

Norco General Plan Update: Open House

November 16, 2023

The Barn at Ingalls Event Center



What is a General Plan?

- Blueprint for meeting the community's long-term vision for the future
- Establishes the City's goals and priorities for the next 10-20 years
- Preserves and enhances community strengths
- Enables the community to come together to develop a shared vision
- Required for all cities and counties in California by state law

The general plan is more than the legal underpinning for land use decisions; it is a vision about how a community will grow, reflecting community priorities and values while shaping the future.

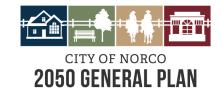
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)



Purpose of the General Plan

- Guides land use planning decisions gives new development a "road map"
- Communication tool for staff, decision makers & the public:
 - What is the vision for the City?
 - What are our big priorities for the built environment?
 - How do we communicate our priorities and vision?
 - How helpful is our General Plan in telling our story?





Typical Elements or Chapters

- Land Use & Community Design
- Transportation, Connectivity & Access
- Public Services & Infrastructure
- Safety/Public Hazards
- Environmental Resource Management
- Parks & Open Space
- Housing
- Economic Development

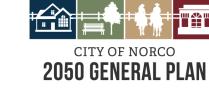




Why Update the General Plan?

- Some elements are over 20 years old
- Must periodically update to keep up with changing needs and conditions of the city and region
- Opportunity to address emerging trends and ideas
- Opportunity to hold a "community conversation" about the future
- Address state mandates & current issues





Planning Process & Schedule



FINAL VISION & STRATEGY PLAN Spring 2024

Preferred Alternative
More Engagement
Final Vision & Strategy Workshop

PUBLIC REVIEW Summer 2025

Public Review Revisions

WE ARE HERE

VISION & STRATEGY PLAN Winter 2023

Plan Alternatives

More Engagement

Vision & Strategy Alternatives Workshop

PLAN PREPARATION Summer 2024 - Spring 2025

Prepare GP and GPEIR

More Collaboration,

Engagement, and Consultation

ADOPTION Fall 2025

Public Hearings & Adoption



Robust Community Engagement

To understand community perspectives of Norco, engagement was conducted via the following communication channels:

- Website & social media
- Direct mailings & email blasts
- Online surveys & polls
- Stakeholder and elected official interviews
- Small group meetings & focus groups
- Organizational presentations
- Workshops & open houses
- Council & commission meetings
- Pop-ups & event tabling



Community Engagement: Pop-Up Events



During this phase of the general plan, the project team conducted pop-ups at the following events:

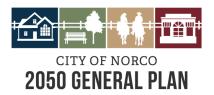
- Picnic in the Park
- Day of the Cowboy
- Concert in the Park
- National Night Out
- Norco Fair
- State of the City Address







Community Engagement: Focus Groups and Roadshows



The project team also conducted focus groups and roadshows with groups of key stakeholders:

- Equestrian & Agricultural Businesses
- Hamner Businesses
- Home-Based Businesses
- Sixth Street Businesses
- Faith-Based
- Youth Commissioners
- Events Leadership
- Youth Agricultural Leaders
- RURAL
- EAT Cultural Center
- Horseman's Association



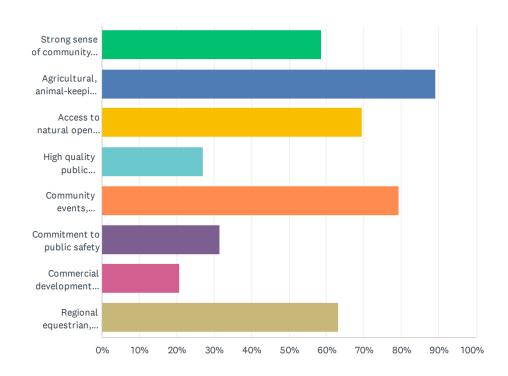
Community Engagement: Online Community Survey



- Open July 4 September 24
- Promoted via pop-ups, social media, mailers, email and website
- To read a complete summary of the survey responses, visit Station 2: Values & Visions

Q1 What are Norco's most unique and special attributes? Select all that apply.







What is your vision for Norco?

Visit each station and share your thoughts, ideas, and priorities!



CITY OF NORCO 2050 GENERAL PLAN

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