



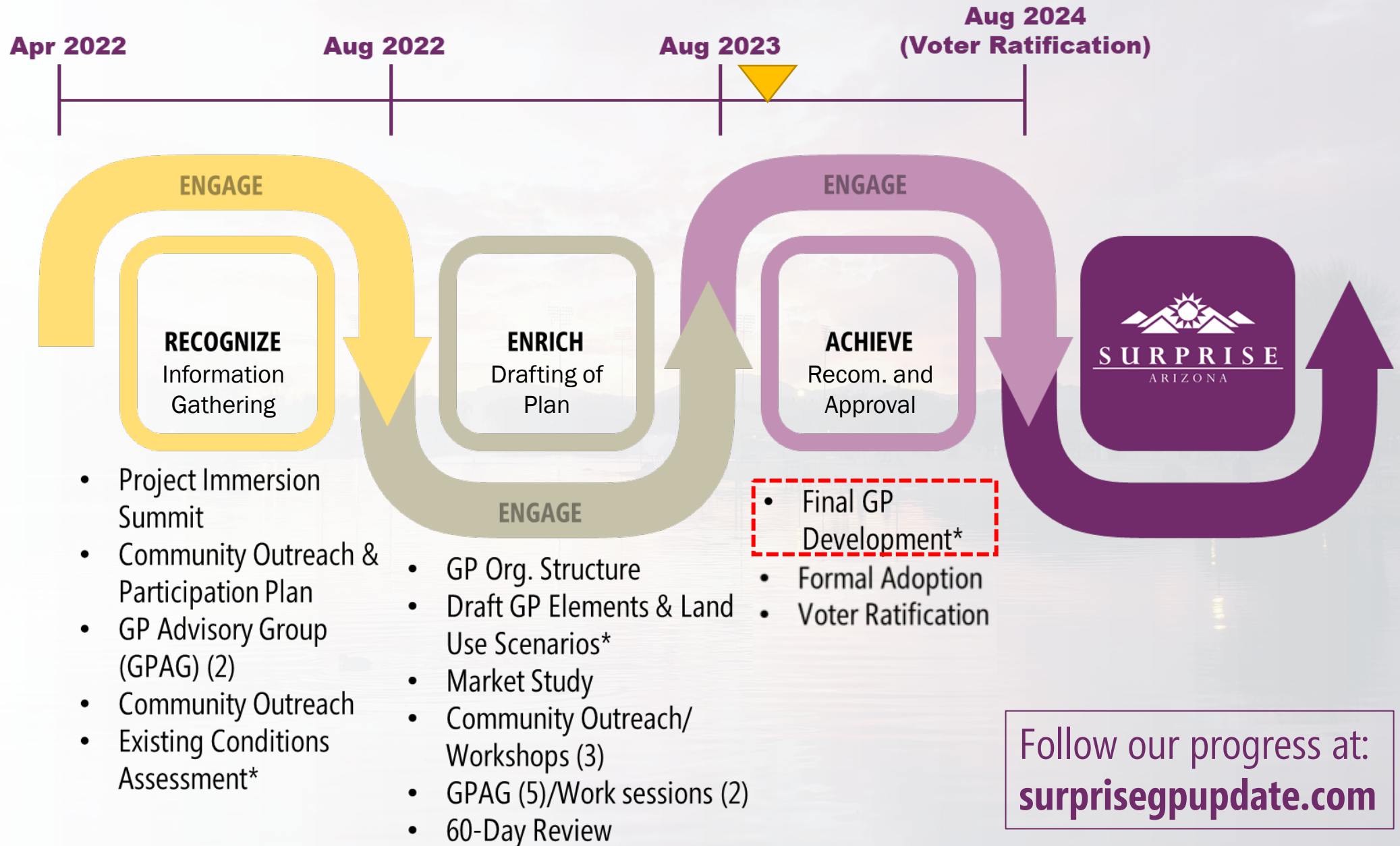
SURPRISE2040

General Plan

GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #9



General Plan Process



Regular Agenda

- 1. Review and Discussion of Surprise 2040 General Plan 60-Day Review Draft**
 - Review of Received Public Comments**
 - Group Discussion of the 60-Day Review Draft**
 - GPAG Consensus for Recommendations to the Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council**

