



Fairfield Forward General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan: FSUSD Student Meetings

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What makes a city?

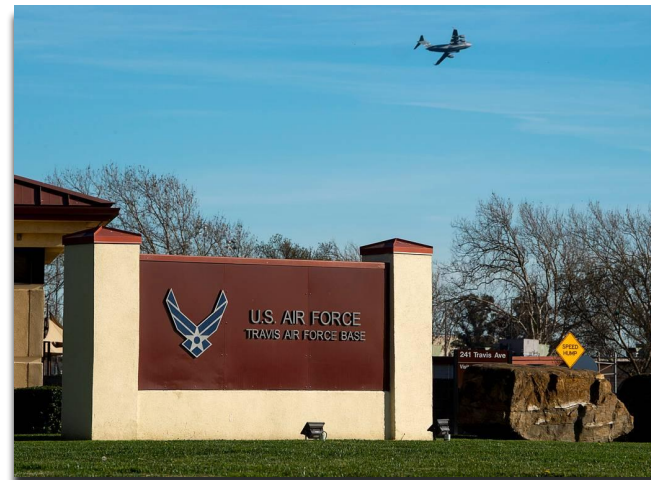


WHAT MAKES UP A CITY?

Places to live



Places to work, shop, and make things

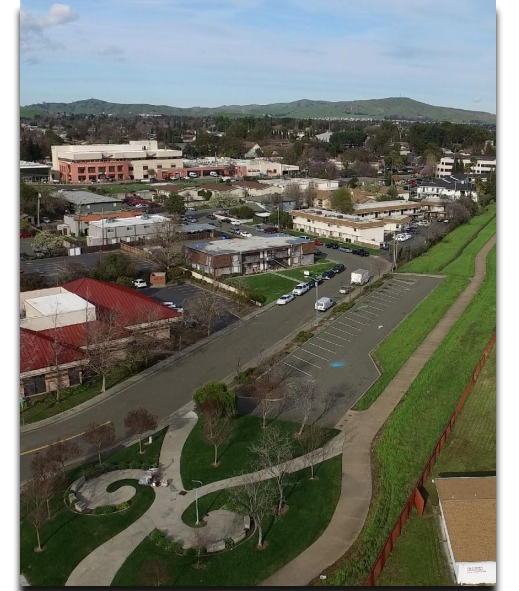
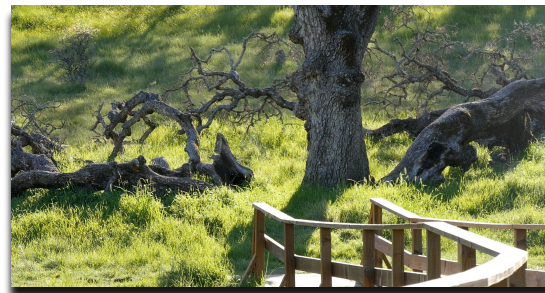


WHAT MAKES UP A CITY?

Places to educate or provide public services



Places to play, celebrate, and enjoy nature

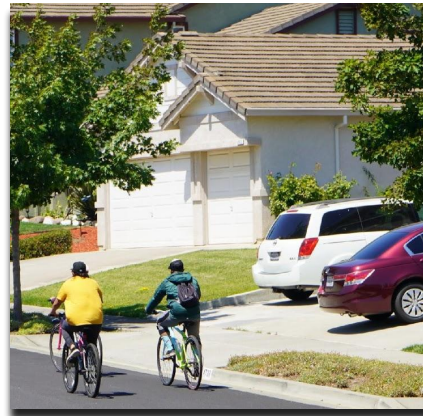


WHAT MAKES UP A CITY?

Ways to get around



Systems like water, sewer, roads that affect our daily life and meet our needs



WHAT IS CITY PLANNING?

- Considers how all these things fit together
- Plans for the needs of people now and in the future

To do that...

Planners have to know **how** we live, **where** we live, and the ways **we aspire** to live

Planners must think about what the future might be like, and how that might change people's lives.

Examples include:

- Self-driving cars
- Shopping online vs. going to a store
- Climate change and people's safety



FAIRFIELD

**FORWARD
2050**



WHY IS PLANNING NEEDED?

