



Saratoga General Plan Update

Environmental Impact Report - Scoping Meeting

June 28, 2018

Purpose of Scoping Meeting

- A Scoping meeting is not a public hearing
- No decisions will be made on the General Plan Update or Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- The purpose of the Scoping meeting is to:
 - Outline issues to be evaluated in the Draft EIR
 - Provide an opportunity to give comments on the scope of the Draft EIR
 - To identify issues of concern and potential areas of controversy.



What is a General Plan?

- A General Plan is long-term policy document that provides guidance for managing the City's physical, social and economic resources.
- It provides a basis for decisions that affect future growth.
- It identifies the community's shared vision for the future.
- It addresses the unique characteristics and needs of the community.

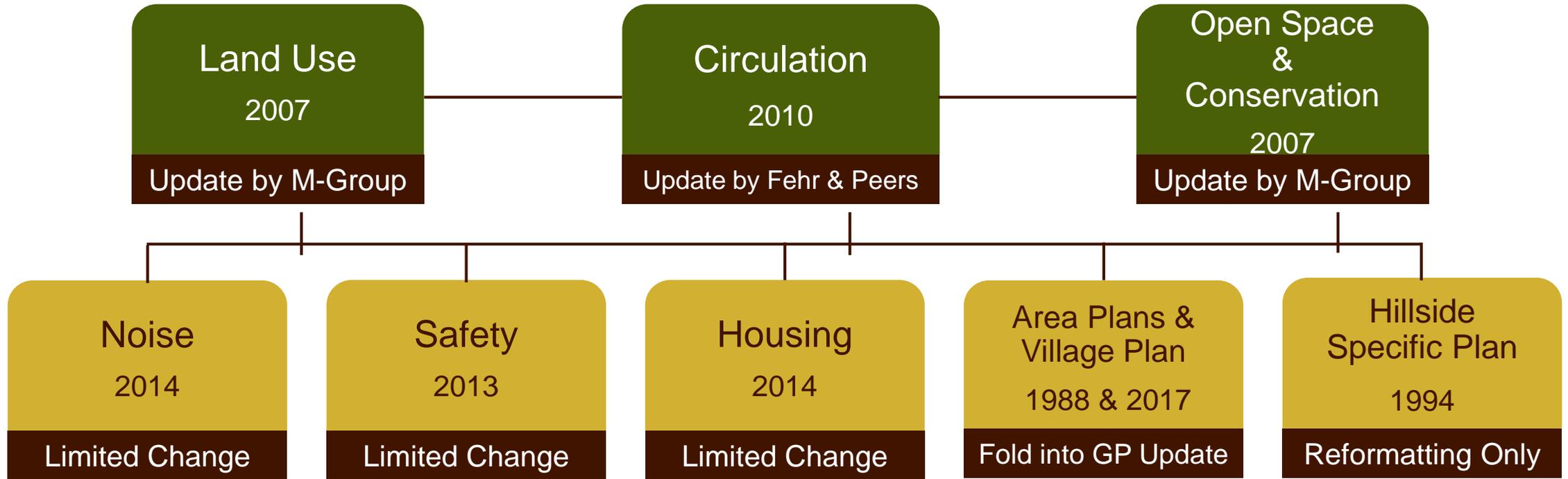


What is a General Plan?

