

# Trinity County General Plan Update

Planning Commission Meeting

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## General Plan, Zoning Ordinance Update, and EIR



# Presentation Overview

# Meeting TOPICS:



Project Process and Follow-Up



Countywide Vision Statement Options



Countywide Guiding Principles Options



Commission Discussion, Direction, and Feedback



Next Steps

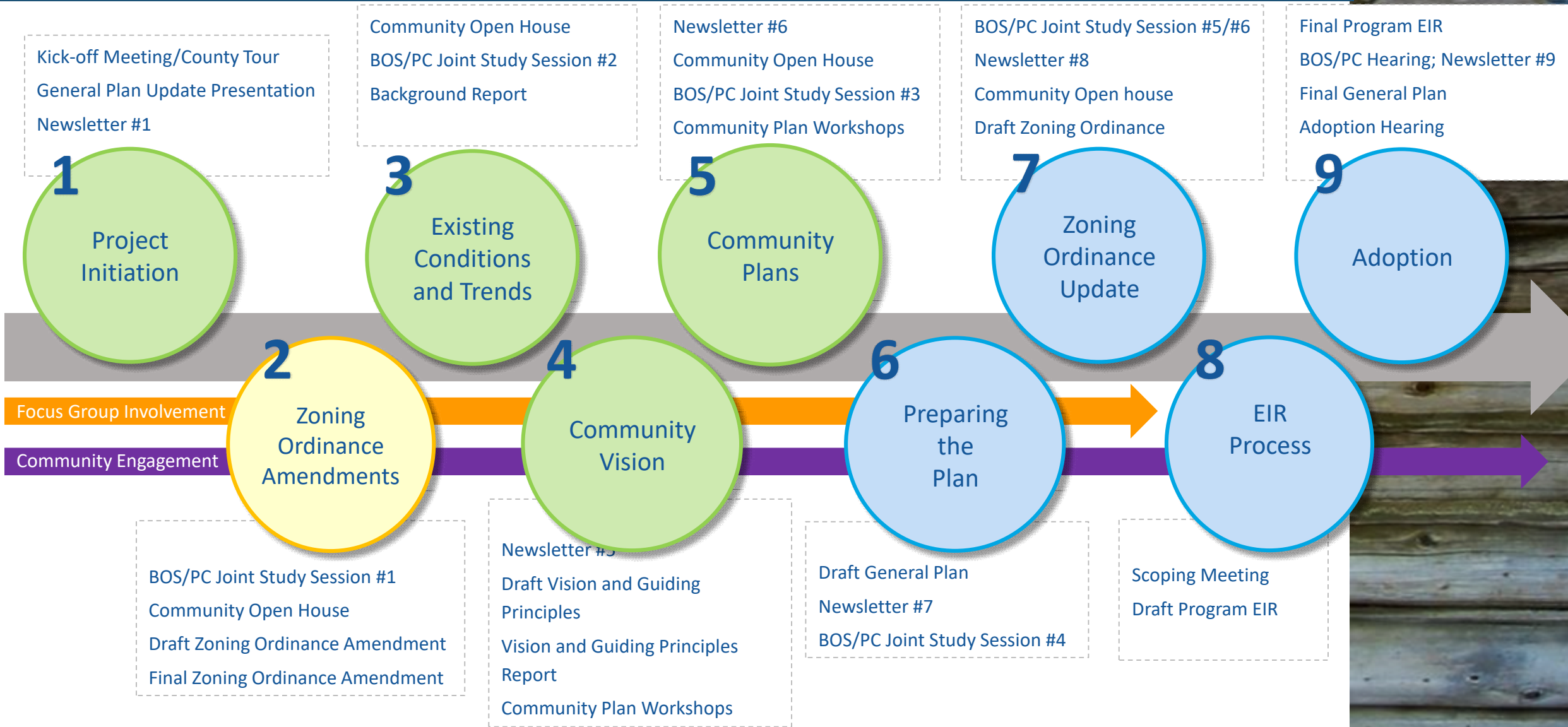




# Project Process

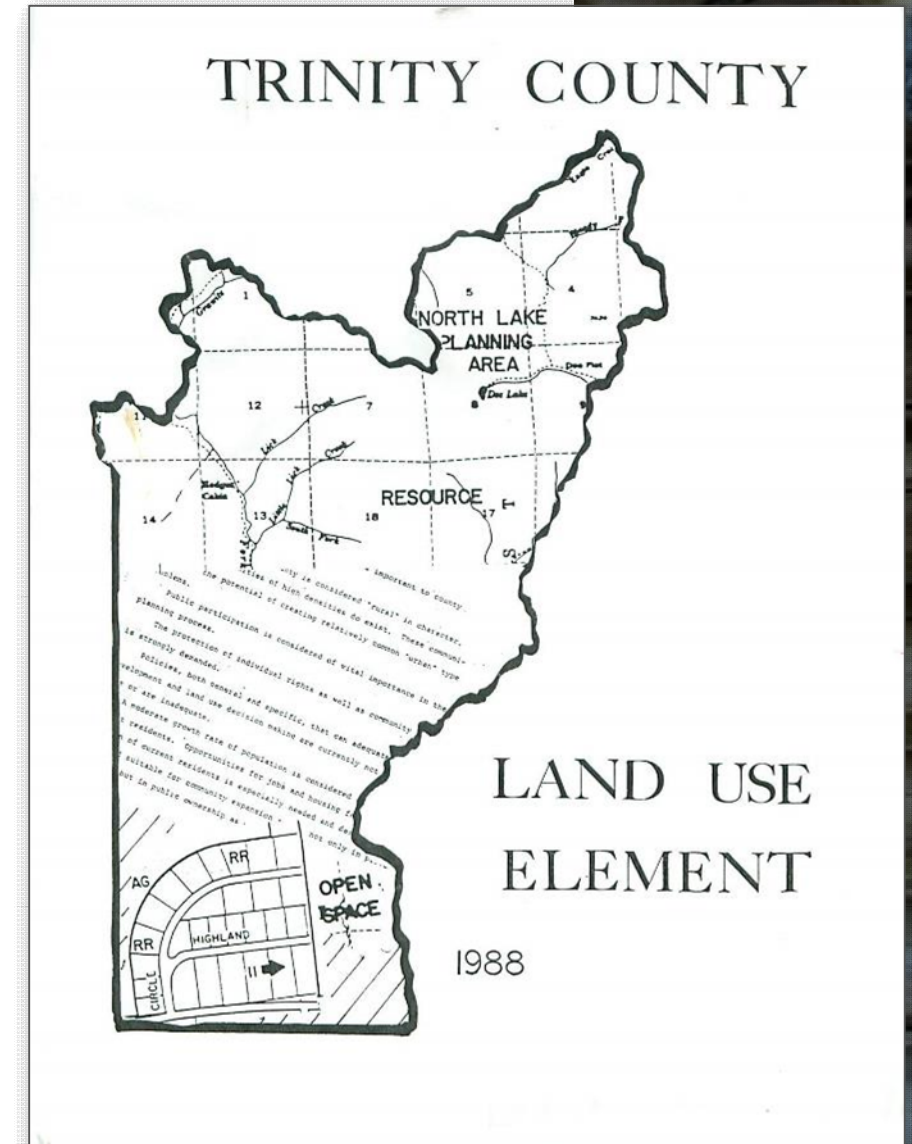
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# Project Process



# Project Follow-up

- June – August 2022
  - Board Meeting
  - Focus Group Meetings
  - Community Workshop
  - Trinity County Fair
- November 2022
  - Community Plan Initiation
  - 10 community plan workshops
- March 2023
  - Release of the Trinity County Background Report
  - Board Meeting
- June - July 2023
  - Second Round of Focus Group Meetings
  - Community Plan Mapping Online Exercise
  - Draft Countywide Vision and Guiding Principles





# Countywide Vision and Guiding Principles

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# What is a Vision Statement?