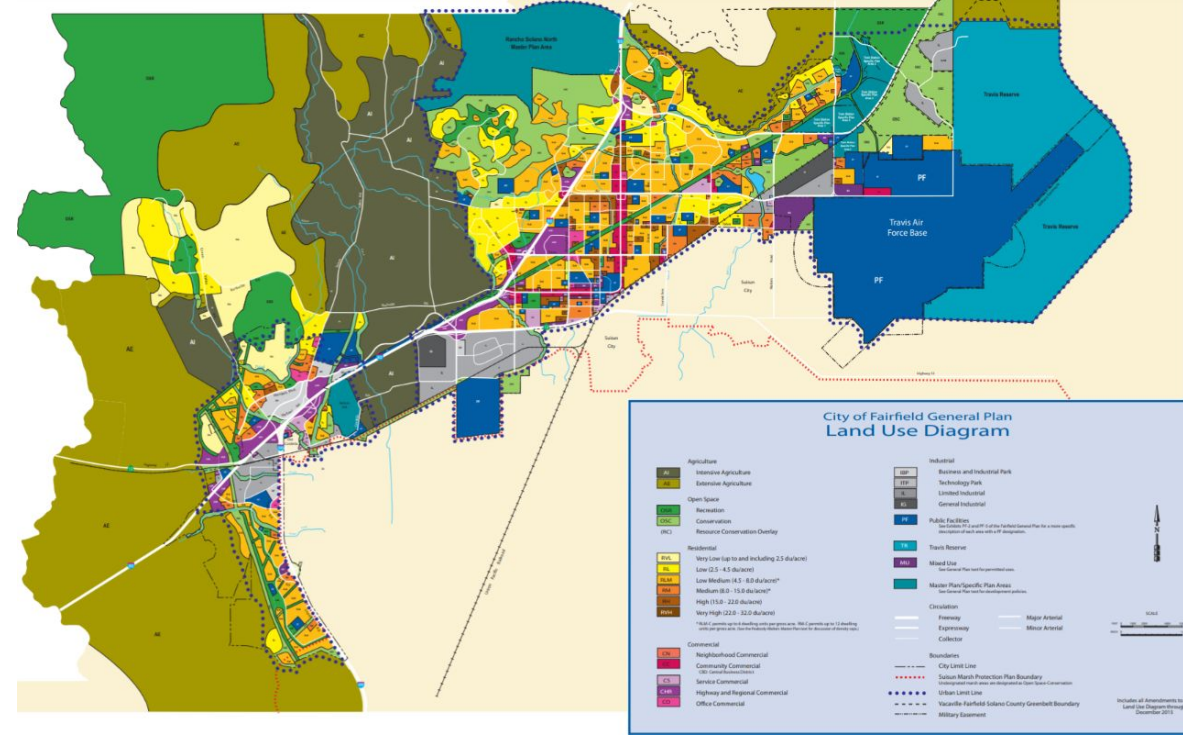


WHAT GOOD PLANNING CAN ACHIEVE



WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

- Roadmap for change in Fairfield until 2050
- The General Plan is the City's primary guide for development, housing, transportation, environmental quality, public services, and parks and open spaces.
- New opportunities, issues, and approaches have emerged in the years since the current General Plan was updated almost 20 years ago



Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation Element

Introduction

The Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation Element specifies objectives, policies, and programs to achieve the permanent preservation and management of public open space lands, natural resources, and the enhancement of community recreational opportunities. This element incorporates two state-mandated elements (conservation and open space) with an optional recreation component.

The open space portion of the element addresses open space acquisition and management, preservation of agricultural lands, focusing on key Open Space Planning Areas identified during the last comprehensive update of the General Plan. The Conservation section addresses natural resource conservation topics such as waterways, natural and riparian habitats, wildlife preservation, and scenic, historic and cultural resources. Recreation focuses on outdoor recreation and parks, including neighborhood, community and regional parks and trails in open space areas surrounding the city.

Goal

The goal of the Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation Element is:

Designate, preserve, and protect agricultural, ecological, recreational and scenic lands in Fairfield and surrounding areas for now and future generations.

Objectives, Policies, and Programs

Open Space

Objective OS 1

Support preservation of existing agricultural lands. (See Policy LU 2.1 and Objective ED 8)

