



# Introduction

**Santa Rosa has undergone significant transformation in recent years,** and conditions are continuing to change quickly, along with the needs of the community.

In response, the City of Santa Rosa is currently updating its General Plan to enable the community to become even more sustainable, resilient, healthy, and inclusive.

This three-year process, known as **Santa Rosa Forward**, includes many opportunities for community discussions about the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing Santa Rosa.

## What is a General Plan?

A General Plan is a legally-required policy document that establishes a community's long-term vision for the future and contains goals and policies that will shape future housing development, support job growth, foster healthy and resilient neighborhoods, protect and manage natural resources, ensure community safety, and promote social and economic equity.

All future City decisions related to land use are required to be consistent with the adopted General Plan, and all other City documents and reports (like the recently adopted Downtown Station Area Specific Plan) are required to be consistent with the adopted General Plan.