

# GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

## General Plan Update—2035

Agoura Hills is updating its General Plan. State law requires each city and county to prepare and adopt a comprehensive long-range general plan for its physical development. A comprehensive general plan provides for a consistent framework for land use decision marking.

During the summer of 2005, the City mailed a survey questionnaire to all households in the City to gain an understanding of land use, circulation and other issues of concern to its citizens.

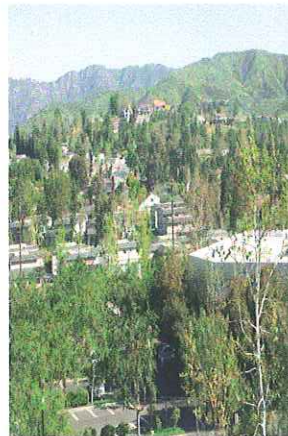
Meetings with key City stakeholders were held in spring 2006. The "Big Ideas" public meeting was held in December 2006, where citizens provided input to the City Council,

Planning Commission and City staff about what the General Plan Update (GPU) should include.

Since then, City staff, consultants, and the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) have been working to prepare the City's General Plan Update (through the Year 2035). This citizen input has formed the basis of our GPU.

The GPAC is comprised of two City Council members, two Planning Commissioners, and six at-large residents appointed by the City Council.

Check out the GPU website from our link on the City's home page to access all background and technical reports prepared to date.



Since January 2009, the GPAC has been regularly meeting with City staff and consultants to create goals and policies that would guide the General Plan. Implementation measures ensure that the goals and policies are realized.

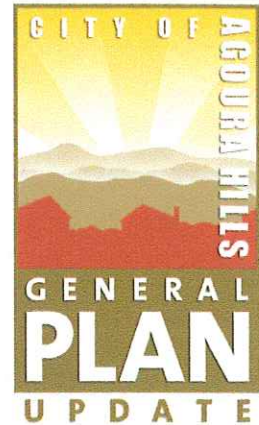
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## A Sustainable Agoura Hills

The focus of the GPU is on sustainability. The City is generally built out, so the theme of the GPU is to preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods, corridors and open spaces, and selectively provide for the evolution of older buildings and

places. This means maintaining the integrity of existing residential neighborhoods, providing better pedestrian connectivity among neighborhoods, and continuing to preserve the natural assets of our community. The GPU seeks sustain-

able neighborhoods, economics, land use, building and site design, and infrastructure. The GPU also addresses recent State legislation regarding greenhouse gas reduction.



### Community Information Meeting

6:00 PM  
Tuesday,  
July 28th

City Council  
Chambers

### Four Elements of the GPU

Community  
Conservation and  
Development

Infrastructure and  
Public Services

Natural Resources

Community Safety

## Calendar

- Community Information Meeting— 7/28/09
- Draft GPU and EIR available for public review and comment—fall 2009
- Final GPU and EIR prepared—late fall 2009
- City Council and Planning Commission Hearings on GPU and EIR—12/09

**For more information, check out our website at: [www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us](http://www.ci.agoura-hills.ca.us), or call Allison Cook at (818) 597-7310.**



## Vision Statement

*Agoura Hills is a special place, surrounded by the Santa Monica Mountains, where oak trees and rolling hills abound. Here we seek to preserve our city's best qualities while striving to create a better community. The future Agoura Hills is an attractive city of growing sophistication that chooses to retain its small town look and feel. The city remains a safe place, where people live, work, play and move about in an economically viable and environmentally sustainable community. Sensitive growth and economic development are means of perpetuating our quality of life. These are balanced with resource conservation, as the city's semi-rural ranching past, rich history and unique neighborhoods are respected, and open spaces and surrounding hill-sides are preserved. Agoura Hills is a place where its citizens have opportunities to engage in their community through recreation, social and civic activities, schools and neighborhood organizations.*

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They are often specific tools and programs that need to be established to carry out the goals and policies.

There are 12 "study areas" in the GPU. While there is limited vacant land in the City that is available and feasible for development, the development cycle is such that existing developed areas could undergo changes over the next 25 years. The study areas are particular locations in the City where change might occur from now through 2035. None of the study areas encompass residential neighborhoods or open space areas. These two types of areas were seen as stable. Some study areas are being considered for additional types of land uses, but for the most part, the GPU is seeking to improve the appearance or enhance the pedestrian amenities of the areas.

The full Draft General Plan Update document is currently being prepared. Each element of the document will include goals, policies and implementation measures, along with background data and context within which to view

these three components, and explanatory exhibits and photos.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is being prepared to assess potential impacts resulting from implementation of the GPU.

The Draft GPU and Draft EIR are expected to be available fall 2009 for the public to review and comment.

The community meeting on July 28, 2009 will be to share information on the GPU with the public.

