



El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan Update Introduction

El Rio/Del Norte Municipal Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

General Plan



Area Plan



Background Report



Future Steps



GENERAL PLAN ORGANIZATION – ELEMENTS (CHAPTERS 2-10)

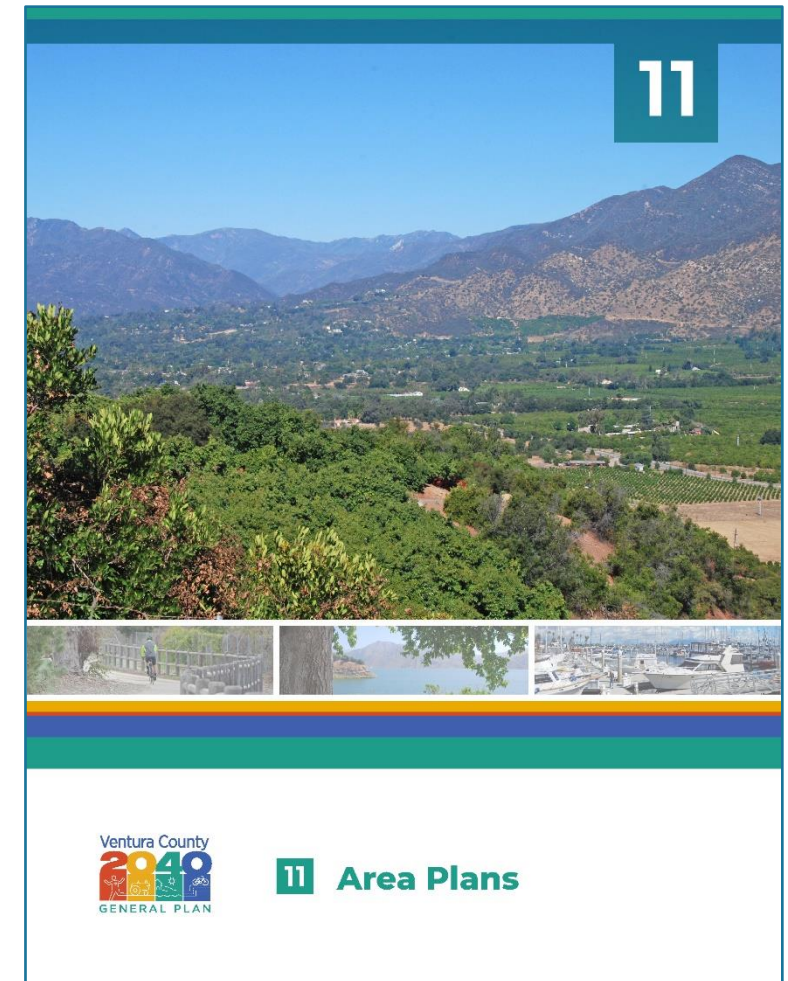
2040 General Plan Elements	State-Mandated Elements									Optional
	Land Use	Circulation	Housing	Conservation	Noise	Open Space	Safety	Air Quality	Environmental Justice	
Land Use and Community Character	■					■			■	
Housing			■						■	
Circulation, Transportation, and Mobility		■							■	
Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure	■	■		■			■		■	
Conservation and Open Space				■		■		■	■	
Hazards and Safety	■				■		■	■		
Agriculture	■			■		■			■	■
Water Resources	■			■		■			■	■
Economic Vitality									■	■
Appendix B: Climate Change	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Source: Mintier Harnish, 2019.

AREA PLANS (CHAPTER 11)

Seven of the nine Area Plans were reformatted as part of the 2040 General Plan:

- El Rio/Del Norte
- Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley
- North Ventura Avenue
- Oak Park
- Ojai Valley
- Piru
- Thousand Oaks

