



## What is a Community Plan?

The purpose of a **Community Plan** is to guide the future use, character and independent identity of a community. Community plans currently identify land use goals and policies unique to each community. They outline how the County of San Bernardino will manage and address growth issues while recognizing the special attributes unique to each unincorporated community. The County has 14 Community Plans currently in use, which were adopted in 2007, except for Oak Hills, which was adopted in 2013.

## How can I get involved in my Community Plan?

The public is encouraged to engage in the planning process by attending outreach events and staying connected through the website: [www.countywideplan.com/cp](http://www.countywideplan.com/cp). On this site, the County will have information on meetings and links to provide your input through surveys, social media, photographs, and email.

**Have more questions? Send an email to [CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov).** You can also visit the website to get on your community's email list to be notified when the planning process will begin.

## Don't we already have a Community Plan?

The Community Plans currently in use will be updated to provide a higher level of community specificity, which is needed to effectively address issues at the community level, due to the County's geographic diversity and complexity. By working with local residents to identify community aspirations and actions, the new Community Plans will become more action-oriented and will serve as a guide to better assist communities as they consider growth and change to meet the community's future needs.

## How can I help my community obtain improvements?

The Community Plans will include a **Community Development Toolkit** to help residents engage in self-help and/or partnership activities that will facilitate the changes they would like to see in their community. Toolkits will include guidance and information links on a wide range of community improvement and development issues, such as:

- How to create a nonprofit community development corporation
- Guidelines for organizing a farmers market
- Methods, tools and process for establishing and maintaining a community park
- Process for creating a special district for landscaping, street lights, roads, etc.

## Get Involved & Stay Connected

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## What is the Community Plans Continuum?

The **Community Plans Continuum (CPC)** is an all-new system of community planning that will guide local expectations for County services and set a clear direction for the future of each unincorporated community. It will consist of updates to existing plans and the addition of new plans, all of which will be web-based, living documents that will be refined regularly to reflect progress and change.

The CPC will provide planning and implementation guidance for all unincorporated communities as they pursue their own unique lifestyle choices and goals. The CPC will include a hierarchy of plan-types (see below) that will ensure that planning details, tools, and resources match the conditions and needs of each community:

- **Detailed Plans.** Applies to communities that contain, or have the potential for, a variety of housing opportunities and supporting uses, such as commercial and industrial businesses, schools, a library, parks and recreation facilities, and religious and civic organizations.
- **Framework Plans.** Applies to communities that are primarily characterized by single-family residential properties and a limited number of supporting uses, such as a school, post office, and commercial businesses.
- **Foundation Plans.** Applies to communities that are primarily characterized by single-family residential properties. Residents of these communities typically drive to nearby towns or cities for employment, shopping, entertainment, education, and recreation opportunities.
- **Fundamental Plans.** Applies to communities that are primarily characterized by open space or farmland with a scattering of residential homes and/or highway commercial uses, or an area where growth is constrained by adjacent land ownership, such as federal lands and state park lands.

## How do the Community Plans relate to the Countywide Plan?

Driven by the **Countywide Vision**, the **Countywide Plan** is a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide the County's future. One component of the Countywide Plan is an update and expansion of the County's existing General Plan and Community Plans for the unincorporated areas.

The **Community Plans Continuum** will update and replace the existing Community Plans, with a greater focus on action and implementation. The policy direction found in the existing Community Plans will be placed into the overall County Policy Plan. Both the Policy Plan and Community Plans Continuum will be web-based, allowing for policy direction and implementation to be applied at multiple scales (e.g., Valley Region and Bloomington), and topics (e.g., land use, mobility, and health and wellness).

## Questions? Want more information?

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