

GENERAL PLAN Workshop

Sonoma County

A Sustainable, Healthy and Equitable Future

December 12, 2023



General Plan 2020 (2008)

- Blueprint for land use
- Location of uses such as agriculture, residential, commercial
- Goals, objectives and policies
- Long-range community vision



County of Sonoma's General Plan

Sonoma County's Elements	2018 OPR Guidelines	Required/Optional
Land Use	Land Use	Required
Circulation & Transit	Circulation	Required
Open Space & Resource Conservation	Open Space, Conservation, Air Quality	Required
Noise	Noise	Required
Safety	Safety	Required (in process)
Housing	Housing	Required (in process)
N/A	Environmental Justice	Required (in process)
Agricultural Resources		Optional
Air Transportation		Optional
Public Facilities and Services		Optional
Water Resources	Water	Optional
N/A	Climate Change	Optional
N/A	Tribal Resources	Optional

The next General Plan

- Vision, Engagement
 - ▣ Formulate goals
- Analyze data
 - ▣ Refine goals
- Analyze alternatives
- Adopt and implement plan



Work plan (proposed)

- Recruit and hire a consultant to begin scoping for the larger project and planning work with an initial phase to:
 - ▣ Perform a detailed audit of General Plan 2020;
 - ▣ Conduct community outreach;
 - ▣ Establish a realistic timeline and budget for the General Plan update and associated program Environmental Impact Report. This includes evaluating any grant or other funding that may be available to support plan development.
 - ▣ Return to your Board with a final project scope including a review of potential options for the project scale from least-to-most comprehensive with a staff-supported recommendation.

Alignment with existing planning



Racial Equity Toolkit
An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity

A graphic for the Sonoma County Five-Year Strategic Plan 2021-2026. The top half features a photograph of a vineyard with rows of green grapevines under a blue sky. The bottom half is a dark blue banner with the Sonoma County seal and the text "SONOMA COUNTY FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026". Below this are five white boxes, each with a colored icon and a title: 1. Climate Action and Resiliency (green globe icon), 2. Healthy and Safe Communities (red house icon), 3. Organizational Excellence (green building icon), 4. Racial Equity and Social Justice (blue equals sign icon), 5. Resilient Infrastructure (orange wrench icon). Each box contains a short description of the pillar's focus.

SONOMA COUNTY FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026

- Climate Action and Resiliency**
Provide focus on climate action and resiliency to mobilize efforts towards mitigating climate change.
- Healthy and Safe Communities**
Provide quality and equitable housing, as well as health, and human services for all.
- Organizational Excellence**
Be an innovative, effective, engaged, and transparent with a focus on quality programs and services.
- Racial Equity and Social Justice**
Achieve racial equity in County service and ensure a workforce reflective of the community we serve.
- Resilient Infrastructure**
Enhance services to the community by investing in County facilities and infrastructure.



LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE & EQUITY



General Plan 2020