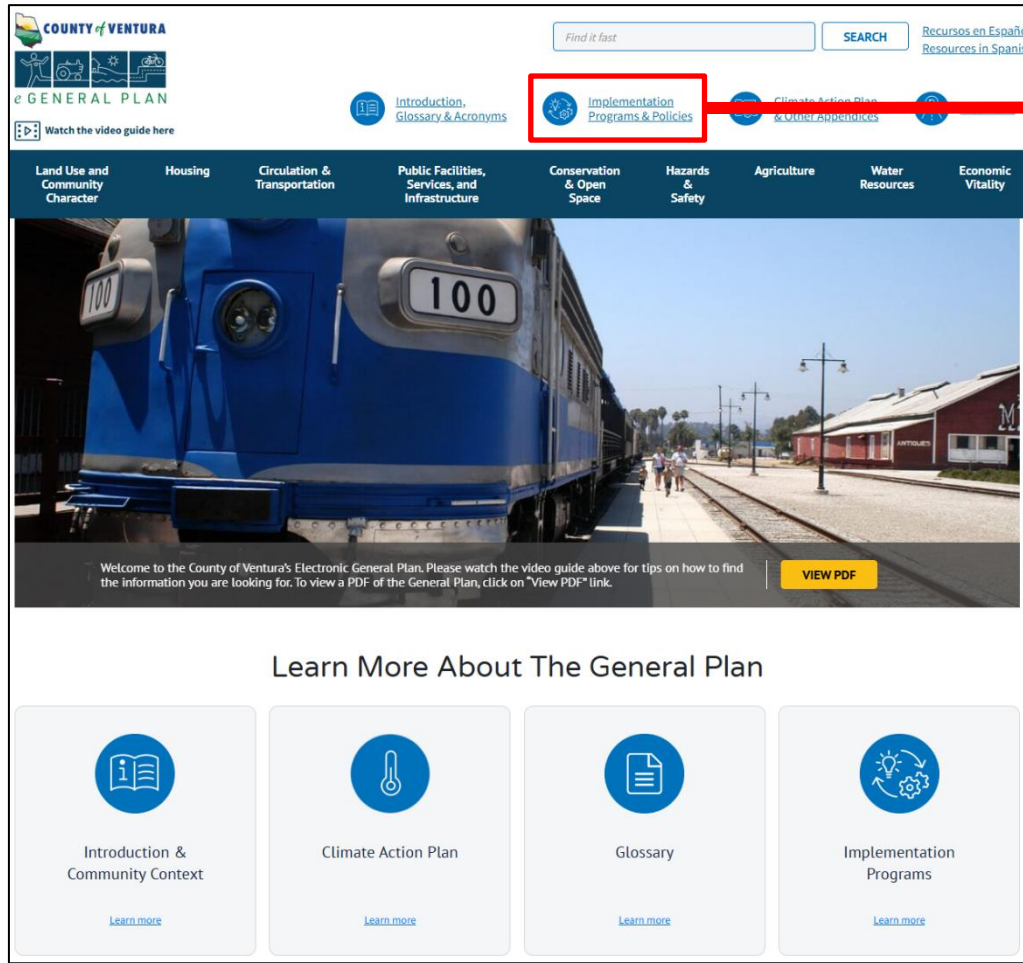




OTHER COMPONENTS

- Chapter 12 Glossary and Acronyms
- Appendix A Area Plan and Community Maps
- Appendix B Climate Change (Climate Action Plan)
- Appendix C Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR)
- Appendix D Guidelines for Orderly Development
- Electronic General Plan (e-GP) Web-based platform
egeneralplan.vcrma.org
- General Plan Translated into Spanish
(Completed in 2022)

OTHER COMPONENTS: WEB-BASED TRACKING TOOL




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Land Use and Community Character Housing Circulation & Transportation Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure Conservation & Open Space Hazards & Safety Agriculture Water Resources Economic Vitality



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Introduction & Community Context

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Climate Action Plan

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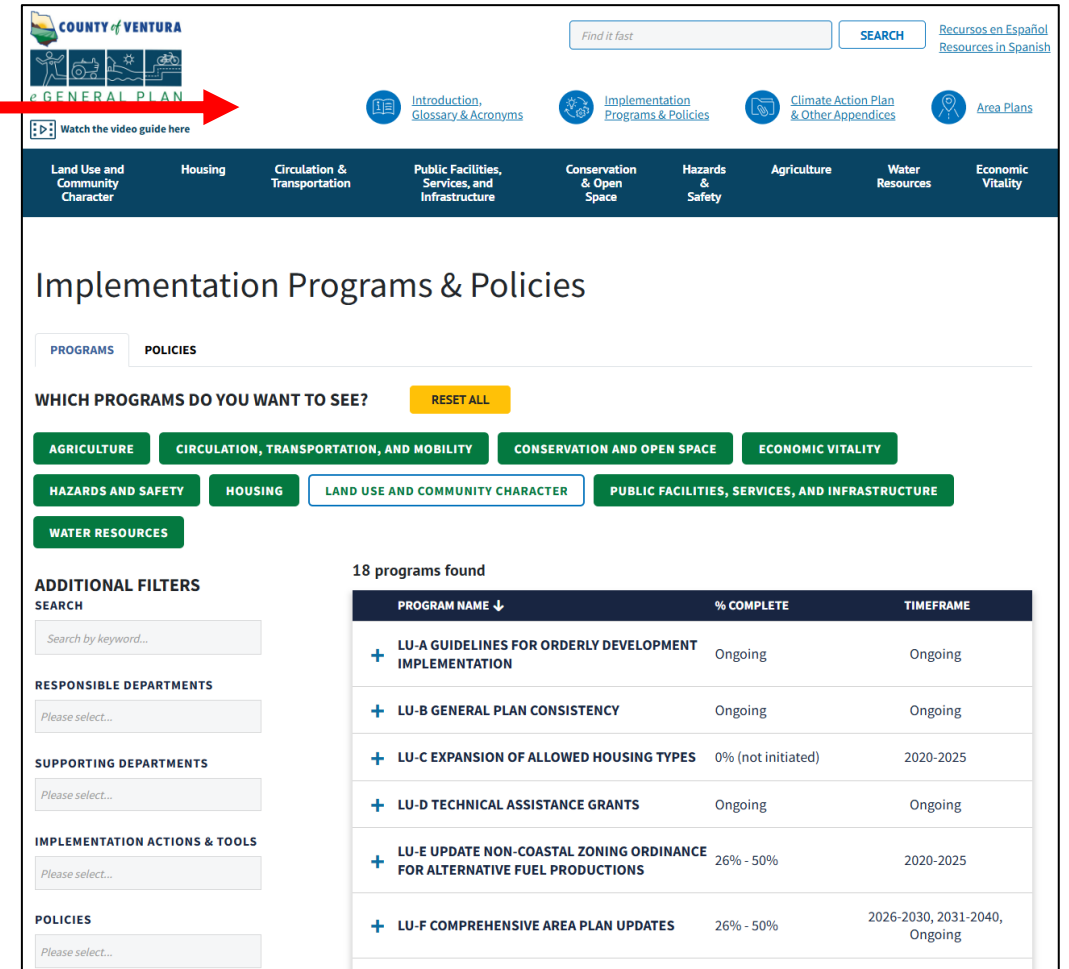
Glossary