- Ideal future aspirations to work towards
- Inspiration for decision-makers and the community
- Comprehensive, long-term, visionary, and positive



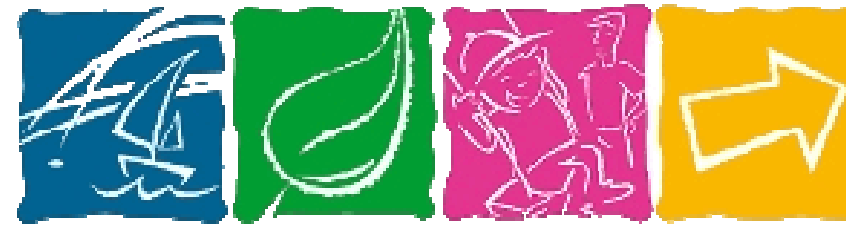
## OUR FUTURE





# Why have a Vision Statement?

- Capture the community direction for the future of Trinity County
- Guide goals, policies, and programs in the updated General Plan



## OUR FUTURE



Vision Statement

# Creation of a Vision Statement

- Board of Supervisors is ultimately responsible for selecting a Countywide vision and guiding principles to guide the preparation of the General Plan.
- Vision and guiding principles concepts based on all the community input received through June 2023, including
  - The first countywide community workshop
  - Focus Group meetings,
  - Placemaking Project,
  - 2022 County Fair information booth
  - 10 Community Plan Workshops (November 2022)
- The Focus Groups then met in June 2023 to review and discuss the initial vision and guiding principle concepts.
- Revisions were made to the vision and guiding principle concepts and provided to the public for feedback



# Countywide Vision Statement | Option 1

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a natural setting, where the opportunities for work, play, and housing are abundant, the sense of community and family is strong, people are kind, and residents feel safe and secure. Equally important is for the community to retain the peace and quiet that comes from its rural setting. The county supports a self-sustaining, resilient, and creative culture and economy with a vibrant, diverse business base. The County is fiscally responsible, environmentally conscious, and inclusive. The county offers a welcoming place for people of all ages, incomes, and ethnicities to live, work, and visit.



Vision Statement

## Countywide Vision Statement | Option 2

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a rural setting where natural and cultural resources are maintained and protected. The county is a place where opportunities for work, housing, and recreation are abundant, and strong families, kind people, safety, peace, and quiet are valued and supported.



Vision Statement

## Countywide Vision Statement | Option 3

Trinity County is the place where people can have a fulfilled life in a rural, natural setting that is peaceful and quiet. Where the opportunities for work, play, housing, recreation, and cultural and natural resources are abundant. The county has a strong sense of community and family, where people are kind and residents feel safe and secure.



Vision Statement

# What are Guiding Principles?

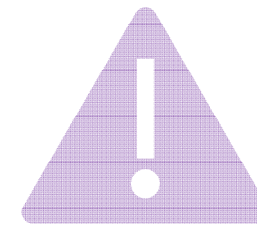
- Guiding Principles are central ideas (themes) that articulate the County's commitment to achieving the Vision of the General Plan.
- They establish the framework for the ideas and concepts behind the General Plan and serve as a touchstone during the process to develop and refine goals, policies, and programs.
- Guiding principles were crafted based on community feedback and align with the six key topical areas addressed in the 2050 General Plan.



# Guiding Principles Options: *Hazards and Safety*

1 Minimize health and safety impacts to residents, businesses and visitors from human-caused hazards such as hazardous materials, noise, air, and water pollution, as well as managing lands to reduce the impacts of natural hazards such as wildland fires, flooding, and geological events.

2 Provide for safe communities through resilient infrastructure, communitywide education and preparation, effective coordination with regional, State, and Federal agencies, and hazard planning that is responsive to potential climate-related, natural, and human-caused disasters.



# Guiding Principles Options: *Community Health and Health Services*



1

Promote economic, social, and physical health and wellness by investing in infrastructure that promotes physical activity and access to healthy foods, emphasizing healthcare resources for seniors, and integrating public health into policies and the built environment.