Stats from Received Public Comments

- **188 total comments received through various collection sources**
- **107 comments from Surprise residents or those living in the Planning Area**
- **36 comments from governmental agencies including, ASLD, BLM, Luke AFB, MAG, McDOT, Maricopa County Flood Control, and Arizona State Historic Preservation Office**
- **City of Glendale, City of El Mirage, and City of Peoria voiced support for the Surprise 2040 General Plan 60-Day Review Draft**

Trends from Received Public Comments

- **Preservation of areas of more rural character and lifestyle to the north of the Surprise municipal limits**
- **Continue development of commercial options for the growing neighborhoods to the northwest of Loop 303**
- **Modifications to the text to enhance the 2040 General Plan's overall consistency and comprehensiveness**

Changes Made During 60-Day Review

- **Executive Summary Added**
- **Applicable Public Comments Addressed**
- **Extreme Heat Mitigation Section Added**
- **Water Resources Section Amplified**
- **New Graphics and Compressed Layout**

Executive Summary Added

Executive Summary SURPRISE: RISING TO 2040

Balancing Development

Surprise is a community of distinct neighborhoods that looks to balance future development by providing a city that includes a variety of housing options for all who choose to live in Surprise while also respecting the neighboring rural communities.

Transportation Network

The transportation system in Surprise needs to support the residents and businesses of the community through ensuring developing areas are connected to the established areas of the city, reducing traffic congestion, and allowing for the use of alternative transportation modes.

Water Resources

Living in the arid climate of the Sonoran Desert, protection of available water resources is paramount. The City of Surprise actively maintains its Designation of Assured Water Supply and is committed to overall community water conservation.

Open Space

Preserving open space areas in and around Surprise is an area of community consensus. Many Surprise residents value the city's close access to nature and recreation as well as maintaining proper habitat protection for the native plants and animals.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage

Access to art and cultural events has become a widely recognized boost in the quality of life in Surprise. Local art gives shape to the community identity and strengthens the local culture and heritage. Supporting the arts has proven to give rise to innovative economic opportunities.

Community Safety

Access to local safety and emergency services is a leading indicator of a community's quality of life. Ensuring these services keep pace with the rate of growth is a prime aim for Surprise to continue its high caliber safety services for both its current and future community members.

Extreme Heat Mitigation Section Added



Extreme Heat Mitigation

The extreme heat during summer months can prove to be deadly to those without access to water and a cooled environment. Heat Surveillance Reports and monitoring are compiled from Maricopa County and consistently show peaks of heat related mortality rates during hottest times in the summer.

There are many ways to mitigate and adapt to high temperatures locally in Surprise and across the region. Key strategies include integrating shade and reflective materials into the built environment, implementing green stormwater infrastructure, planting more native trees and vegetation, preserving open space, and establishing cooling centers to provide critical heat relief on extremely hot days. Using these strategies in combination can enhance their effectiveness. For example, installing a permeable pavement parking lot that includes shade trees can extend the longevity of the pavement and reduce water demand for vegetation.

Water Resources Section Amplified

Water Resources for Surprise



Explore More:

The 2022 Integrated Water Master Plan - Water Resources Update identifies service area demands, existing water supplies, and opportunities to expand the City's water portfolio.

