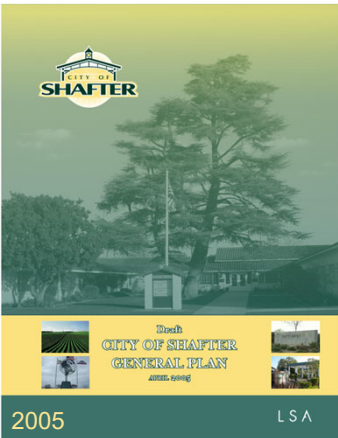
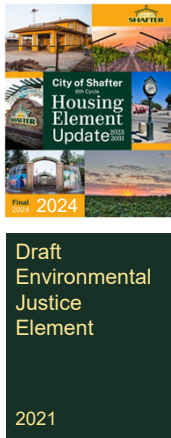




What is a General Plan?



Comprehensive, long-term plan for the city’s future

- Policy direction for decisions on land use, services, and capital improvements
- Guides city council, commissions, and staff
- Informs the public, service providers, and investors

PLANNING SYSTEMS

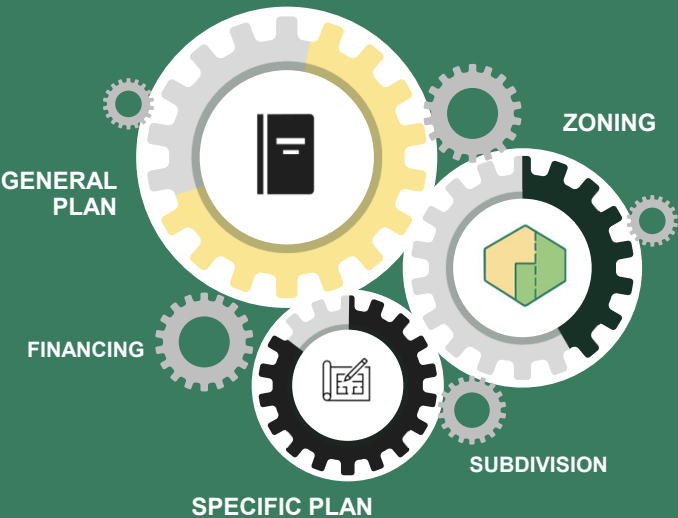
Cities use a variety of tools to plan, regulate, and manage growth.

The General Plan serves as the hub for these planning systems.

State law requires everything within the General Plan to be consistent (no contradictions).

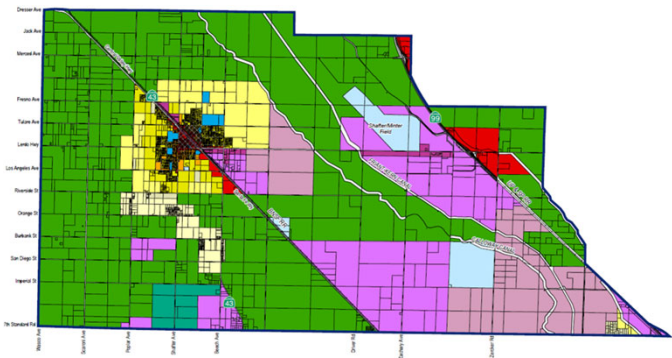
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This includes specific plans, zoning, and other documents and actions.



Updating the current plan

What's changed in the last 20 years?

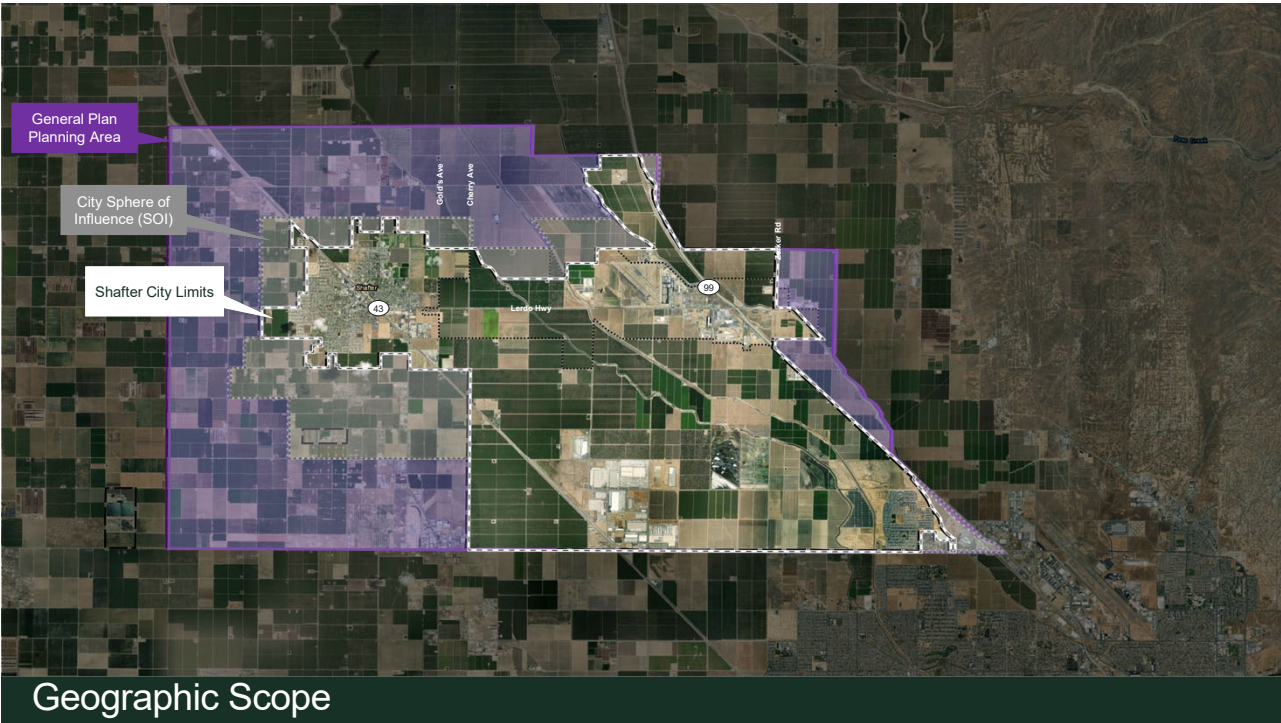


Current General Plan Land Use Plan (2005)

- Confirm and/or revise the vision.
- Address new issues and opportunities.
- Plan for growth and development given what we know now.
- Align with new state laws.

Objectives & Expectations

- 1. **A clear vision for the future.** Proactively plan for a cohesive city that considers community needs and desires, development pressures, market forces, and maintains local control.
- 2. **Engagement.** Conduct meaningful and robust community engagement.
- 3. **Attract and streamline future development.** Set the stage for beneficial development that is aligned with the vision.
- 4. **Bring into consistency with state law.** Integrate new state mandates and complete the rezoning program required by the City’s Housing Element before the statutory deadline (April 2027).



Topics

10 Required Topics (currently within 7 Elements)

- 1. 2005 Land Use Element (TOPICS: Land Use)
- 2. 2005 Transportation Element (TOPICS: Circulation)
- 3. 2024 Housing Element (TOPICS: Housing)
- 4. 2005 Environmental Management Element (TOPICS: Open Space, Conservation, Air Quality)
- 5. 2005 Environmental Hazards Element (TOPICS: Safety, Noise)
- 6. 2005 Public Services and Facilities Element (TOPICS: Public Infrastructure)
- 7. 2021 Draft Environmental Justice Element (TOPICS: Environmental Justice)