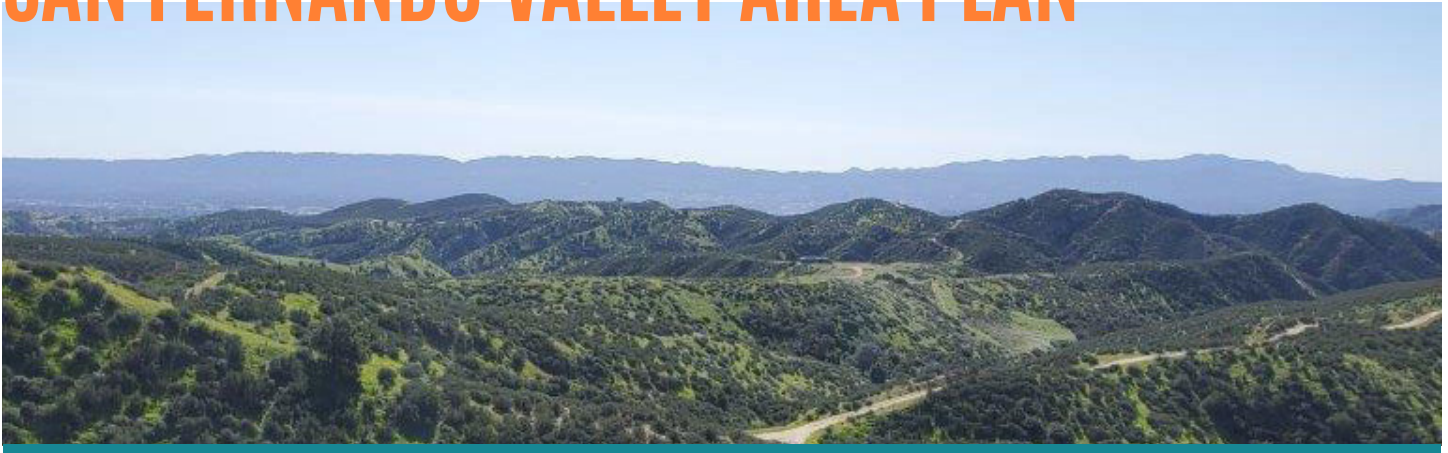


SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AREA PLAN



THE GENERAL PLAN

The Los Angeles County General Plan provides the policy framework and establishes the long range vision for how and where the unincorporated areas will grow, and establishes goals, policies, and programs to foster healthy, livable, and sustainable communities.

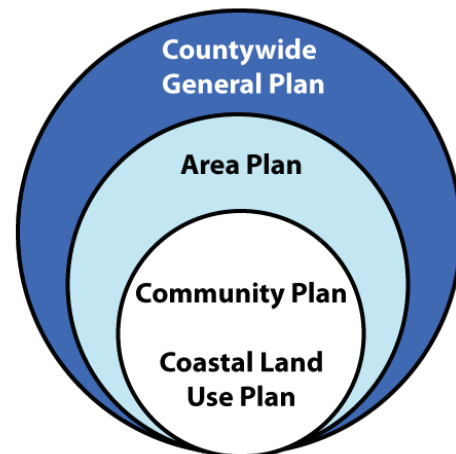
The following are the Plan's guiding principles:

1. **Employ Smart Growth:** Shape new communities to align housing with jobs and services; and protect and conserve the County's natural and cultural resources.
2. **Ensure community services and infrastructure are sufficient to accommodate growth:** Coordinate an equitable sharing of public and private costs associated with providing appropriate community services and infrastructure to meet growth needs.
3. **Provide the foundation for a strong and diverse economy:** Protect areas that generate employment and promote programs that support a stable and well-educated workforce.
4. **Promote excellence in environmental resource management:** Carefully manage the County's natural resources in an integrated way that is both feasible and sustainable.
5. **Provide healthy, livable and equitable communities:** Design communities that incorporate their cultural and historic surroundings, are not overburdened by nuisance and negative environmental factors, and provide reasonable access to food systems.

AREA PLANS

The General Plan identifies a total of 11 geographically delineated Planning Areas, one of which is the San Fernando Valley Planning Area. As an extension of the General Plan, the Area Plan will focus on land use and policy issues specific to the Planning Area, providing a mechanism to draft policies and programs that respond to the unique and diverse character of local communities.

Through the Area plan, additional implementation strategies will be identified based on need, such as community plans, specific plans, and community-specific zoning regulations. In the development of these plans, attention will be directed to opportunity areas, such as transit centers, major corridors, and preservation or transition of industrial districts.



Relationship of General Plan to Area and Community Plans

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The San Fernando Valley Area Plan is a long-range policy document developed to guide long-term growth of the area through development of a guiding vision, goals, policies, and implementation actions for the unincorporated communities in the San Fernando Valley. This project will include a comprehensive land-use analysis of the unincorporated areas, as well as ongoing coordination with surrounding jurisdictions and their land use policies. Additionally, development of the Plan involves consistent outreach and collaboration with stakeholders. These stakeholders include community residents, local businesses, community-based organizations, external public agencies, and other County departments.

LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHY

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.

TRANSPORTATION

East-west transportation access in the Planning Area is provided by Interstate/State Route-210 and State Route-118. North-South transportation access is provided by Interstate-405, Interstate 5, and US Route-101. Public transit in the San Fernando Valley is provided by Metrolink commuter rail, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and regional bus lines, and other transit operators.

PLANNING AREA ISSUES

Transportation improvements will be critical for the long-term economic health of the Planning Area. The San Fernando Valley also includes environmental and hazard constraints. Wildfires and landslides also pose safety hazards in the communities. This Planning Area contains Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs), which identify specific subregions of biodiversity that require protection

7 COMMUNITIES

- Chatsworth - Lake Manor
- Chatsworth - Westhills
- Kagel Canyon / Lopez Canyon
- Oat Mountain / Deerlake
- Sylmar Island
- Twin Lakes
- Universal City

FOUR CITIES

- City of Los Angeles
- San Fernando
- Burbank
- Glendale