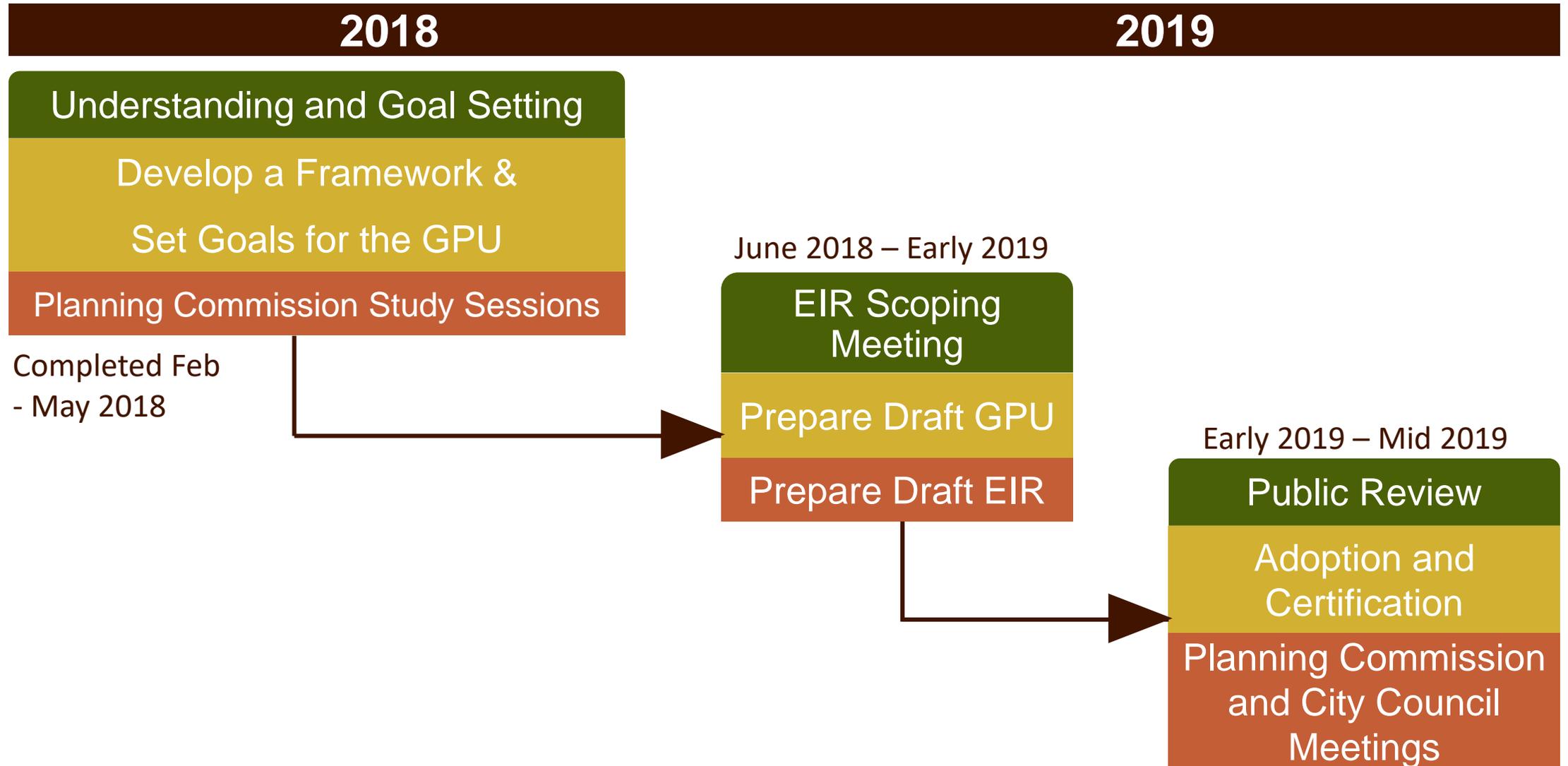
- Every city and county in California is required to have a General Plan.
- The General Plan typically plans for a 20 year time horizon.
- The contents of the General Plan are regulated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).
- Contains seven required elements:
 - Land Use
 - Circulation
 - Housing
 - Conservation
 - Open Space
 - Noise
 - Safety



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What is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

- CEQA is a State Law enacted by the California Legislature and is codified in the Public Resources Code (Section 21000)
- Purpose is to disclose potential environmental issues to the public, trustee and responsible agencies.
- Provides opportunities for public participation.
- City of Saratoga, as lead agency, is responsible for implementing CEQA



Overview of Program EIR

- A program level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the General Plan Update.
- The EIR will examine the proposed policy changes and any impacts the changes could have on the natural environment, local resources, and people.
- Notice of Preparation > Draft EIR > Final EIR
- Certified by the Lead Agency prior to project approval.

