Rowland Heights Community Visioning Workshop

East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

http://planning.lacounty.gov/site/esgvap/
http://planning.lacounty.gov/site/apeoplesmap/





Visioning Workshop Agenda & Goals

1. Present & Inform:

- What is community planning?
- What is the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan?

2. Communicate & Learn:

What do you value in your community?

3. Collect & Share Ideas:

- Neighborhoods
- Getting around
- Recreation
- Services

4. Develop Priorities

- What is important to you in your community?
- What would you like to see preserved and improved?
- Action recommendations and priorities





What is Urban Planning?

LA County = 10 million residents.

ESGV = 250,000

Major Challenges:

- Housing Affordability
- Homelessness
- Wildfires
- Heat waves
- Droughts
- Flooding

How do we foster livable, healthy, resilient communities?

How can we provide a high quality of life for all, present and future generations?





What is Community Planning?

- 1. Provides a Vision for the Community Today and in the Future
 - How do the pieces of the community fit together?
 - What is here now and how well does it work?
 - What can and should happen in the community?
 - Work with community members
 - Create blueprint to guide decision-making
- 2. Tools: Land Use & Zoning
 - What uses are allowed where?
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Open Space
 - Mapping





General Plan & Area Plans

1. LA County General Plan Purpose:

- Lays out values & vision
- Provides guidance on preparing for and responding to change

2. Goals:

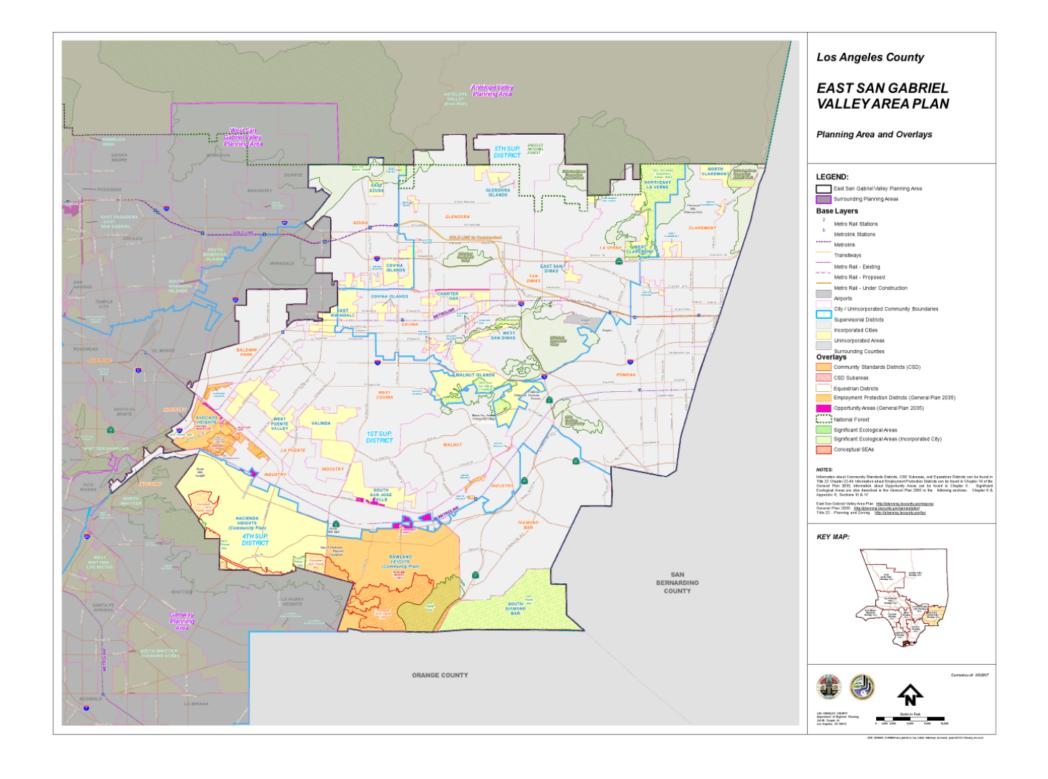
- Foster healthy, livable, and sustainable communities.
- Conserve natural resources
- Shape communities to provide diverse housing and aligned with jobs and services

3. East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan:

- Build on General Plan goals, priorities, and programs at local scale
- Identify strategies that fit the community
- Set stage for funding and grant applications
- Work with adjacent jurisdictions







ESGV Planning Area

- 1. Location: Easternmost portions of Los Angeles County
- 2. Area: 52 sq. mi / 33,000 acres
- 3. Population: 250,000 in unincorporated
- 4. Key Characteristics:
 - Natural features Puente Hills, San Gabriel Mountains, San Gabriel River
 - Recreational opportunities
 - Urban-wildland interface
 - Equestrian culture in some communities
 - Views into the hills and mountains
 - Diverse population
 - Auto-oriented community design
 - Mostly residential





Rowland Heights Community Plan

1. Rowland Heights:

Area/Population: 13 sq. mi / 50,000 people

2. Community Plan Goals:

- Preserve natural resources
- Improve & beautify commercial areas and public realm
- Provide diverse housing types while preserving community character
- Direct growth to appropriate areas
- Improve mobility and circulation
- Highlight local assets natural areas nearby, hillside views, diversity, access to retail and commercial services.

