# Overview of Plan Development, Coverage & Use

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## Hierarchy of Land Use Plans

#### **General Plan**

City wide General policies

#### **Area Plans**

Larger area – may include several neighborhoods
Increasingly specific policies

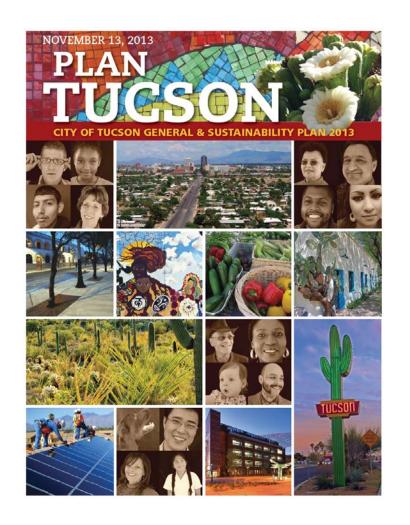
## Specific Plans

#### **Neighborhood Plans**

Smaller area - usually single neighborhood Most specific policies

### **General Plan**

- Mandated by State
   Statute
- Comprehensive planning document with goals and objectives of the City
- Must include 17 different elements (land use is one element).
- Voter ratified and only good for 10 years





# What are neighborhood and area plans?

- Types of specific plans
- Not statutorily required but permitted by state law
- Intended to add detail and specificity for the implementation of the General Plan
- Currently we have approved 48 area and neighborhood plans
- Major Streets & Routes informs land use intensity and guidance
- Most were adopted in the 1980's 12 in the 1970's, 24 in the 1980's,
  6 in the 1990's, 4 in the 2000's

**Comparing Plans** 



#### **Area Plans (16 plans)**

- Generally a larger area
- May have specific policies but usually more general than Neighborhood Plans
- May contain several neighborhoods and/or Neighborhood Plans

#### **Neighborhood Plans (32 plans)**

- Generally a smaller area
- More specific policies than those of Area Plans
- If nested within a larger
   Area Plan, shall be
   consistent the Area Plan's
   policies



Comparing Plans



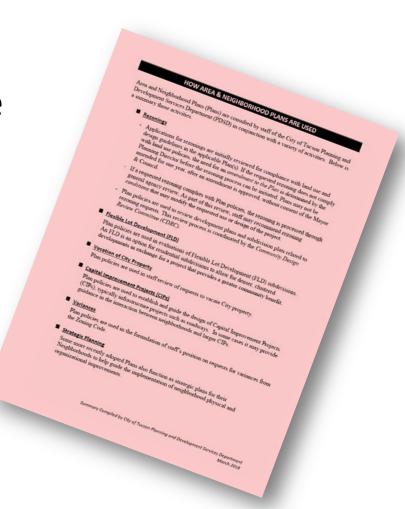
- Purpose was primarily to direct land use
- Include policies related to specific uses and then generally mapped them
- Intended to be used primarily by staff during rezonings



- While land use is addressed, plan created more of a vision for the neighborhood.
- Much of the plan is intended to be used by the neighborhood to guide grants and citizen led projects

### How Plans are Used?

- Guides land use development through the following processes:
  - Rezoning
  - Special Exceptions
  - Variances
- Used to implement the goals of the general plan



### Plan Guidance in Review

- Consistency in review for 30+ years
- Review proposal for consistency with conceptual land use map and/or policies
  - Certain criteria automatically trigger plan amendments
    - Land use
    - Dimensional standard
    - Density and intensity
  - Remaining criteria are reviewed as a whole for general compliance

### Example Concept Map

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**EXAMPLE: LAND USE CONCEPT MAP** 

from a Neighborhood Plan

Exhibit 2: Miramonte Neighborhood Conceptual Land Use Map

Note: This map is based on, and consistent with, the Alvernon-Broadway Area Plan Conceptual Land Use Map on page 21 of the City of Tucson, Alvernon-Broadway Area Plan (Adopted 1995, Amendments Aug. 1998, Oct. 1998, and Sept. 2000).



#### Miramonte Neighborhood Conceptual Land Use

Low Density Residential	
Medium Density Residential	
High Density Residential	
Office/High Density Residential	
Commercial/Office/High Density Residential	
	Medium Density Residential  High Density Residential  Office/High Density Residential

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\* Area & Neighborhood Plans typically include a map showing acceptable future land uses, which may differ from the current, underlying zoning in some areas. These concept maps (and any accompanying descriptive text) are key in staff reviews of rezoning requests and other select City processes. [See other side for explanation of classification terms that often accompany the concept

 Proposal for two story commercial and office development



Low to Medium Density Residential

(R-2, Densities)

tigh Density Residential

(R-3, R-4 Densities)

Review
 mapped
 land use
 guidance for
 area



Professional/Semi-Professional Offices

Offices, and Residential (R-2 Densities)

Commercial Professional/Semi-Professional

and Residential (R-2 Densities)

- Read through applicable policies in the guiding document
  - Protect and strengthen visual corridors by requiring any residential development plan
    calling for more than one story to show a variety of rooflines, clustering units, or mixing
    both one- and two-story units within the development. Nonresidential uses shall be
    limited to one story.
  - Take access from Campbell Avenue and Prince Road to new development projects
    rather than from local residential streets and coordinate access with street closures and a
    traffic median, if these are implemented.

#### Conclusion

- Does not conform with the neighborhood plan because
  - Commercial is not an allowed land use for this parcel
  - Intensity of Commercial development doesn't match the policies stated (i.e proposing 2 stories when only 1 story is allowed)
- Applicant must <u>revise proposal</u> to conform with the neighborhood plan or <u>apply for a plan</u> <u>amendment</u>

# What if proposal doesn't conform to the applicable plan?

- Plan Amendment is required for conformity before application can be processed
- Plan Amendment process includes:
  - Staff review
  - Neighborhood meeting
  - At least 1 Planning Commission study session
  - At least 1 Planning Commission public hearing
  - At least 1 Mayor and Council public hearing

# How often do we need Area and Neighborhood Plan Amendments?

- Eight in last five years
  - -2013:1
  - -2014:4
  - -2015:1
  - -2016:1
  - -2017:1
- Generally in areas of new growth or where there have been recent transportation projects

## How do I know if my plan has been amended?

#### Front of document

#### GRANT-ALVERNON AREA PLAN

CITY OF TUCSON
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

#### September 1999

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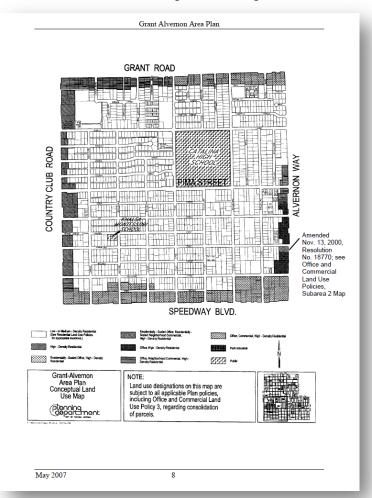
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#### **Concept Map**



## Questions?