

General Plan Update Process

Five County Association of Governments can assist towns as they update their General Plan, at no cost to the town. We work with the Planning Commission and Town Council to meet town goals by providing data, charts, maps, drafting language, ensuring compliance with state law, and shepherding the General Plan through the process to adoption. We can help with modifications or complete updates.

Example of steps

- Approval of City/Town Council to proceed
- Meet with community staff, if applicable
- Review of current General Plan
- Regular meetings with Planning Commission, and periodic meetings with Town Council
- Community Open House - Visioning and Input
 - Create, modify, or confirm Community Vision – Community Survey, etc.
 - Community survey -based on questions Town Council & Planning Commission would like to have input on
 - Educate community on General Plan and what can be included
- Based on input from all meetings, begin work on draft modifications / revisions
- Work on Draft
 - with Planning Commission (PC), or a portion of PC to draft changes
 - go over one or two elements at a time
 - Attend community events for input/education, if needed
- Optional – Community Open House on Draft General Plan
- Refine Draft
- Public Hearing on Draft – PC
- Town/City Council Agenda to adopt
- Implementation of General Plan – goals/policies taken into consideration with community decisions

General Plan Elements*

Required:

- Land Use Element
- Transportation & Traffic Circulation Element
- Moderate Income Housing Element (for some communities)
- Water Use and Preservation Element (for some communities)
- *Based on each legislative session, requirements may change*

Other Elements that the town feels are appropriate (not an exhaustive list):

- Beautification, blight control and redevelopment
- Water
- Wastewater
- Emergency preparedness/readiness
- Main Street
- Public buildings, services, and utilities
- Capital improvements
- Community facilities
- Rural character
- Arts and culture
- Economic development
- Parks and recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Community Design
- Public safety
- Trails
- Tourism
- Community promotion
- Agriculture and food
- Dark skies
- Urban forestry
- Critical and sensitive lands
- Environmental issues
- Natural hazards
- Community design

*This is based on Utah Code – 10-9a Part 4 – Now 10-20 Part 4