

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Project Factsheet

The City of Hercules is updating its general plan, a planning tool that will serve as a blueprint for how to grow and change over the next 25 years. This initiative, titled Horizon 2050, will create opportunities for housing, economic growth, transportation, resilience to climate change, and more. Your voice is essential to making this process a success.

What is a general plan and how does it affect me?

The State of California requires every city and county to have a general plan that serves as a roadmap to guide land use and development decisions. It describes the community's vision for how it will grow, reflects the community's priorities and values, and identifies policies and strategies to manage change. Below are some of the ways a general plan affects daily life for community members.



Land Use

The general plan determines future land uses, such as residential, office, industrial, and open space, as well as which areas will grow and change. This guides future development and zoning updates.



Economic Development

The general plan guides where businesses can locate, how commercial areas grow, and what infrastructure and investments are needed to attract jobs and support local businesses.

Transportation

The general plan shapes where roads, bike lanes, and public transit should be built or improved to help people get to work, school, shopping, and parks more safely and easily in the future.



Community Amenities

The general plan helps plan for schools, parks, and other community facilities to support future growth, and also sets policies for conserving and maintaining parkland and open space.



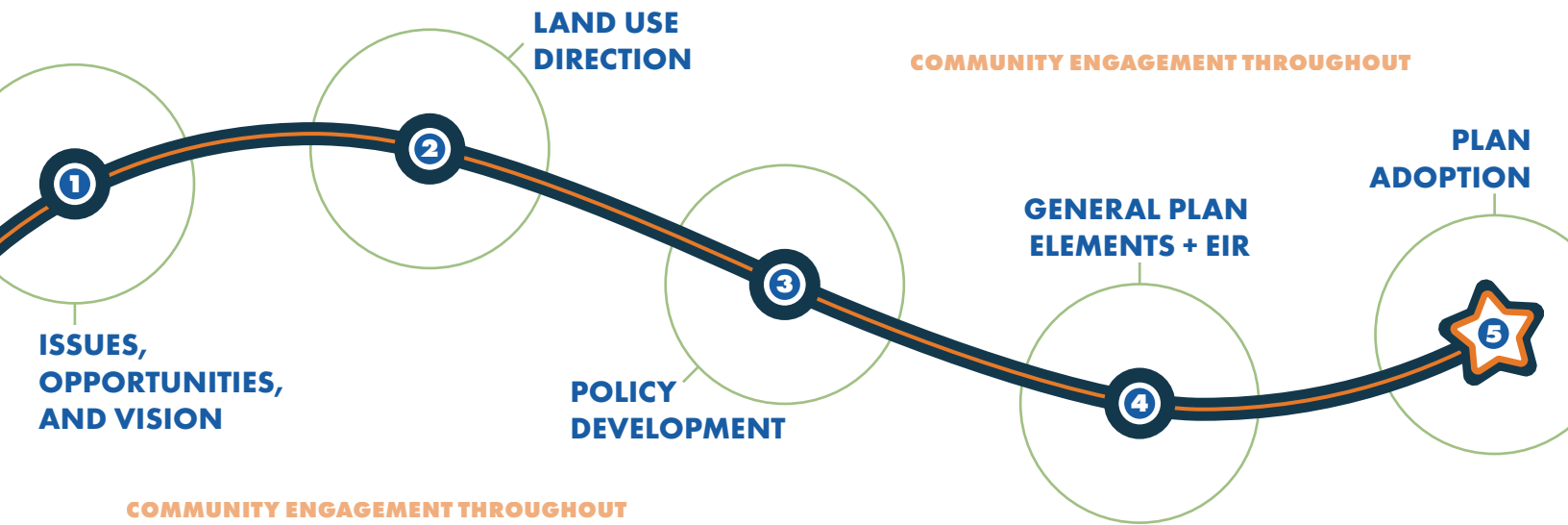
Why is the City updating its General Plan?

The current Hercules General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 1998. Since then, individual elements have been updated, but much has changed in Hercules and throughout California. The Horizon 2050 initiative is a focused update that will reflect current conditions, advance a new community vision for the future, integrate public and private plans not currently reflected in the general plan, and ensure compliance with state law.



How long will the update take?

The Horizon 2050 initiative requires a multi-year process, initiated in Spring 2026. The process will consist of five phases, as shown below. Community engagement is critical to the success of the general plan update, and each phase will include opportunities for community participation and feedback.



How can I participate?

The City is striving for an inclusive, community-led process for Horizon 2050. Both in-person and virtual events are planned to provide additional opportunities for feedback. We want a variety of viewpoints to inform this update.

Community engagement will include:


- Horizon 2050 website with regular updates and notifications
- Community workshops or open houses
- Informational forums
- Online surveys
- Citywide notifications and informational primers
- General Plan Advisory Committee meetings
- Public meetings with Planning Commission and City Council




How can I stay involved?

To learn more about engagement opportunities and stay up to date on the progress of the Horizon 2050 General Plan update, scan the QR code or visit the project website to sign up for updates. You can also email City of Hercules staff with questions or comments.

Visit the project website:

 www.hercules2050.com

Send an email:

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