



# Planning Department

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## **SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL PLAN UPDATE MEETING: COMMUNITY DESIGN, SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSION CAPTURES SPIRIT OF VISION 2025**

MADERA, CA – Residents are invited to attend the General Plan Public Advisory Committee meeting at the Frank Bergon Senior Center Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to review draft goals and policies that will require that all new development in Madera is well-planned and is of the highest design and quality. The City will seek to build an image of Madera as a contemporary small city with vibrant, livable and energy-efficient neighborhoods built on a human-scale.

The meeting will include a review of both the draft Community Design and Sustainability Elements of the General Plan Update. The draft Community Design Element will implement the goals of the Vision 2025 Plan by promoting the “Building Blocks” concept of walkable, pedestrian- and bicycle-oriented development, interconnectivity of streets, and siting buildings to hold corners. By focusing on the character of the City’s buildings and the creation of plazas and gathering places, Madera’s small town feel will be maintained. Additional urban design concepts proposed may include public art, gateway monuments, attractive streetscapes and urban boundaries.

The draft Sustainability Element is intended to preserve Madera’s past while promoting its future with available resources and infrastructure that would provide a thriving and lasting community. Sustainability-related strategies, like energy conservation, green building practices, increasing public transit/walkability, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions developed since February’s public meeting have also been incorporated into the Land Use, Circulation and Energy Elements.

Participation at this meeting provides an important opportunity for residents to express their opinions and contribute feedback that will be helpful in shaping Madera’s future.

### **General Plan Update Meeting Community Design and Sustainability**

Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.  
Frank A. Bergon Senior Center  
238 S. “D” Street  
Madera, CA 93638

For additional information, please visit our Web site at [www.maderageneralplan.com](http://www.maderageneralplan.com).

## **About the Madera General Plan Update**

The General Plan Update began on November 26, 2007, when the City of Madera held its first Steering Committee meeting. As the first update in 15 years, the General Plan is a catalyst for implementing the ideas and aspirations as reflected in the City's Vision 2025 Plan.

The community plays an important role in planning and shaping Madera's future. By sharing your ideas, we create a vision for Madera.

Public meetings and workshops on the General Plan will take place over the next two years. Further topics of discussion will include health and safety and noise. A complete listing of future meetings and topics is available at [www.maderageneralplan.com](http://www.maderageneralplan.com).

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