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Implementation Programs

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Implementation Programs & Policies

PROGRAMS **POLICIES**

WHICH PROGRAMS DO YOU WANT TO SEE? **RESET ALL**

AGRICULTURE **CIRCULATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND MOBILITY** **CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE** **ECONOMIC VITALITY**

HAZARDS AND SAFETY **HOUSING** **LAND USE AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER** **PUBLIC FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

WATER RESOURCES

18 programs found

PROGRAM NAME ↓	% COMPLETE	TIMEFRAME
+ LU-A GUIDELINES FOR ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENTATION	Ongoing	Ongoing
+ LU-B GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY	Ongoing	Ongoing
+ LU-C EXPANSION OF ALLOWED HOUSING TYPES	0% (not initiated)	2020-2025
+ LU-D TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS	Ongoing	Ongoing
+ LU-E UPDATE NON-COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PRODUCTIONS	26% - 50%	2020-2025
+ LU-F COMPREHENSIVE AREA PLAN UPDATES	26% - 50%	2026-2030, 2031-2040, Ongoing

ADDITIONAL FILTERS

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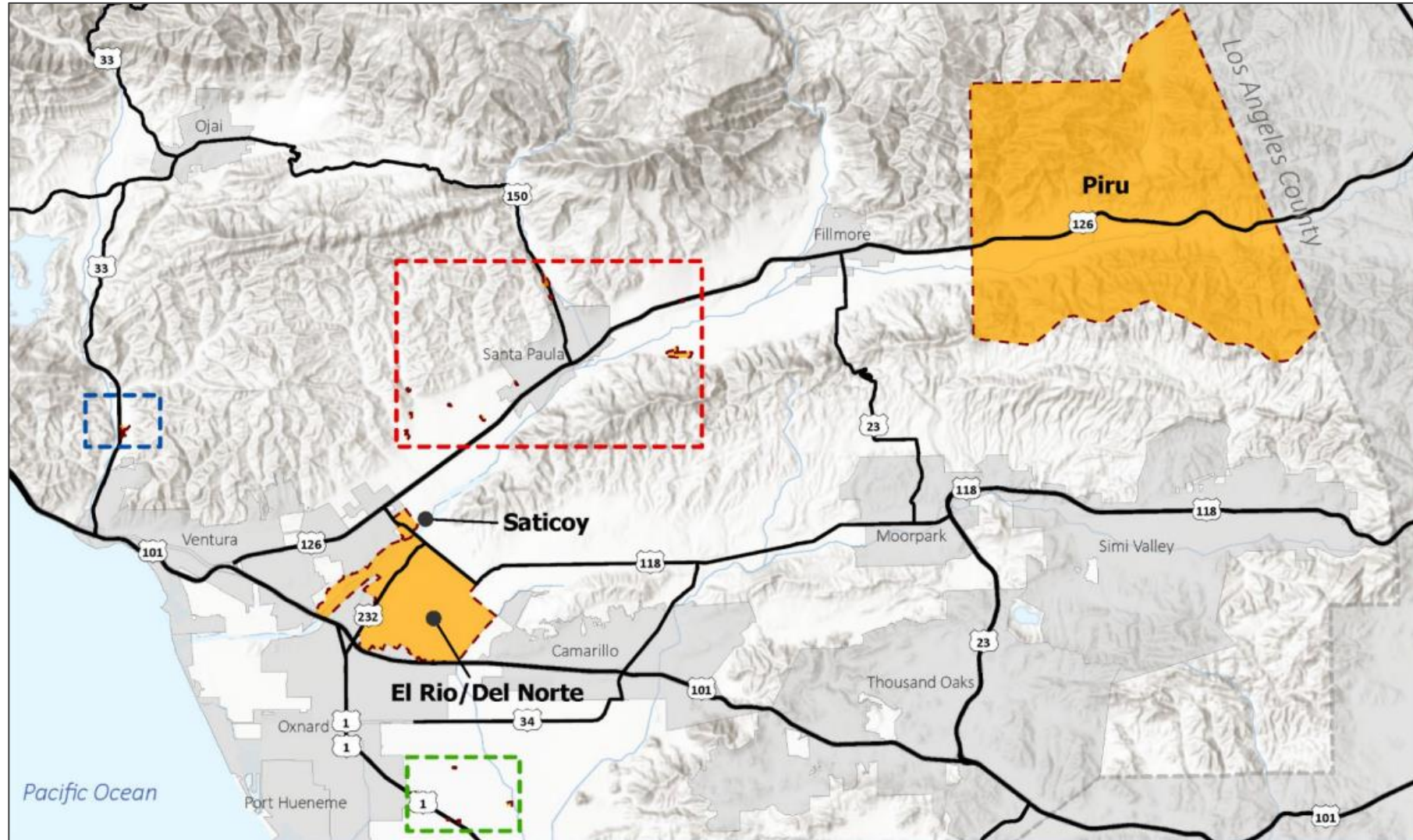
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENTS

IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS & TOOLS

POLICIES

DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES



GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - DIVISION WORK PLAN

March 18, 2024 – Annual Report to Board

185 Programs

Implementation Programs

- DDC Designation
- Urban parks Amendments
- Farmworker Housing Survey
- PWA Sidewalk Improvements

Program Status	Implementation Programs (Climate Action Plan)	Implementation Programs (Other)	Total
Ongoing	27	41	68
Complete	5	11	16
Initiated	31	34	65
Ongoing (Not Initiated)	2	2	4
Not Initiated/To Be Implemented by 2025	9	11	20
Not Initiated/To Be Implemented after 2025	7	5	12
Total	81	109	185

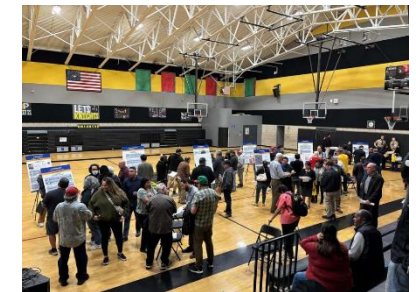
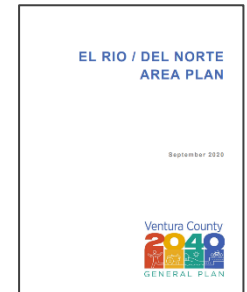
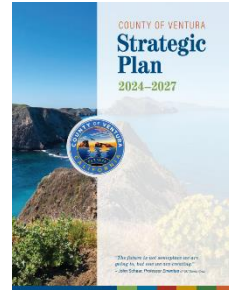
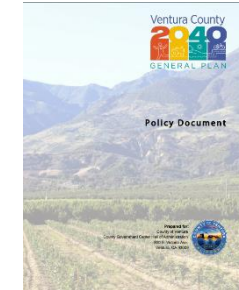
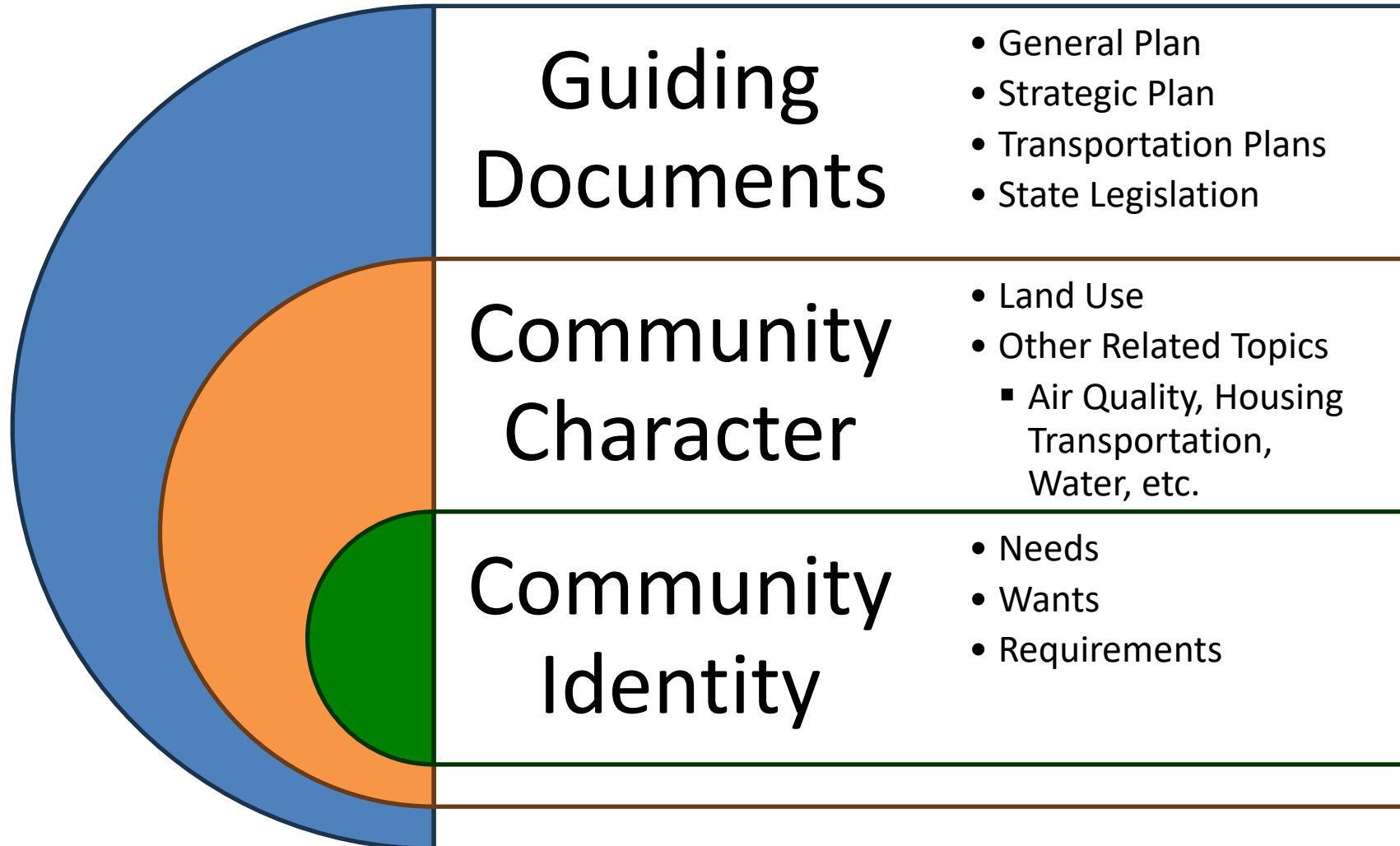
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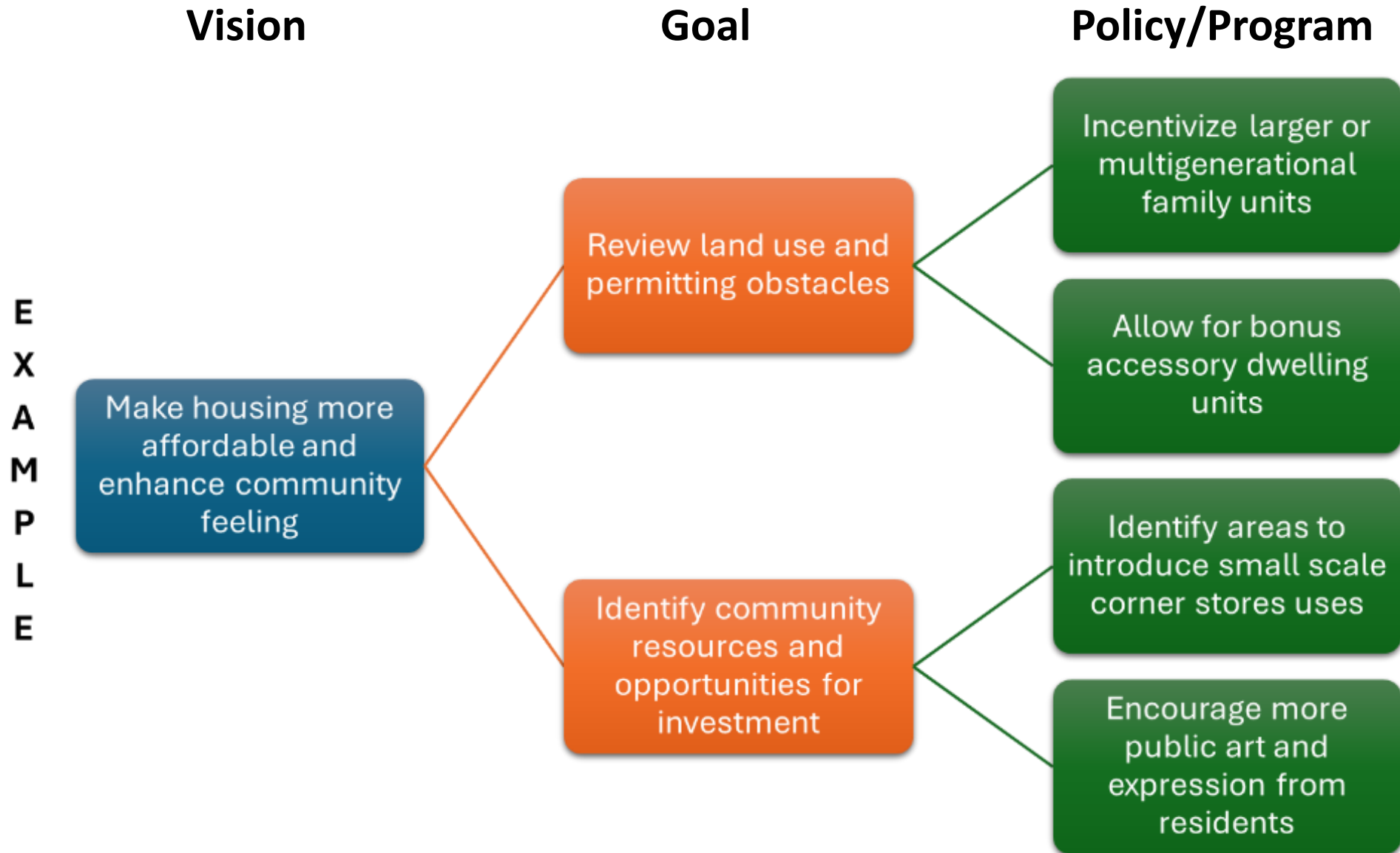


