



**GENERAL PLAN  
Begin Fall 2008**

*The General Plan can be described as the "blueprint" for the future. It represents the community's vision; a constitution made up of goals and policies to direct decision making.*

**Step 1**

**Strategic Vision** – Identifies and articulates our Mission, Community Values and Strategic Goals. Will be a base document for the development of our General Plan. Public outreach is central to Strategic Visioning and will include:

Focus Groups	Community Polls	Workshops	Public Hearings
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**Step 2 – Spring 2009**

**Data Collection** - compile all the information and studies of the existing conditions in the City

**Step 3 – Spring / Summer 2009** (*note: this will be ongoing through step 6 of the General Plan process*)

**Citizen Participation program** – Will gain feedback from the residents, business owners, community members, and other stakeholders throughout the General Plan Update process. The Citizen Participation program will include:

Workshops and charrettes	Focus groups	Community polls	General Plan Advisory Group	Public Hearings
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**Step 4 –Fall 2009**

**Land Use Alternatives** – Analyze various land use alternatives for the City. Data and information on what the various future land use alternatives mean to City infrastructure and resources will be presented to the community at workshops and charrettes. Based on public feedback, preferred alternatives will be recommended by the General Plan Advisory Group, Planning Commission and then City Council.

**Step 5 – Winter 2009/Spring 2010**

**Revise the General Plan** – Work with the General Plan Advisory Group on completing the draft update of the various General Plan elements. As elements are drafted, they will be made available for public review and comment on the City website. Workshops and focus groups may also be held to review more detailed issues.

**GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS**

* Circulation ( and Transportation) Element	*Land Use Element	Urban Design Element	Economic Design Element
Scenic Highways Element	Utilities Element	Public Facilities and Services Element	*Parks and Recreation Element
*Natural and Historic/Cultural Resources Element	Energy Conservation Element	*Natural Hazards Element	*Noise Element
Hazardous Materials and Uses Element	Nuclear Element	*Housing Element	Growth Management Element
Coastal Element			

**Step 6 – Summer 2010**

**Environmental Review Process** – will develop an Environmental Impact Report to analyze impacts on the updated General Plan document. This process will include:

30 day public review period of the Initial Study	Public Scoping Meeting	45 day review period of the EIR
Response to Comments received during the review period	Public Hearings	

**Step 7- Fall 2010**

**Adopt the General Plan and Final EIR** – the public hearing process for the General Plan and final EIR will include review by City Commissions and the adoption by the City Council.

\*Mandated by State Law