

# B GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLANO COUNTY

### SOLANO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

(Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, August 23, 2005)

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The following are guiding principles for the preparation of the General Plan Update. These principles are intended to provide overall direction to Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, staff and consultants in proceeding with the General Plan update.

1. Public Participation Process
  - a. The County will seek broad public involvement in the General Plan Update.
  - b. The County will utilize a number of venues to solicit public input in the preparation of the General Plan Update including public workshops, appointment of a Citizens Advisory Committee, public presentations before various agencies and groups, and public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.
  - c. Public workshops shall be conducted at various locations throughout the County to identify community issues and concerns and to review draft General Plan proposals.
  - d. The Citizens Advisory Committee shall be selected to represent a broad range of community interests and geographical areas of the County. The Committee will assist County staff and the

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consultant with the preparation of the draft General Plan update and to act as a liaison with the community.

- e. Proposals affecting Agricultural land use shall be reviewed by the Agricultural Advisory Committee for their recommendation to the Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Board.
  - f. The County shall coordinate the update with other agencies within the County through the establishment of a technical advisory committee.
  - g. The County will utilize the County's web site, public notices and press releases to inform the public of public meetings, workshops, hearings and opportunities to review draft documents.
2. Orderly Growth Initiative
- a. The General Plan update will be conducted within the framework of the Orderly Growth Initiative.
  - b. The County's current development strategy of city centered growth and "what is urban shall be municipal" as set forth in the current Land Use and Circulation Element shall continue as an overall goal of the General Plan.
  - c. It is anticipated that there shall be some refinement to the Orderly Growth policies and agricultural and open space land use designations, but that the basic concepts within the initiative shall be retained.
  - d. It is anticipated that the new General Plan will be placed on the Ballot for approval by the electorate under provisions of the Orderly Growth Initiative.
3. General Plan Principles
- a. The updated General Plan shall be developed as a concise, understandable and user friendly document that integrates all required elements of the General Plan into a single document.
  - b. To review and update the County's development and resource preservation goals, objectives, policies and implementation programs to reflect the County's current values, conditions and to plan for the County's long term needs.
  - c. To incorporate into the General Plan new requirements under State Law.
  - d. To consider and integrate into the General Plan update regional, subregional and local plans and programs where appropriate.
  - e. To preserve the existing development pattern of distinct and identifiable cities and communities.

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- f. To protect and support Agriculture as an important component to the County's economy and quality of life.
- g. To refine the roles of the cities and county in providing for residential, commercial and industrial development and in supporting economic growth within the County.

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