

# MILPITAS

## General Plan Update

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### Milpitas General Plan

Approximately three years ago, the City of Milpitas embarked on an exciting and challenging process, an update to the General Plan. State law requires the City to adopt a General Plan and to periodically review and revise it. **The General Plan is the City's guiding policy document for future development** decisions related to land use, community design, transportation, public services, and resource conservation.

### Get Involved!

Visit the General Plan website to find out more about future meetings, available background data, and the status of the project.

**Website:** [milpitas.generalplan.org](http://milpitas.generalplan.org)

### What's covered in a General Plan?



#### Circulation

Guides transportation decisions for autos, bikes, pedestrians, and transit.



#### Parks and Recreation

Ensures adequate planning for park and recreation services and facilities.



#### Community Design

Defines urban form, community character, and a distinct sense of place.



#### Conservation and Open Space

Provides measures to protect and improve natural and cultural resources.



#### Economic and Fiscal Sustainability

Provides tools and strategies to strengthen and diversify the local economy.



#### Housing

Plans for housing to meet the needs of all segments of the community.



#### Land Use

Establishes land use designations and patterns to support a sustainable growth.



#### Safety

Addresses hazards such as fires, geologic hazards, and hazardous materials.



#### Noise

Addresses noise-generating and noise-sensitive uses such as residences and schools.



#### Air Quality and Energy

Provides measures that reduce energy use and improve local and regional air quality.



#### Flood Management

Provides an integrated approach for an effective and efficient flood mitigation and management strategy.



#### Water Resources

Ensure that Milpitas's water resources are sustained and protected.



# General Plan Update Process

- 1 Identify community Priorities - Complete**  
GPAC meetings and visioning workshops to develop a long-term sustainable vision for the city.
- 2 Existing Conditions Report - Complete**  
Information on current conditions and trends.
- 3 Issues and Opportunities Report - Complete**  
Describe core values and identify community issues and opportunities based on GPAC input, stakeholder outreach, and visioning workshops.
- 4 Land Use Alternatives - Complete**  
Prepare land use concept maps, based on input received from the GPAC, the community, and City leadership. Analysis of the fiscal viability of each land use alternative map will be performed.
- 5 Draft Goal and Policy Sets - Complete**  
Develop goals, policies, and actions to address identified issues and achieve desired land uses.

**We Are Here!**

- 6 Draft General Plan**  
Design a plan to reach the preferred vision of the city's future.
- 7 Environmental Impact Report**  
Analyze the environmental effects of implementing the General Plan.

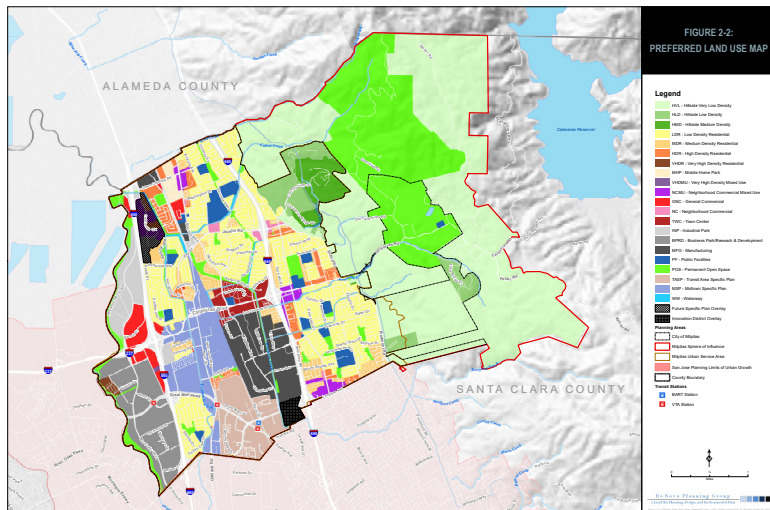
- 8 General Plan Adoption**  
The Planning Commission and City Council will consider the General Plan at a series of public hearings.



# Preferred Land Use Map

In October 2019, the City Council provided final direction on revisions to the Preferred Land Use Map. **The Land Use Map identifies land use designations, including allowed uses and densities, for each parcel in the City Limits.** The Land Use Map adheres to the objectives identified throughout the Visioning and General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) process to:

- » Protect existing residential neighborhoods
- » Spur job-growth and economic development by making the City more competitive in attracting large scale employers, tech, etc.
- » Revitalize existing neighborhood commercial centers by allowing for limited housing and expanded retail/office potential
- » Complement and support recent and ongoing planning and development efforts (TASP, Midtown SP)
- » Reduce existing and future land use conflicts by transitioning select areas from industrial/manufacturing to mixed use/residential
- » Optimize land uses near transit



The Preferred Land Use Map is available for review on the project website:  
**Milpitas.GeneralPlan.org**

## Next Step



If you would like to be added to the General Plan Update mailing list, please contact Jessica Garner, Planning Manager, at the City of Milpitas Department of Planning & Neighborhood Services.

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### Draft General Plan

City staff and the consultant team are currently working towards completion of the Draft General Plan. The Draft General Plan will be organized into individual chapters, or “elements,” that address the built environment and resource management. The Draft General Plan will also include a Land Use Map, which identifies allowed uses on each parcel within the City Limits.

The Draft General Plan is scheduled to be completed by early spring 2020. The Draft General Plan will be reviewed by both the GPAC and the City Council prior to its release for a public review and comment period. Please check the project website for updates to the schedule and public meeting notices to review the Draft General Plan.

### Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The project team is currently working on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. An Environmental Impact Report, or EIR, is a document that meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR provides an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Draft General Plan, and provides the public, the Planning Commission, and the City Council with a tool to use during review and consideration of the Draft General Plan. The Draft EIR is scheduled to be completed by spring 2020.

### Public Review Period

Following the City Council’s initial review of the Draft General Plan, both the General Plan and Draft EIR will be released for a 6-week public review and comment period. Members of the public will be invited to review and comment on the documents. All public comments will then be presented to the City Council for their review and considerations during adoption hearings. A public workshop will be held during the public review period. The workshop will include an overview of the documents, provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions, and provide opportunities for feedback and input on the Draft General Plan and EIR. The public review period is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2020.

### Public Adoption Hearings

Following the public review and comment period, the Planning Commission and City Council will conduct a series of public hearings to consider adoption of the General Plan and certification of the EIR. These hearings are anticipated to occur in late summer and early fall of 2020.