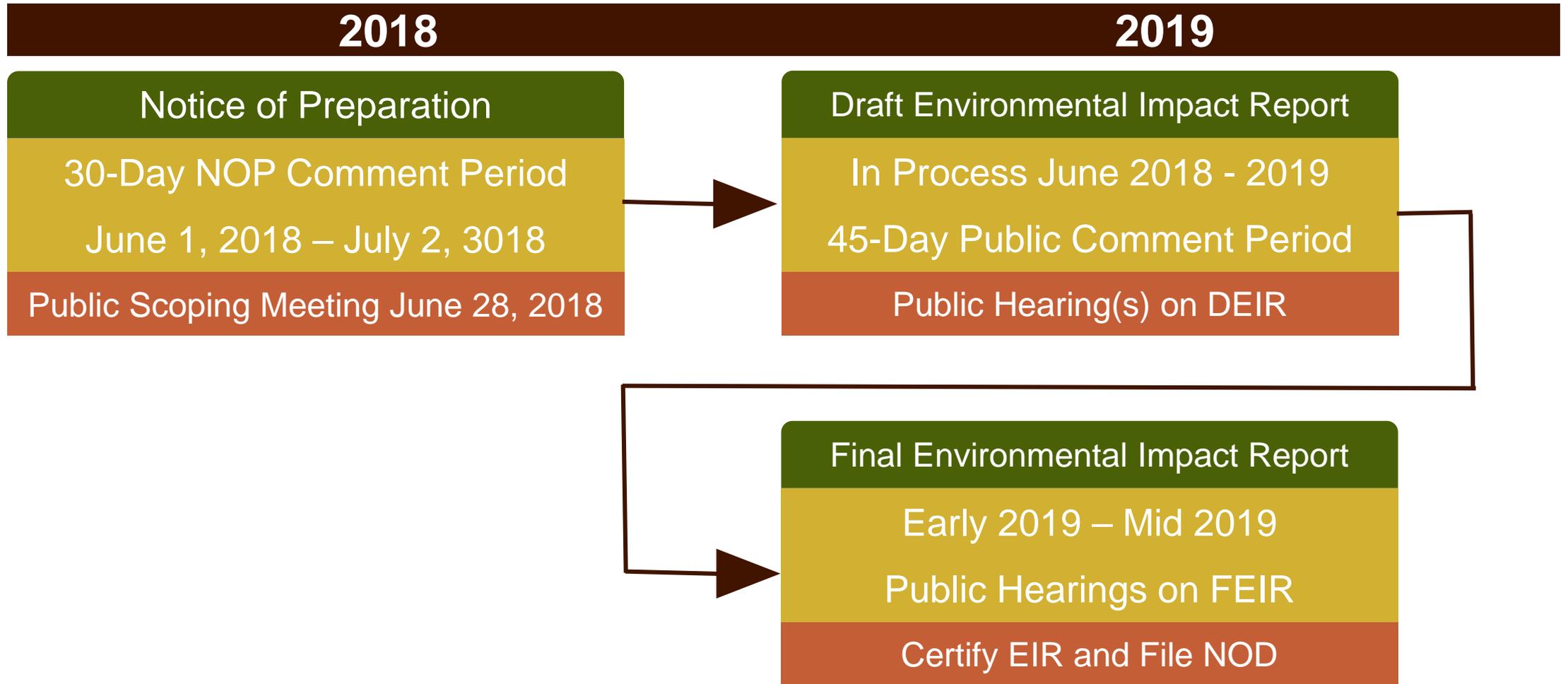


Purpose of the EIR Process

- Define the proposed project in detail and describe the:
 - Objectives
 - Existing setting
- Disclose potential environmental effects.
- Identify mitigation to avoid, reduce or offset significant effects.
- Identify and consider alternatives that may reduce or avoid effects.
- Provide opportunities for public to comment.
- Enable decision-makers to make an informed decision.



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Topics of the Saratoga General Plan EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Energy
- Hazards and Hazards Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services & Utilities
- Recreation
- Traffic and Circulation
- Other CEQA Considerations
- Alternatives

How to Comment

- Comments on the scope of the EIR are due by 5:00 p.m. on July 2, 2018.
- Oral comments or comment cards may also be submitted in person tonight.
- Written comments
 - By mail:
City of Saratoga Community Development Department
Debbie Pedro, AICP, Community Development Director
13777 Fruitvale Avenue Saratoga, CA 95070
 - By email: dpedro@saratoga.ca.us
- Please provide name and contact information with your comments.



Community Input on Scope of EIR

- What should be considered?
- What are environmental concerns?
- Suggestions for Alternatives and Mitigation Measures?
- Questions and Comments?