New Graphics and Layout

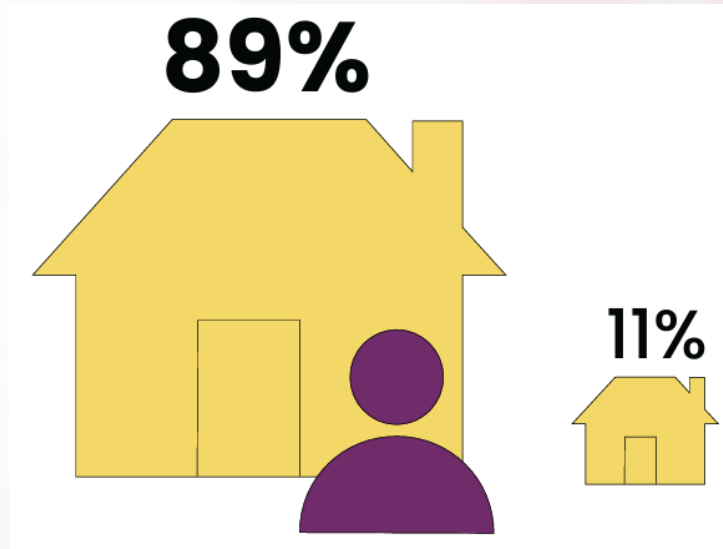


Figure 4.1: Housing Occupancy Rate

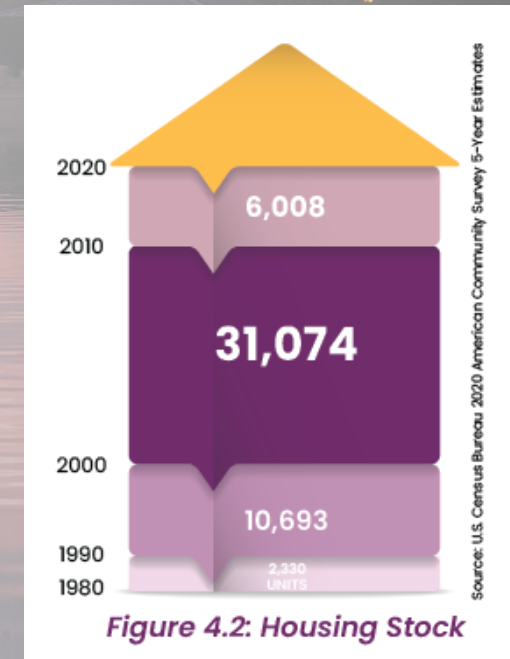
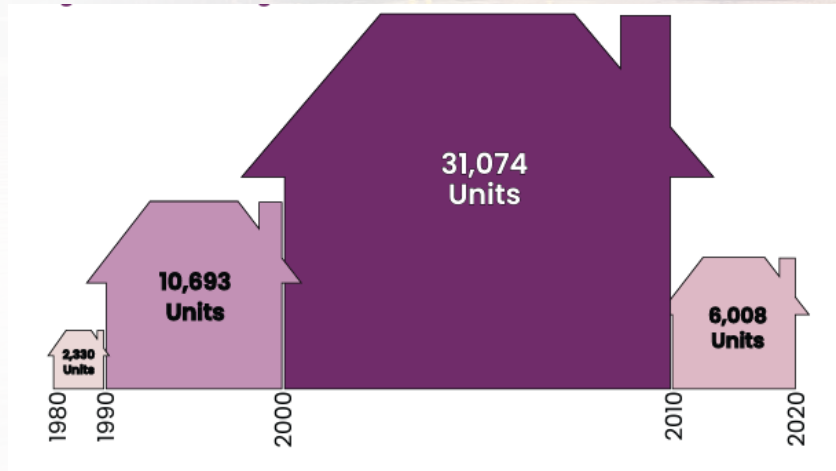


Figure 4.2: Housing Stock

Next Steps

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2040 General Plan Adoption

- Planning & Zoning Commission
 - Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 1st Hearing for Review (Alt Site)
 - November 2, 2023 – 2nd Hearing for Recommendation
- City Council
 - December 5, 2023 – Adoption

2040 General Plan (Primary Election) – August 6, 2024

Thank You

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