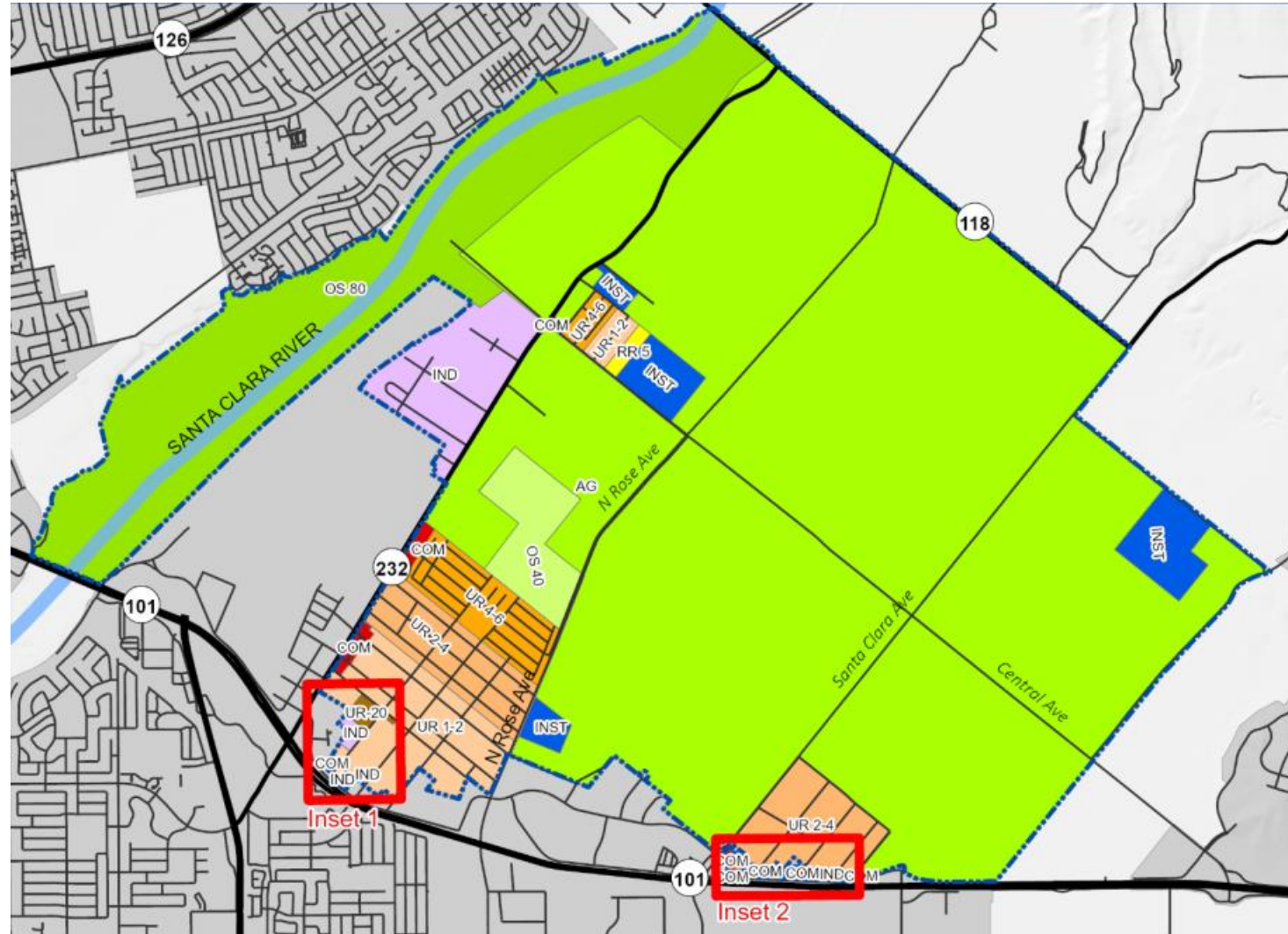
AREA PLAN

WHAT IS IT?