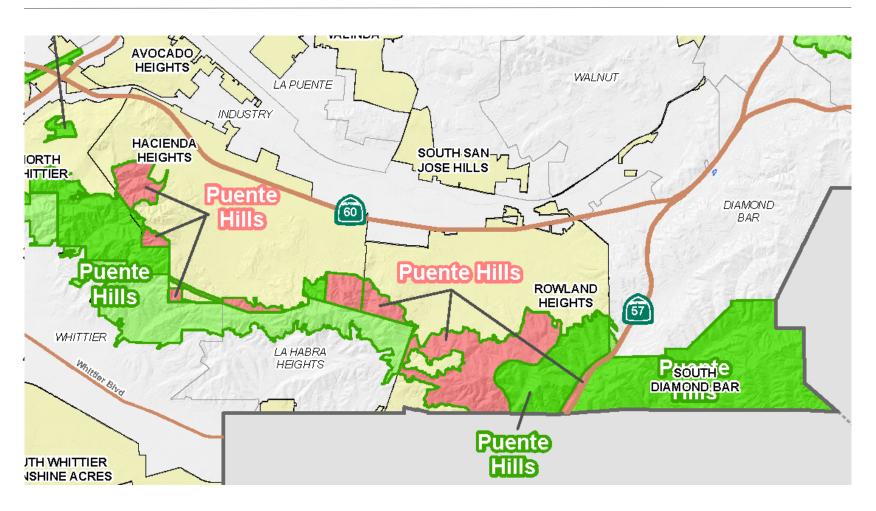
3. Update:

- SEA adoption
- Changes since adoption: rising living costs, homelessness, mobility, sustainability





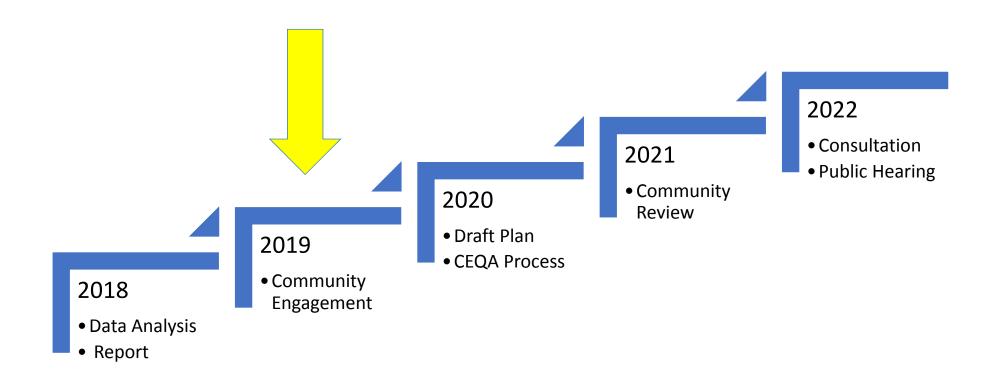
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Project Timeline



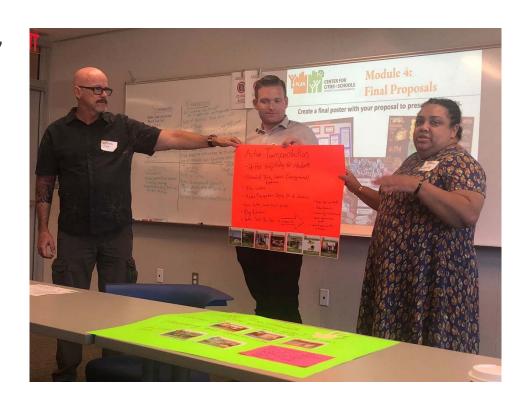




ESGVAP & Y-Plan

SD4, Rowland Heights High School, & Regional Planning:

- UCBerkeley, Center for Cities + School
- Fall 2019-Spring 2020
- Work with over 100 high school students at Rowland Heights High School
- Students will work on developing solutions to community issues





ESGVAP Website - Events

Events

Search



Parks After Dark Event at Allen J. Martin PARK (14830 S. Giordano St, La Puente, CA 91744)

July 19: 6pm-8pm

Come ask questions about the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

More info here: Blog Post



Place It! Workshop at the Hacienda Heights Library (July 11, 2018)

Planners were at the library for a workshop that encouraged residents of all ages to participate in the planning process through storytelling and play.

Parks After Dark Event at SAN ANGELO PARK (July 13, 2018)

Parks After Dark Event at VALLEYDALE PARK (July 6, 2018)

Parks After Dark Event at WILLIAM STEINMETZ PARK (June 29, 2018)

Parks After Dark Event at CHARTER OAK PARK (June 29, 2018)

Parks After Dark Event at RIMGROVE PARK (June 21, 2018)

The project team was out in the community to share information and answer questions about the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.





A People's Map

Stories from the East San Gabriel Valley

http://fonografiacollective.com/



fonographia collective.com







Activity 1: Place-It!

Goal: To understand qualities of places that reflect personal values and experience.

- 1. Ground Rules
- 2. **Imagine. Construct. Reflect.** What is your favorite childhood memory or favorite place? Use model materials to re-create your favorite memory or place (10 mn).
- 3. **Share Your Memory.** Why is it your favorite place/ memory. What does your favorite memory/place say about what you value about places? (5 mn).
- 4. Large Group Share. Let's list what we care about in our favorite places. What them memorable? What qualities do they share? (10 mn)





Activity 2: Community Opportunities

- 1. **Goal**: Identify the key issues and opportunities in the community. Build on the values we've listed. How can our values in places inform the next set of questions?
- 2. **Opportunities & Concerns:** List at least three issues and opportunities per category. Feel free to add categories.
 - Be as specific as possible, include locations. (10 mn)
 - -Housing & Neighborhoods
 - -Land Use & Community Design -
 - -Transportation walking, biking, driving, transit, ridesharing
 - Other Topics Parks, Open Space, Local Economy, Jobs, Public Facilities, etc.
- 3. **Share & Prioritize.** *Prioritize top three issues/ opportunities by topic.* (20 mn)
- 4. Large Group Share. Let's list top three issues/opportunities by group. (20 mn)





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