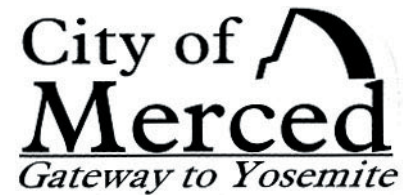


# CITY OF MERCED GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



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## GENERAL PLAN UPDATE MOVES AHEAD

Since the first of the year, the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Update process has made great progress. The Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee have each met several times, and there have been two community forums held. As a result of all this hard work, and a great deal of public input, there is now a Draft General Plan map available for review and comment. The map is available on the City's website ([www.cityofmerced.org](http://www.cityofmerced.org) on the General Plan Update page), and at the Planning Department in City Hall.

The new General Plan needs to recognize a number of significant issues that did not exist, or were not considered to be as important, the last time it was updated. Sustainability, alternative transportation and global climate change will all receive added attention in the new General Plan. Other issues, such as circulation and infrastructure, have always been important, and will be thoroughly updated as well.

The Draft map includes new areas of development that will facilitate the annexation of the U.C. Merced campus, and permit a detailed review of several large development proposals. Some of the SUDP Study Areas will be included within an Area of Interest, meaning development for those areas will wait for the next General Plan update. It should be noted that criteria will be included that will permit some Area of Interest property to be included within the City's Sphere of Influence during the interim time frame.

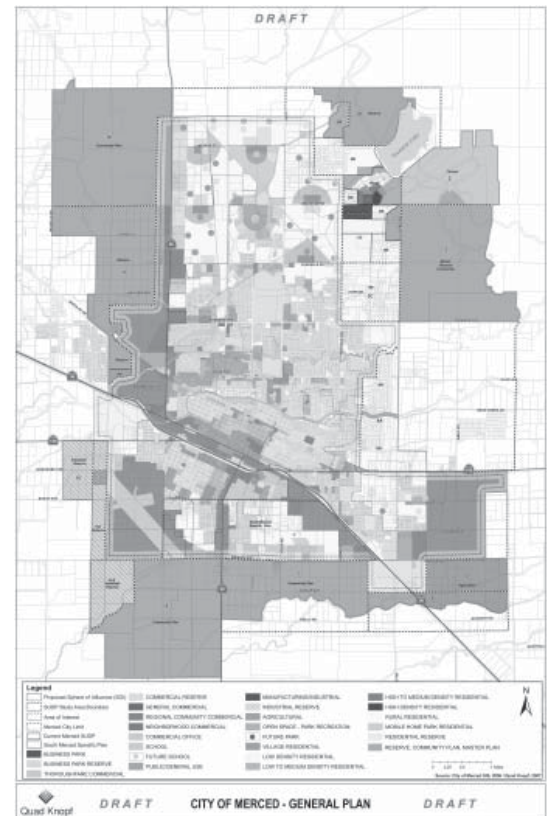
Finally, please note that this is a "Draft" map, which will be subject to many public comments and hearings. The final product will likely be somewhat different than what you see today.

## NEXT STEPS

The General Plan Update is scheduled to be completed in mid-2008. The next major task is to review and update the goals, objectives and policies found in the current General Plan. The Technical Advisory Committee has already begun this process. In addition, work has begun on the Environmental Impact Report, which is a necessary part of the plan update process.

We look forward to an interesting next few months, and want to encourage your continued interest and input. This Plan is vital to the future of Merced, and we want it be a reflection of its citizens.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact the planning staff at City Hall, or you can use the other contact information given below.



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