

# Urban Planning in Sacramento

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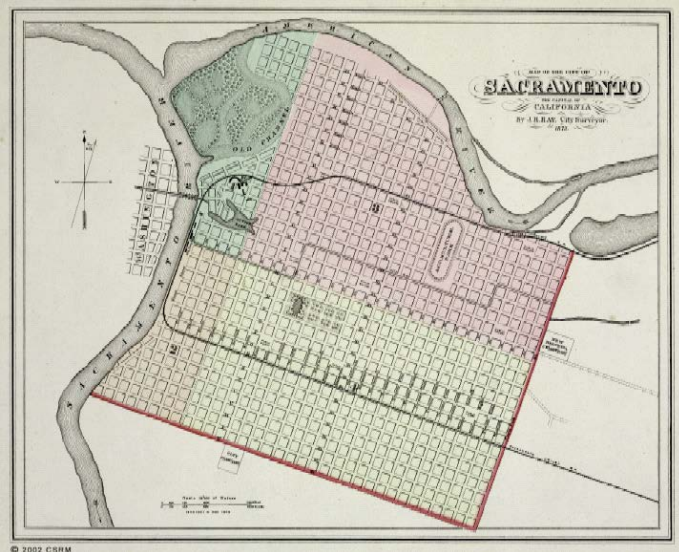
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## Planning/Smart Growth Overview

- Brief History of Planning
- Smart Growth
- SACOG Blueprint
- General Plan Update
- Planning Division

# Brief History of Planning



- **Early Planning (1849-1890)**
  - **Function/Necessity**
  - **Form VS Land Use**

# Brief History of Planning



- **Early Planning (1890-1950)**
  - Increased Mobility Choices
  - Industrialization
  - Zoning Issues

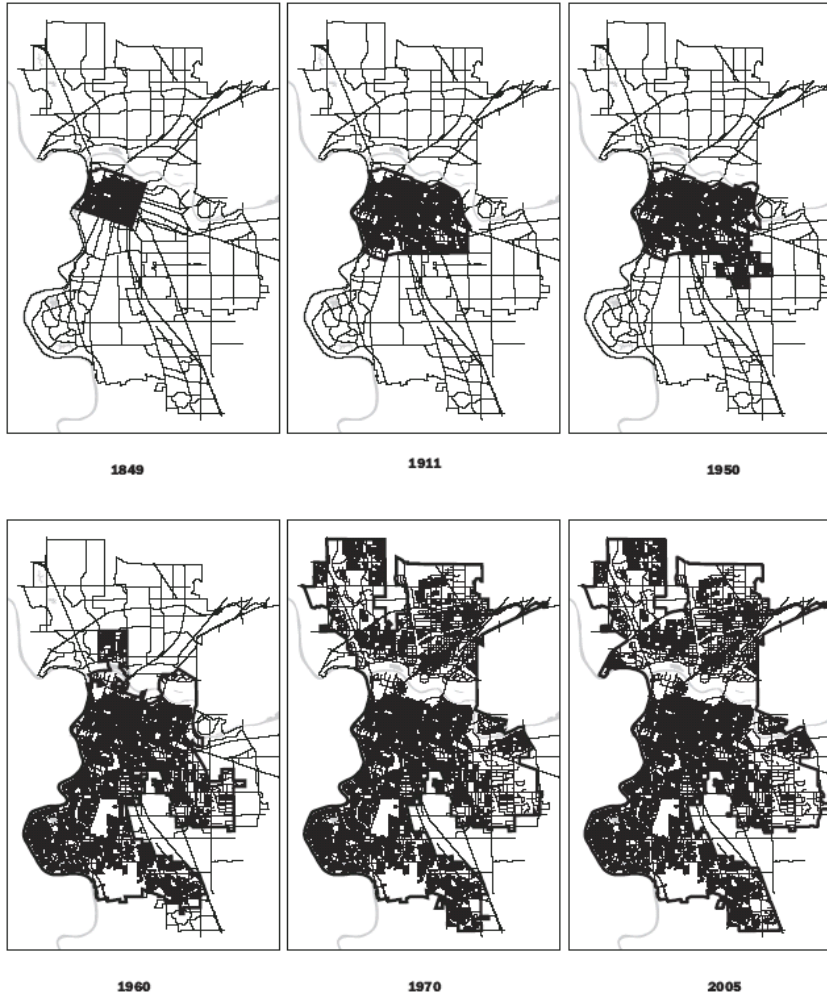


# Brief History of Planning

- **Early Planning (1945-Present)**
  - **Emphasis on Automobiles**
  - **Single Family Home Ownership**
  - **Further Separation of Uses**



