

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan: Vision and Growth Strategies

1. Vision

The overarching vision of the WSGVAP is captured in the following six vision statements that together represent the vision for the future. These vision statements provide the foundation for the development of growth and preservation strategies, as well as the goals, policies, and implementation actions for the WSGVAP.

2. Growth Strategies

1. HARMONIOUS AND COORDINATED GROWTH

WSGV is a vibrant mosaic of communities where balanced growth and natural preservation coexist harmoniously. Neighborhoods offer daily necessities within walking distance and foster community around local businesses and seamlessly integrated developments. Green spaces, mixed-use environments, and historic preservation enrich every community, making WSGV a model of sustainable, inclusive living.

2. CONNECTED AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

WSGV thrives as a network of connected, accessible neighborhoods. Our streets are enriched with greenery, lighting, wayfinding signage and open spaces that contribute to community character and invite walking and biking. Community-centric 'healthy streets' and passageways ensure mobility for all, making active lifestyles a natural choice for residents while fostering a cohesive, lively community spirit.

3. STRONG SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COHESION

Community identity and culture is reinforced through multi-functional spaces that are accessible throughout the WSGV communities. Community spaces and facilities foster play, social cohesion, cultural inclusivity, exploration, dining, recreation, and entertainment to be enjoyed by all ages and cultural backgrounds.

4. A THRIVING BUSINESS-FRIENDLY REGION

The WSGV is a business-friendly environment that supports small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits. The local jobs-housing balance is improved through increased access to workforce training, partnerships with targeted employers, and skills development resources to connect community members to local well-paying and high-quality career opportunities.

5. SUSTAINABLE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The WSGV's rich natural setting, made up of conservation areas, large open spaces, undeveloped lands, scenic hillsides, and water resources are preserved, enhanced, and restored. The built environment across the Planning Area is a cleaner, healthier place to live, work, and recreate, with improved air quality, increased biodiversity, connected wildlife habitats, expanded renewable energy, and improved access to large open spaces and conservation areas.

6. EQUITABLE DECISION MAKING

All community members, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, education, etc., have equal access to opportunity in the WSGV. Community members feel empowered and encouraged to actively participate in the planning and public decision-making process. Land use decisions consider the varied needs of all residents, especially those who are most vulnerable, to ensure the equitable distribution of resources and amenities, address environmental injustices, and support the health, safety, and well-being of all residents.