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BRIEF HISTORY

1980

- ***Area Plan Created***

1996

- ***Comprehensive Update***

2005

- Amendment – Minor Zone Changes

2011

- Amendment – Introduced the RHD Zone

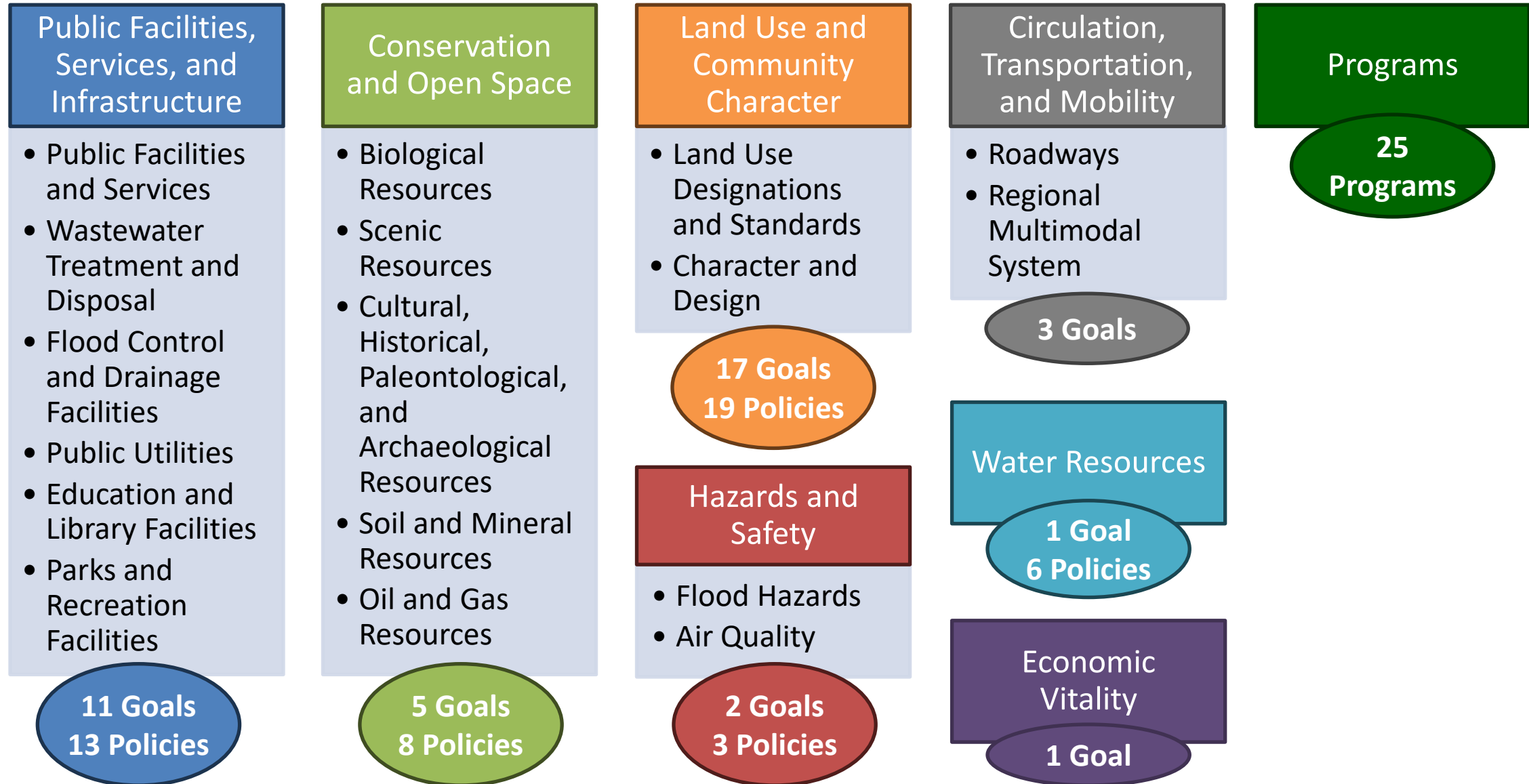
2020

- Amendment – Format changes and minor text and policy changes to match General Plan Update.

2026?

- ***Comprehensive Update 2***

THE CURRENT PLAN



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BACKGROUND REPORT



WHY UPDATE?

- **Land Use Element Program F (LU-F)**

Comprehensive Area Plan Updates: The County shall review and periodically prepare a comprehensive update to each of the Area Plans to ensure that they reflect community needs and expectations.

- **Housing Element Program D (HE-D)**

Infrastructure Constraints: The County's Land Use and Community Character Element identifies the El Rio/Del Norte Area, a designated disadvantaged community, to be updated first and will assist in planning appropriate infrastructure for at least 179 multifamily units identified in the Sites Inventory.



BACKGROUND REPORT STATUS

2023-
2025

Compile Research

History
Regulations
Demographics
Land Use and
Character
Public Facilities &
Services
Circulation & Mobility
Hazards & Safety