# Evolution of Urban Form



Credit: Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC

# What is Smart Growth?

- **Term for the many initiatives intended to address the negative consequences of growth in the form of suburban sprawl.**

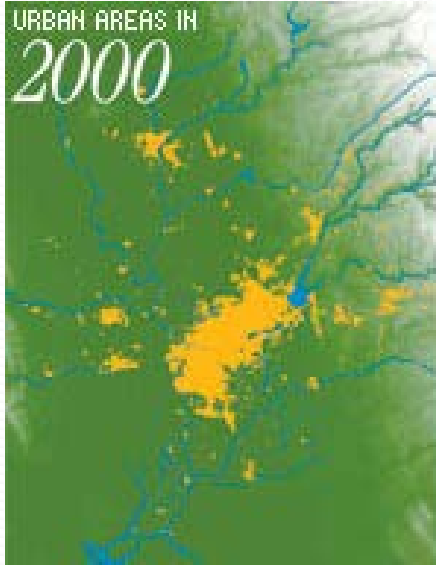


# Smart Growth Principles

- Mix land uses and support vibrant city centers
- Take advantage of existing community assets
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices
- Foster walkable, close-knit neighborhoods
- Promote distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place, including the rehabilitation and use of historic buildings
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas
- Concentrate growth and investments in existing communities
- Provide a variety of transportation choices
- Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost-effective
- Encourage citizen & stakeholder participation in development decisions
- Promote resource conservation and energy efficiency
- Create a Smart Growth Regional Vision
- Support high quality education and quality schools
- Support land use and transportation programs that improve air quality



# Regional Blueprint



- An additional 1.5 million people and 1 million jobs projected for the Sacramento Region by 2050
- Sacramento ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of poor air quality
- Multi-billion dollar infrastructure investments will not eliminate projected congestion or air quality impacts



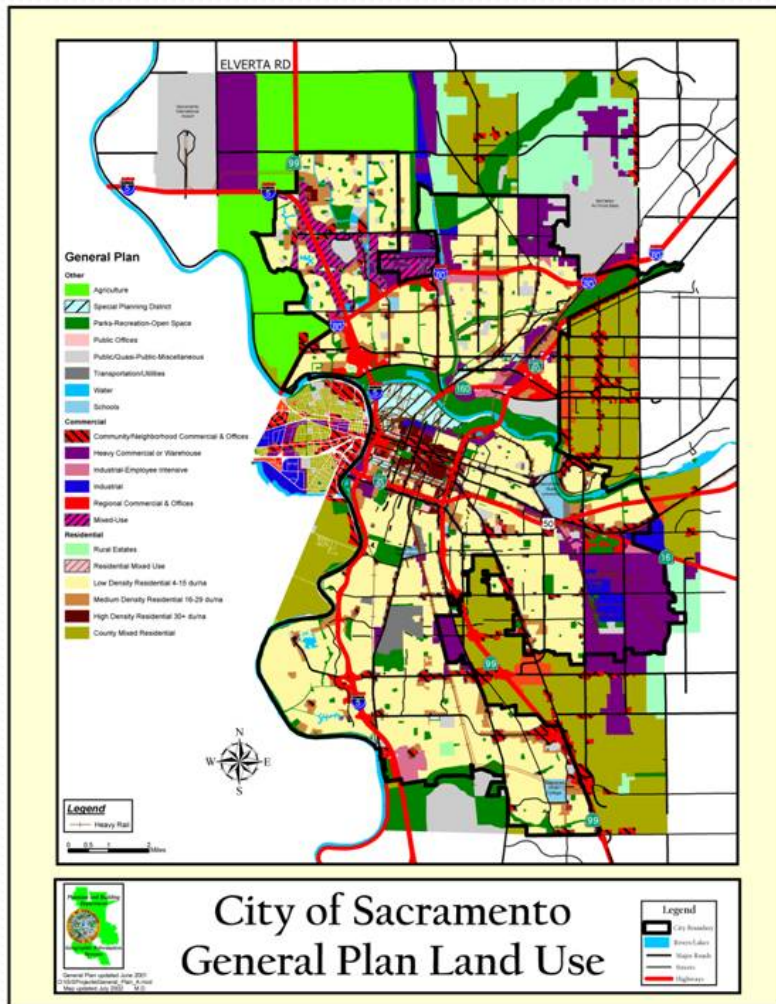
# Key Issues

- Where Do You Put...?
  - 200,000 more people
  - 140,000 more jobs
  - 100,000 housing units
- How Do You Grow?
  - Expand Out
  - Build Inward
- What Should that Growth Look Like?
  - Community Design
  - Neighborhood Character

