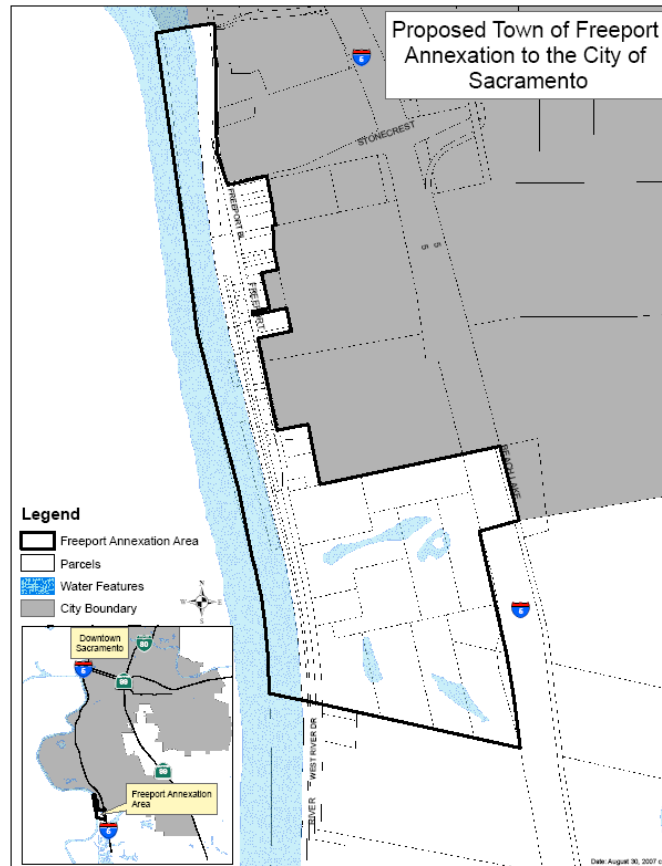


Is there an opportunity to work with Sacramento to address specific concerns and identify community benefits?

Yes. The City of Sacramento and LAFCO are very interested in working with area residents to address their concerns and identify how annexation might benefit their community. For example, with the previous annexation effort, a Special Planning District was proposed and adopted by the City Council. The purpose of the SPD is to maintain the Sacramento River delta town. Any agreed upon plans to address concerns and ensure benefits can be made an official part of the LAFCO annexation process.

For additional information or questions, please contact:

The City of Sacramento, New Growth Division oversees the Annexation Program. If you have specific questions regarding the proposed Freeport Annexation, please contact Ellen Marshall, Senior Planner at (916)808-5851. For other annexation questions, please contact Scot Mende, New Growth Manager at (916) 808-4756.



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Freeport Annexation Frequently Asked Questions



FAQs

Why is the City of Sacramento proposing to annex the Town of Freeport ?

The City has received inquiries about reinitiating the annexation effort from residents and property owners in the Town of Freeport due to a desire to have City services such as sewer and water.

Why does the City of Sacramento annex territory?

Annexation brings unincorporated areas into the city limits, allowing City standards for development and the provision of municipal services.

The purpose of the City of Sacramento's annexation efforts is to provide boundaries that result in the most effective delivery of services and the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars. Many residents and property owners of newly annexed areas benefit from having improved fire and police protection, local representation on the City Council, representation on city boards and commissions, municipal traffic management and street maintenance, availability of sewer facilities, and access to other services the City of Sacramento provides.

Can we retain the rural quality of the Town of Freeport upon Annexation?

The City's policy is to retain the Town of Freeport's unique and historic Sacramento River delta town character, as stated in the General Plan policies, Airport Meadowview Community Plan policies and the Freeport Special Planning District. The City's development regulations protect this character, minimize the intrusion of incompatible design and inappropriate uses, and ensure that future development is consistent with the existing character.

How will levels of service change?

Upon annexation to the City of Sacramento, the City assumes responsibility from Sacramento County and various special districts for services including police and fire protection, storm drainage and water service, and zoning.

Will annexation require connection to the sewer system and what would it cost?

Annexation will not require any existing developed property to hook up to or pay for new water or sewer service. Once available, the Freeport neighborhood can elect to pay for and bring water and sewer service in, however that is a separate issue and not a direct outcome of annexation. These services could be provided through a Special Assessment District which would allow the residents to pay for the water and sewer connections over time through annual tax bills. A vote, separate from the vote to annex, would be required before such an assessment district could be established.

If an existing septic tank fails and the property is within 160 feet of an existing sewer main, according to the state law, it must be connected to the sewer. New development projects may be required to construct a public sanitary sewer collection system.

How will property taxes and fees change?

Under Prop. 13, your property tax rate will stay the same. You will no longer pay the fees, taxes and assessments associated with your CSA (County Service Area) for such things as street lights, street sweeping, and sheriff services. The City of Sacramento has at least one fee you will be assessed. This fee is a landscaping and lighting assessment. The assessment amount varies by property type. A single family home with no street lights would pay \$42.21 per year. For multi-family property, each unit would pay \$29.18 per year. Business properties are charged by square footage. A commercial building up to 25,000 square feet would pay \$135.32 per year.

Also, the Utilities Users Tax is higher in the City than in the County. The City's Utilities Users Tax is 7.5% and the County's is 2.5%. The Utilities Users Tax is placed on utility bills such as, SMUD, PG&E, Telephone, Cable, etc. Low income residents may qualify for an 100% rebate of the Utility Users Tax on energy bills (SMUD and PG&E).