational amenities, expanded trail networks, and preserved natural resource areas. As the Valley moves forward, it is crucial that sound and sustainable planning principles shape new villages and enhance established neighborhoods. Implementing policies to increase mobility and accessibility, manage traffic congestion, improve air quality, and conserve water and energy resources throughout the Valley is essential to maintain the overall high quality of life.



MAP CREATION

Phase 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 trail plans. Coupling these factors with the goals of community residents will lead to a vibrant and sustainable future for the Santa Clarita Valley.

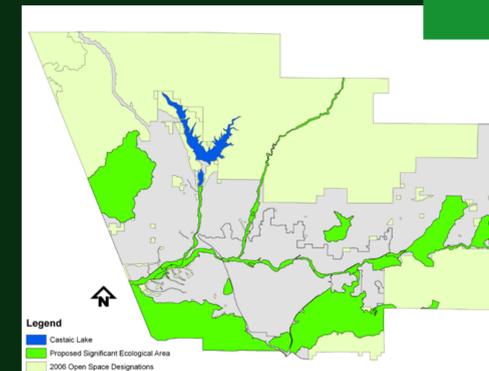
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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.



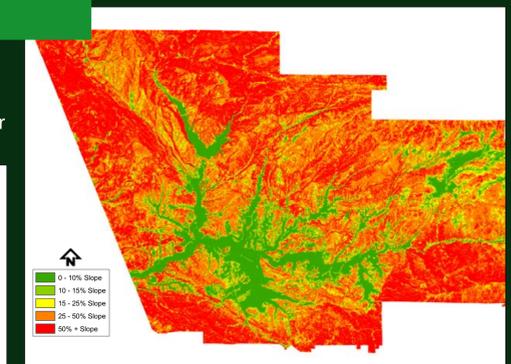
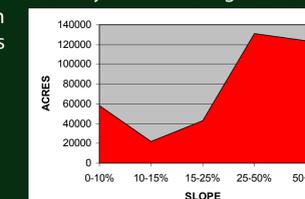
SEAs

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 preservation of threatened or endangered species. Connectivity between significant natural habitats play 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.



OVOV PROCESS

PHASE I

Discovery & Visioning Process

COMPLETE

PHASE II

Vision & Guiding Principles

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PHASE III

Background Report

COMPLETE

PHASE IV

Land Use Map Development

IN PROGRESS

PHASE V

Policy Development & Environmental Impact Report

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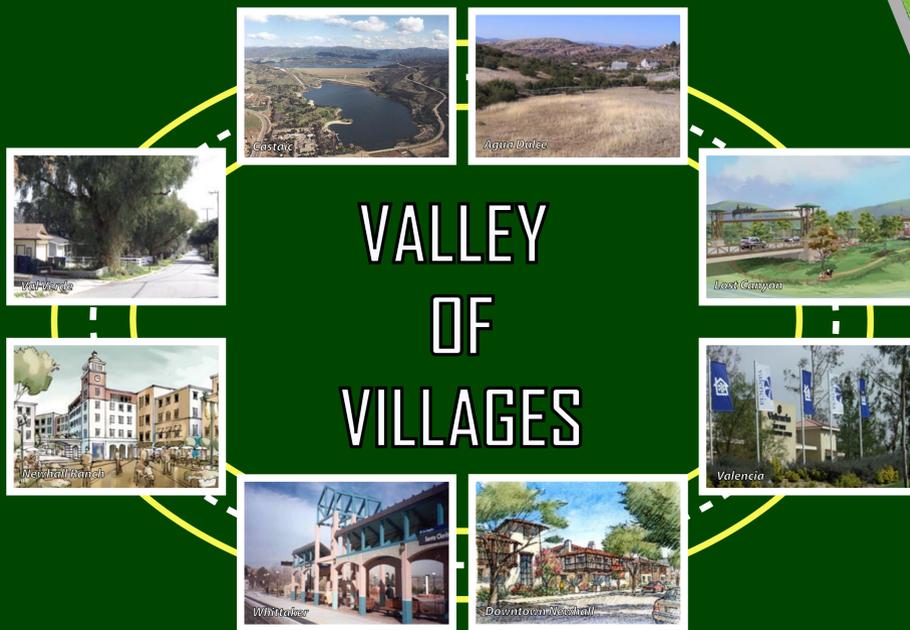
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Plan Adoption