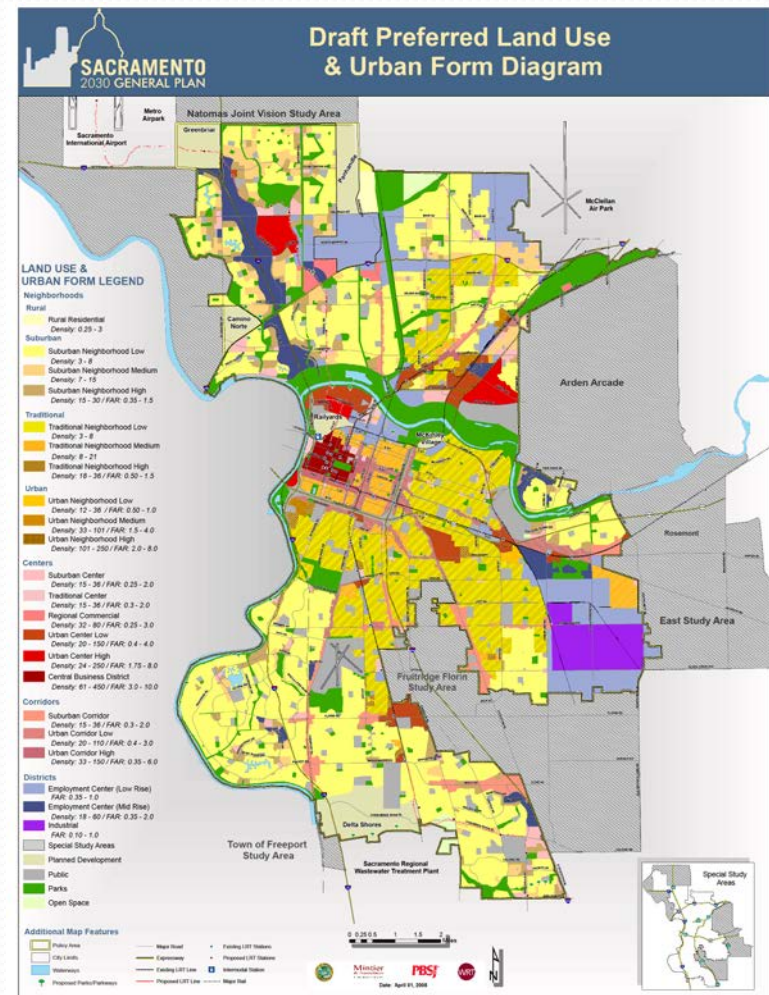




# 2030 General Plan

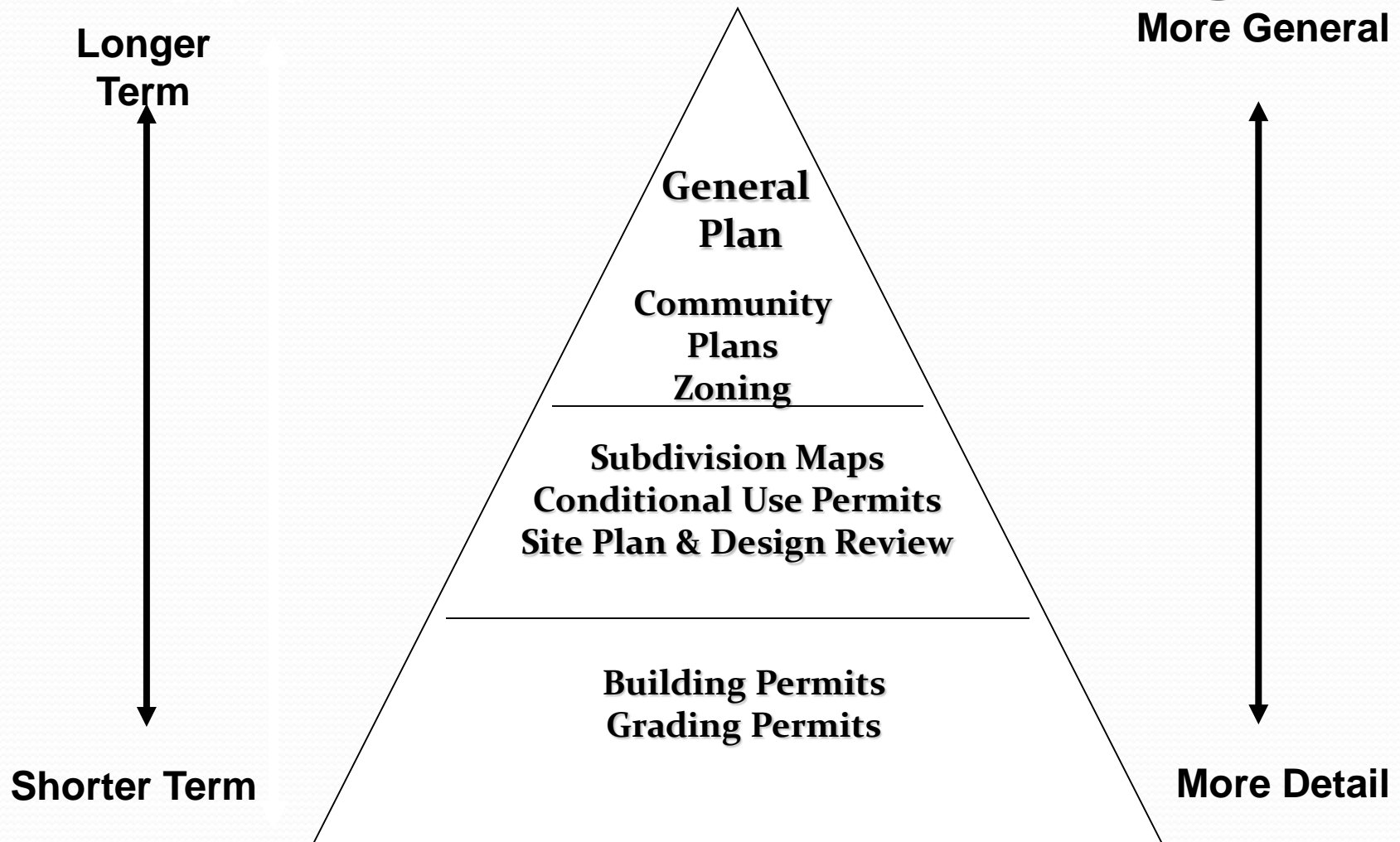


1988-2009



2009-2030

# Local Government Planning







# Planning Division

- Long Range Planning
- Current Planning
- Historic Preservation
- Design Review
- Zoning Administrator
- Environmental Planning Services

# Long Range Planning

## **2035 General Plan Update**

- Infill Focus
- Urban Transportation and Urban Parks Level of Service
- Master Environmental Impact Report

## **General Plan Implementation**

- Zoning and Parking Code Update
- Climate Action Plan (CAP) Checklist
- Mixed Income Ordinance/Housing Trust Fund
- General Plan Annual Report

## **Other Initiatives**

- Downtown Housing Initiative
- Urban Agriculture Ordinance
- Planning Academy
- 200 Year Flood Ordinance
- Citywide Development Impact Fee

# Current Planning



- **Hearing level projects** (Director, Commission, Council)
- **Planning Process:**
  - Planner assigned as primary contact
  - CEQA determination
  - Community contact throughout process
- **Area Based Senior Planners**
  - North- Teresa Haenggi
  - Central- Evan Compton
  - South- Antonio Ablog



# Urban Design / Historic Preservation

## **Site Plan and Design Review**

### **Staff level**

- Complies with all requirements
- Expedited – Compliant, complete submittal

### **Design Director/Preservation Director**

- Minor deviations from standards, new single family in a historic district, remodeling or additions to historic resources

### **Planning and Design Commission**

- Major deviations from standards, major projects

### **Preservation Commission**

- Major deviations from standards, work on listed historic structures





# Zoning Administrator

- Responsible for the maintenance, improvement, and interpretation of the City's Zoning Code
- Project managers for development applications that are heard before the Zoning Administrator
- Staff permit counter and respond to zoning and land use development inquiries



# Environmental Planning

- Analyze environmental impacts of proposed public and private projects
- Technical assistance to City Departments and private sector
- Coordinate with public agencies regarding regional environmental issues
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

# Thank you!

## Questions????



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