

FACT SHEET

What is a General Plan?

A "General plan" is a comprehensive document required by State law for municipalities similar to Casa Grande. The Plan is based on the Community's Vision and Goals. It is a guide to the type of development or places that the City desires.

The General Plan identifies how the physical development of land should occur. For example; where new homes should be built, where new commercial or industrial sites should be located, and how and where parks will be provided. The Plan also looks at how we get around Casa Grande, including where new roads are built, and where new bicycle and mass transit routes should go. Important issues such as the environment, historic preservation, and rural lifestyle are also considered in the General Plan. The General Plan sets the "ground rules" that will shape Casa Grande, so it is important we get it right!

Why Do We Need to Update the General Plan?

General Plans are usually updated as the community changes and new opportunities and challenges arise. The City's General Plan was updated in 2001 and our City has seen tremendous growth and change since then. By updating the General Plan we can ensure that we preserve our resources, enhance our

community's character, and support our neighborhoods.

Why Should You Be Involved?

Public participation is important to the success of the Casa Grande General Plan update. The General Plan revision process allows the public to develop long-term recommendations for the City. This is your opportunity to help shape the kind of place our city will be for generations to come.

Here is how you can participate in the General Plan 2020 update.

- Read and provide comments of the draft General Plan 2020 available through the website at:

<http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/web/guest/gpfeedback>

Attend the public meetings:

- Saturday, **April 4, 2009**, 9:00 a.m. to noon, City Hall Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85222.

-Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Thursday, **May 14, 2009**. City Hall Council Chambers, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85222



Why Should You Be Involved? Continued...

-Thursday, **May 28, 2009**, Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Call the City at 520-421-8600 for time and location or visit the City's website at www.casagrandeaz.gov.

- Monday, **June 22, 2009**, Mayor and Council will conduct a public hearing for the General Plan.

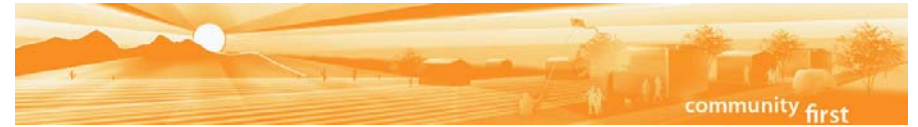
The City and the General Plan Consultant (EDAW) invites you to visit the City's website at: www.casagrandeaz.gov for more information about the General Plan Update.

What will the General Plan cover?

The Plan covers a number of elements that are required by law for a city like Casa Grande to address as well as additional elements that are important to the City such as:

- Land Use
- Rural Element
- Housing
- Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Energy
- Community Facilities
- Environmental Planning Conservation and Air Quality
- Cost of Development
- Water and Wastewater Resources
- Transportation and Circulation
- Economic Development and Jobs
- Growth Areas
- Implementation Strategy

In addition to these planning elements, one of the first steps will be to update the Community's vision for Casa Grande.



Community First is the recognition statement for the General Plan Update 2020.



General Plan Update 2020

Please watch the Casa Grande Dispatch newspaper along

with the City's website for upcoming events or provide comments at <http://www.casagrandeaz.gov>. You can also contact the General Plan Project Manager:

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