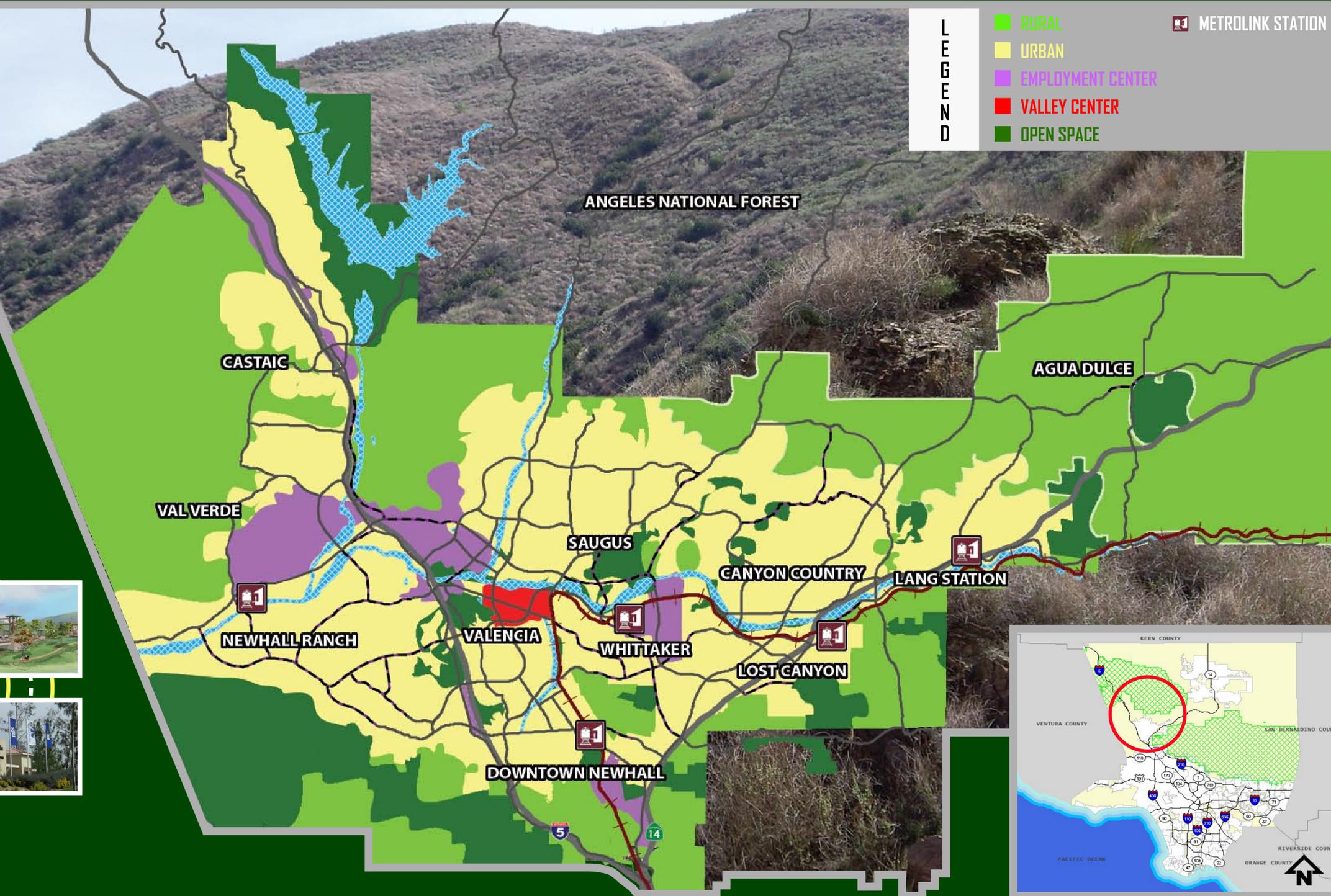
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LAND USE CONCEPT PLAN



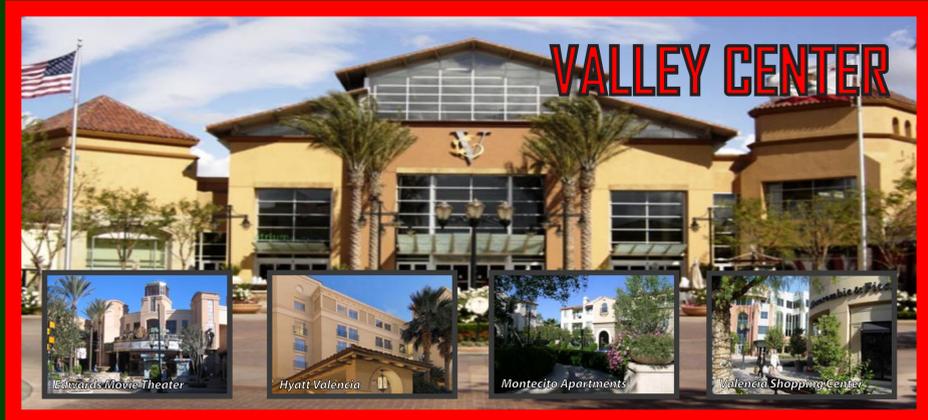
VALLEY OF VILLAGES



LEGEND

- RURAL
- URBAN
- EMPLOYMENT CENTER
- VALLEY CENTER
- OPEN SPACE

1 METROLINK STATION



DID YOU KNOW?

The Pacific Crest Trail runs north-south through the east valley connecting from Mexico to Canada.

A wildlife corridor is being proposed which would connect the northern and southern Angeles National Forest regions.

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.