2025

April-May

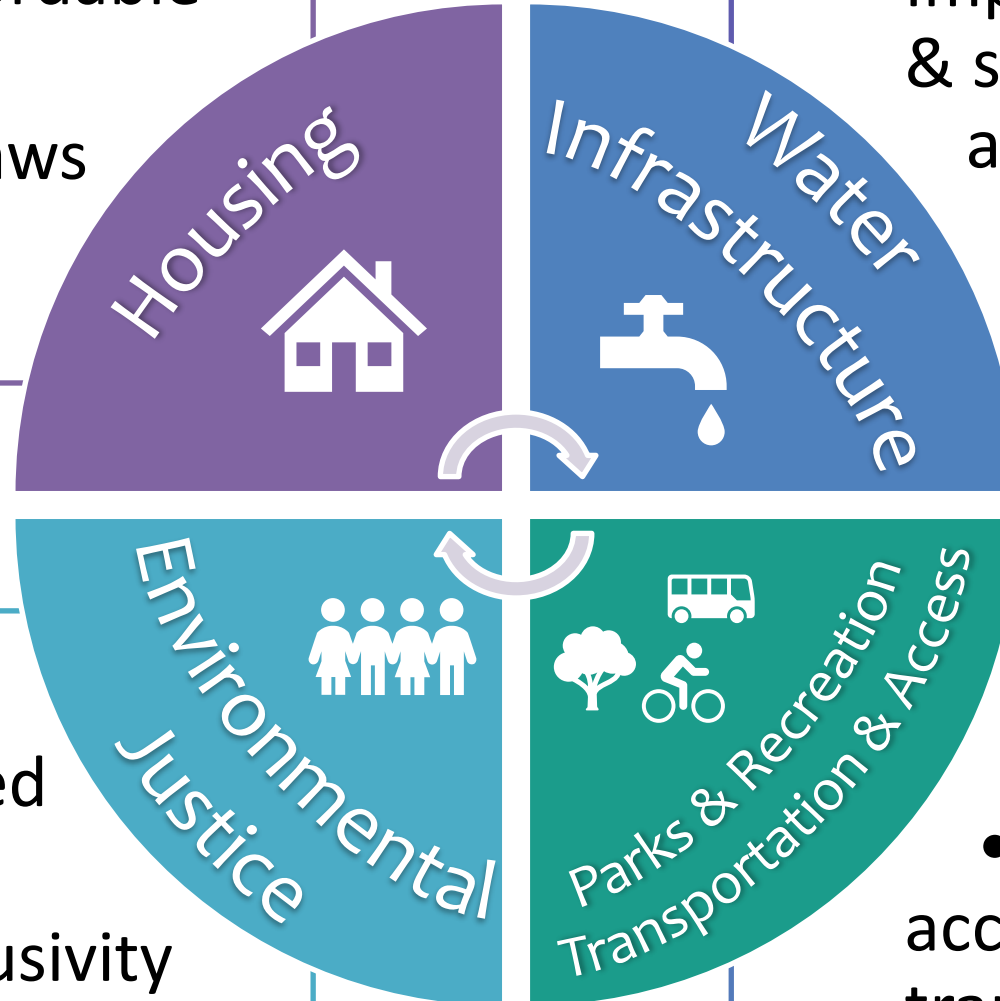
Inter-Agency Review

June

Public Release and
MAC Presentation

OVERARCHING THEMES

- Increase Affordable Housing
- New State Laws



- Improve water flow & supplies for additions, growth, or fire suppression

- Designated Disadvantaged Community
- Increase inclusivity

- Provide parks & recreation
- Increase access to services & transit options

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FUTURE STEPS

PUBLIC OUTREACH PLAN



Work sessions with the MAC



Focused small group meetings



Community workshops and open houses



Communications using project website, email, social media, and press releases

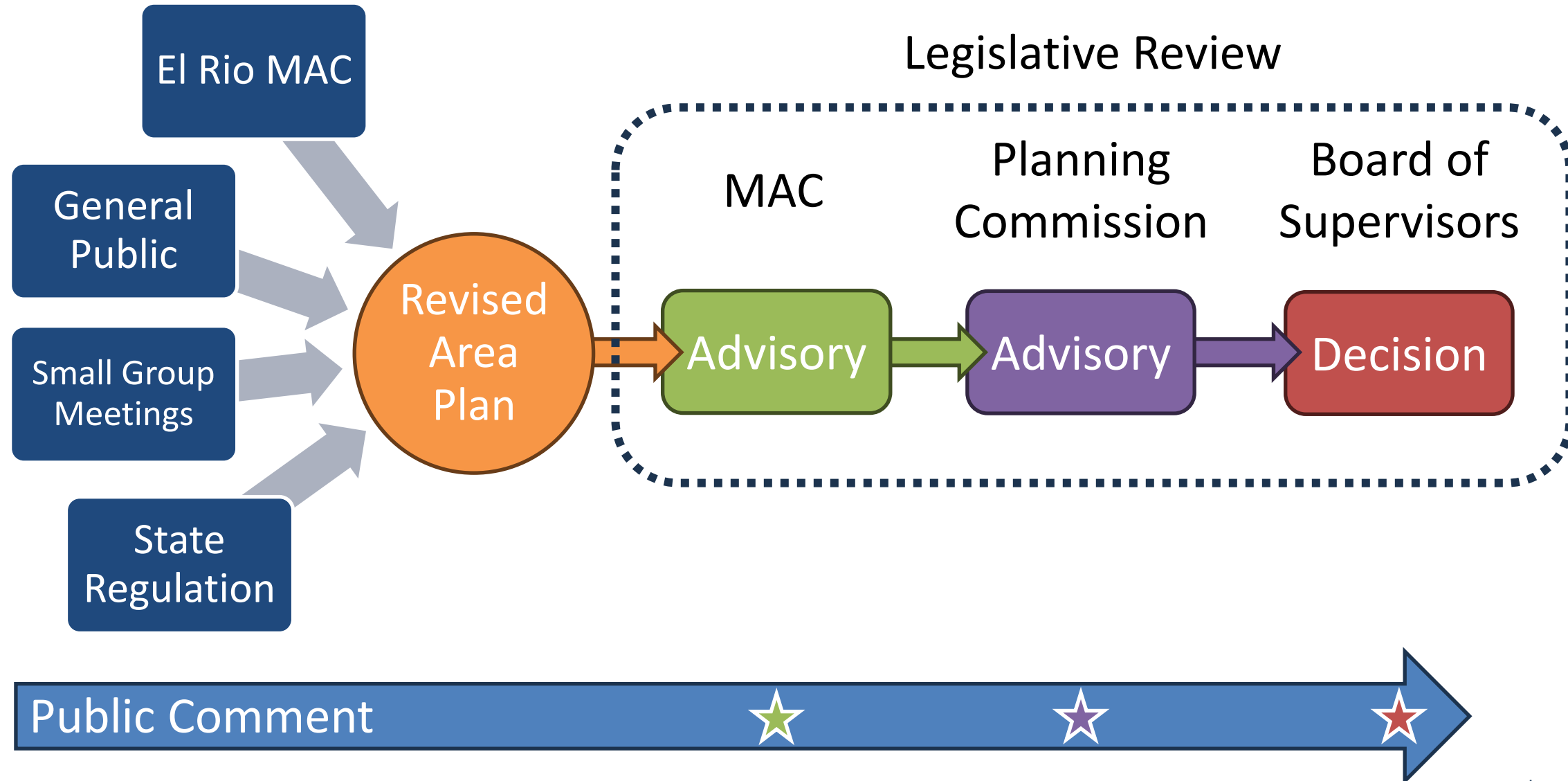


Plan for educational installations at the County Government Center, local libraries, and County parks



Include bilingual (Spanish) and interpretive materials and services

PLAN INPUT AND REVIEW



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QUESTIONS?

Sign up for project notifications here:

rma.venturacounty.gov/divisions/planning/el-rio-plan-update/

Or ask

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