

PLANNING 101

Planners design new communities and find ways to ensure that existing neighborhoods are safe, healthy, and good places to live.

They work with communities to determine ways for them to grow and thrive in the future.



ZONING AND LAND USE

- Zoning is a tool to guide which land uses are allowed in an area and how they can be developed.
- Land use establishes the general intent of what can be done on private property.



GENERAL PLAN

- The General Plan is a guide with goals for the future development of the County.



AREA PLAN

- Covers a specific part of the County and is a smaller area than a General Plan.
- The goals in the Area Plan are focused on the specific character and needs of the area.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA PLAN

The San Fernando Valley Planning Area is one of 11 planning areas in the unincorporated LA County. It is bordered by the Santa Clarita Valley and the Angeles National Forest to the north, and the Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area and Westside Planning Area to the south. The Ventura County line is the western border of the Planning Area, and the San Gabriel Valley and Downtown Los Angeles make up the eastern border.

Area Plan Objectives

1. Recognize and Preserve Rural Communities
2. Employ the Principles of the General Plan
3. Strengthen Community Support and Connectivity
4. Support Climate Action Strategies
5. Protect Existing Valuable Local Resources and History

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