Questions & Comments

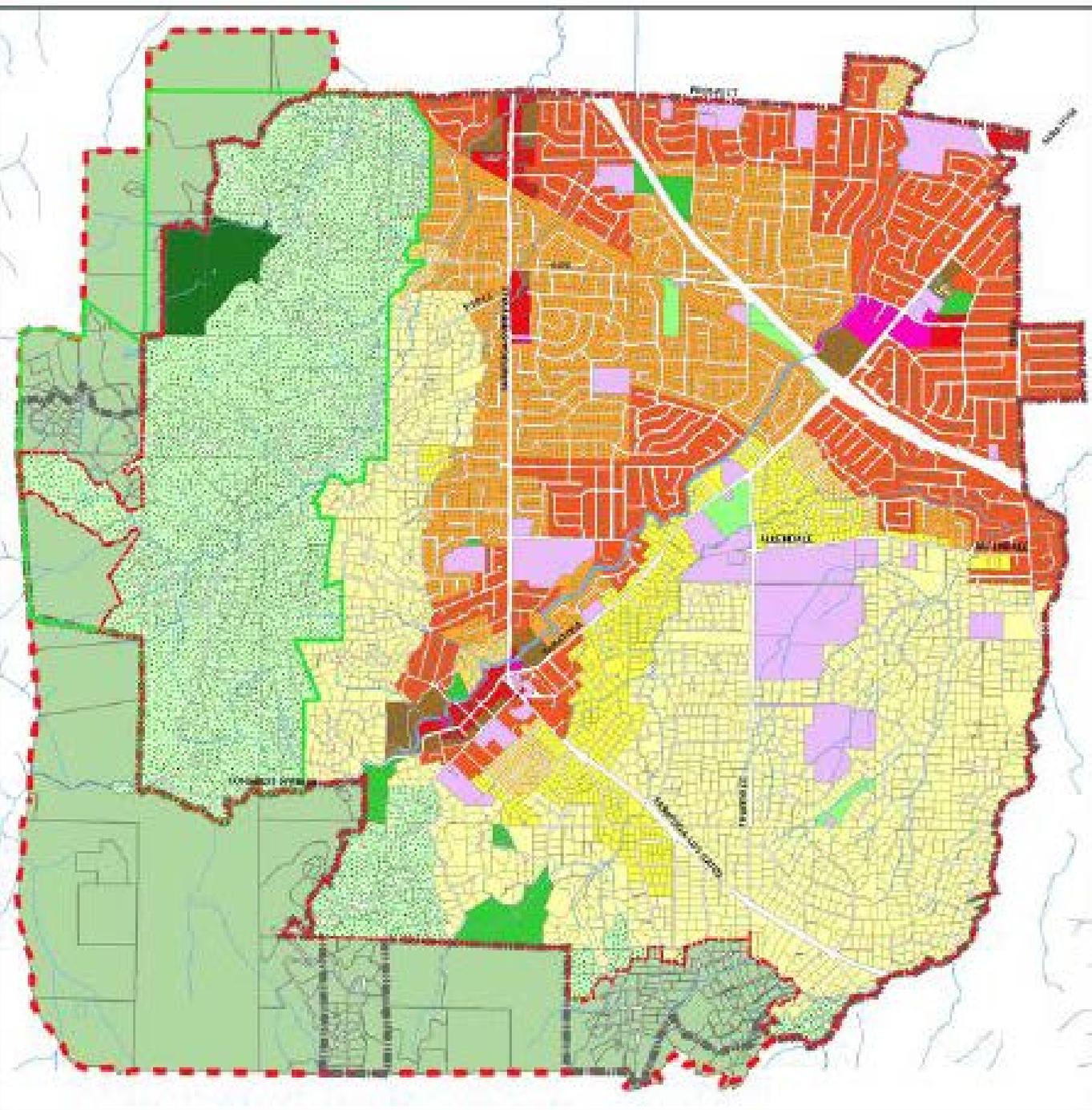
Please refer to the City website for additional and up to date information by searching “General Plan Update” which will direct you to: www.saratoga.ca.us/gp



Thank You



2007 Land Use Map



LEGEND

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| Hillside Conservation S.F. | Professional Administrative |
| Very Low Density Residential | Commercial Retail |
| Low Density Residential | Community Facility |
| Medium Density Residential: M-15 | Public Use Corridor |
| Medium Density Residential: M-12.5 | Hillside Open Space |
| Medium Density Residential: M-10 | Open Space-Managed Resource |
| Multi-Family Residential | Open Space-Outdoor Recreation |
| Planned Development Residential | Open Space-Private |
| Multi-Use Planning District | Hillside Specific Plan Area |
| Planned Development | Hydrology |

Next Steps in Process

