



GLENN COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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In 2019, Glenn County has embarked on an exciting and challenging process to update its General Plan!

PROGRESS OVERVIEW

The General Plan update process will produce a number of major documents that will be available for public review. To date, the update process has produced the following major documents, which are available on the General Plan Update Website:

1 Existing Conditions Report

This document identifies Glenn County's existing development patterns, natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental constraints, and summarize the local, state, and federal regulations for each of these topics. This report will be a resource for the Board of Supervisors, the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), County staff, the consultant team, and the public throughout the remainder of the General Plan Update process.

2 Outreach Summary Report

The County hosted three General Plan Update Visioning Workshops. A summary of community input, comments and concerns are provided in the Outreach Summary Report. The feedback received will be used to memorialize key themes and ideas, and help inform future work tasks associated with the General Plan Update; including the evaluation of opportunities and challenges, land use changes, and the creation of new goals, policies, and actions.



IMPORTANT OUTREACH DOCUMENTS

3 Community Vision Document

The Glenn County Community Vision Document is an aspirational statement of what Glenn County wants to become through the implementation of its General Plan. The Vision Statement provides a sense of purpose and mission for the General Plan, and sets the tone for the Plan's guiding principles and core values to aid in the development of goals, policies and actions that will guide development in the coming years. The Community Vision combines values expressed through community workshops, and online surveying conducted during the initial stages of the General Plan Update.

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN AND WHAT DOES IT ADDRESS?

The state of California requires every city and county in California to adopt a General Plan, which is the local government's long-term blueprint "for the physical development of the county and any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning." General Plans are divided into elements based on specific topics. There are seven mandatory elements: land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, safety, and noise. State law allows local governments to organize and format their general plans however they desire, as long as the required topics or elements are addressed. Counties can also choose to include additional elements, such as economic development and agricultural resources. The Glenn County General Plan is expected to address the following topics:



Land Use and Community Character

Establishes land use patterns and densities, and ensures that there are opportunities for growth to meet future needs, while protecting the County's lands and resources in such a way that the County's lifestyle is protected.



Circulation

Guides decisions for how people of all ages and abilities can safely and efficiently get around the community— including by car, bike, walking, and transit. It will also consider new transportation technology and trends.



Noise

Provides measures to manage the effect of sound in the community, protecting the health and welfare of the community by promoting development and activities that are compatible with noise level criteria.



Safety

Addresses natural and man-made safety hazards such as fires, flooding, seismic safety and geologic hazards, hazardous materials, aircraft, noise, and emergency operations and preparedness.



Conservation and Open Space

Provides measures to protect and improve the County's natural, historic, cultural, and biological resources. Addresses the topic of local and regional parks, recreation and open space, including trails and scenic vistas.



Economic Development

Provides tools and strategies to foster a strong and sound local economy, including goals and policies related to business retention and attraction, job creation, and Glenn County's role in the regional economy.



Agricultural Resources

Addresses the County's agricultural economy and seeks ways to foster economic development while protecting agricultural lands and reducing land use conflicts.



Community Services and Facilities

Gives direction on community infrastructure and facilities and services including water supply, wastewater, flood control, waste and recycling, storm drainage and water quality, and public facilities.



WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE?

The Glenn County General Plan Update will take place over a two-and-a-half-year period, concluding in Summer 2021. The major steps in the Update process are as follows:

- 1 Document Existing Conditions**
Identify development patterns, natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, environmental constraints, and the regulatory environment for each topic.
- 2 Vision, Opportunities, and Land Use Alternatives - We Are Here!**
Identify the community's vision for Glenn County's future, core values, and key opportunities and land use options.
- 3 Draft General Plan**
Will comprise goals, policies, and actions that will guide future decisions related to land patterns, infrastructure, and services to ensure a high quality of life for residents and businesses.
- 4 Environmental Review**
To analyze and minimize all potential environmental impacts, the County will prepare a Program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- 5 Adoption**
The Final General Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors at public hearings, with the Board of Supervisors having the authority to adopt the document.

GENERAL PLAN DOCUMENTS

As the General Plan is prepared, a number of major documents will be made available for public review and comment.

Existing Conditions Report

Provides a snapshot of the conditions, trends, and regulations that are influencing the County today. It will focus on development patterns, natural resources, economic conditions, environmental constraints, and demographics.

Issues And Opportunities Report

Provides a summary of the critical policy and program issues to be addressed in the General Plan. The report will present alternative approaches that can be used to address each issue. This document will be used by the County to provide direction on the focus of the General Plan.

Land Use Alternatives Report

Presents three to four different Land Use Map alternatives, and an analysis of the land use, circulation, fiscal viability, economic development, and public services and infrastructure effects associated with each alternative.

Draft General Plan

Contains the goals and policies that will guide future activities, services, and development in the county. It also identifies a full set of implementation measures that will ensure the policies are carried out.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Will meet California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The decision makers will use it during their consideration of the draft General Plan to understand the potential environmental implications associated with it.

STAY INFORMED! GET INVOLVED!

A successful General Plan will reflect the community's priorities, and your input is needed to confirm the community's values and establish its vision. You can stay informed about and participate in the process in the following ways:



Attend a GPAC Meeting

The County has appointed a General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). The GPAC will provide input on key issues facing the County, and help craft goals and policies for the new General Plan. Meetings are open to the public. GPAC meetings will commence in early 2020, and meeting dates will be posted on the Project Website.



Visit the Project Website

Visit the General Plan website, www.GlennCounty.GeneralPlan.org, to take community surveys and find out more about future meetings, available background data, and the status of the project.



Join the Mailing List

If you would like to be added to the General Plan Update mailing list, please visit the website or contact the project team.

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM!

If you would like to provide comments and input on the General Plan Update process or be added to the project mailing list, please visit the website or contact us by mail, email, or by phone:

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