Policy OS 1.1

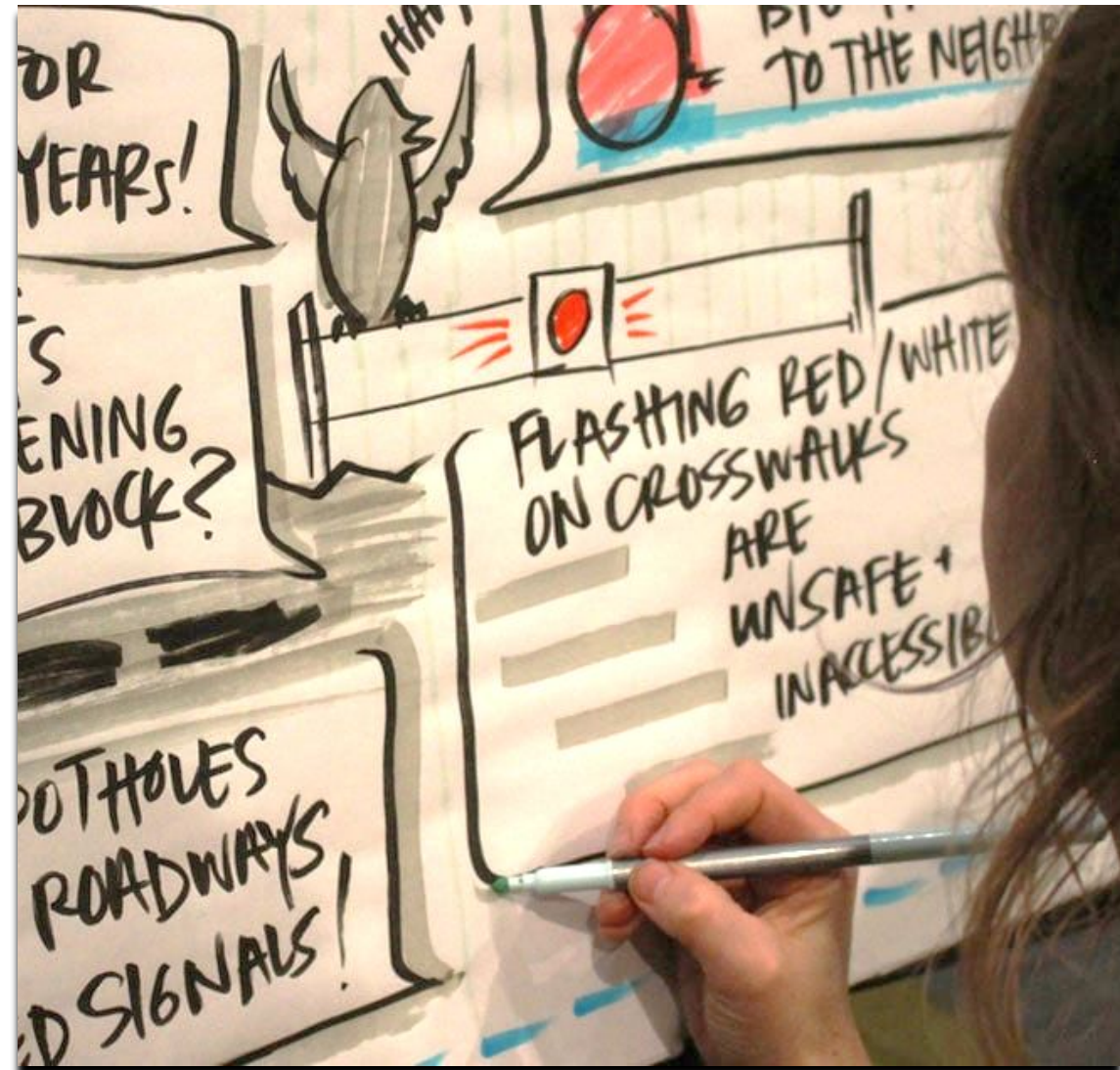
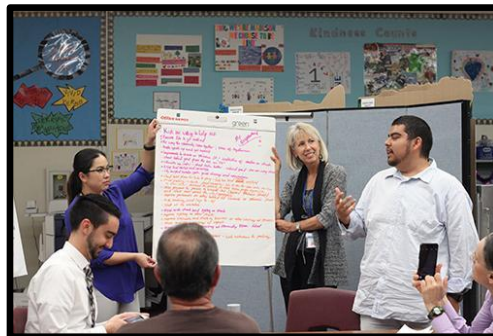
Preserve agricultural enterprises by supporting right-to-farm policies, and separating and buffering agricultural lands from new development areas. (See Policy AG 1.1)

HOW DOES A GENERAL PLAN GET DEVELOPED?

Listening to and involving the city's people!

Asking questions to understand:

- What people like
- What people want to change
- How to compromise
- What the future should look like
- How we should get there



TODAY WE WILL...

- Talk about things you like, and what you want to see more of
- Add your comments and ideas to a virtual bulletin board
- Share your ideas with your classmates
- Offer a fun activity to do with your friends and family at home