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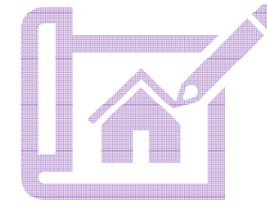
Protect natural environments and develop healthy built environments to help reduce stress, depression, and other health disparities; mutually support each other in performing all functions of life and developing maximum mental capacity.

3

Reduce the potential and severity of short- and long-term health emergencies, control the rate and extent of the spread of illness, reduce economic and social displacement, and reduce loss of life.



# Guiding Principles Options: *Land Use, Housing, and Zoning*



**1** Expand available land for future development, incentivize new development, get vacant and abandoned properties back into active use, increase affordable housing options such as tiny homes and accessory dwelling units (ADUs), build local wealth, increase fire resiliency that includes shaded fuel breaks, and emphasize unified, collaborative approaches to housing challenges.

**2** Maintain the unique geographic identities of communities, separated by agriculture and open space lands. Carefully plan new development, including the establishment of community services and facilities that balances the need for new housing with preservation of community character.



# Guiding Principles Options: *Mobility and Infrastructure*



1

Maintain and enhance existing multimodal transportation network, infrastructure, and services to meet the unique circumstances of each community and the needs of residents and businesses; ensure development does not outpace the provision of services and infrastructure; maintain law enforcement and fire protection services to protect residents and property; and enhance availability of communications infrastructure to residents and businesses.

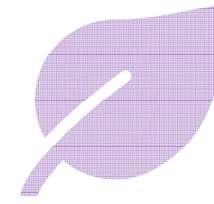
2

Invest in public roadways, facilities, infrastructure, services, and renewable energy to promote efficiency and economic vitality. Ensure public safety and improve quality of life for all residents.

3

Communities are internally connected through an efficient and safe network of roadways, bridges, transit, bikeways, and pedestrian trails and sidewalks that are coordinated and adequately constructed and maintained to meet the needs of residents and businesses.

# Guiding Principles Options: *Watersheds and Natural Resources*



1

Conserve, develop, and sustainably manage the county's open spaces and natural resources, including soils, water, air quality, minerals, biological resources, scenic resources, rivers and forests, as well as historic and cultural resources, while balancing the needs of communities, agriculture, and healthy ecosystems.

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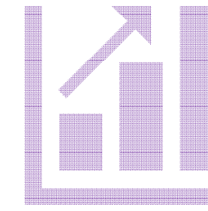
Natural assets, such as air quality, mountains, forests, river corridors, and soils, are preserved; energy efficiency and use of alternative modes of transportation conserve energy resources, and new, sustainable energy resources are fully developed, providing clean and inexpensive energy.

3

The county values and protects its natural and cultural resources with expanded opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the county's heritage and natural setting. Recreation and entertainment opportunities, such as the Trinity Alps, waterways, and State and Federal parks and forests, are available and accessible to all residents and visitors.



# Guiding Principles Options: *Economic Development*



1

Local business development and employment opportunities to keep capital and growth within the community; characteristics that support local substantive businesses are recognized, enhanced, and maintained over time; and independent businesses are attracted to the area.

2

In order to maximize benefit from local market demand and financial resources, there is a high level of continuous coordination and collaboration within the business community and with the County. County resources for economic development are distributed throughout all communities in the county. A strong focus exists on workforce development, identifying existing assets and gaps in the workforce ecosystem, building a coalition of stakeholders to strengthen the ecosystem, training the existing workforce for new industries and opportunities, and expanding the county workforce and capacity.

3

The county's economy will expand, diversify, and strengthen its role globally as a source of food and agricultural commodities; an important cannabis producer; and a destination for tourists. Expanded educational opportunities provide a broad range of jobs across diverse industries, emphasizing small, local businesses and start-ups. Excellent schools and leadership programs prepare youth as the next generation of the county's workforce.



# Commission Discussion

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# Commission Discussion:



Questions



Comments on the Options



Discussion and Direction



Discussion



# Next Steps

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- Finalize the Countywide Vision and Guiding Principles (TBD)
- Finalize Designated Community Plans and Boundaries (September 2023)
- Community Plan Workshops (November 2023)
- Initiate the General Plan Policy Document (Winter)

Next Steps