

Southwest Valley Community Plans EIR



When a Community Plan is updated, Los Angeles City Planning prepares an **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** to review how the proposed changes to zoning regulations may affect the environment. It is through the Community Plan update process that the City applies new zoning tools at a neighborhood scale to ensure that municipal resources are allocated appropriately to support sufficient sites for residential, commercial, industrial, and open space, among other considerations.

What does an EIR do?

INFORMS the public and decision makers about a Community Plan's potential environmental effects.

IDENTIFIES the ways that negative environmental effects can be avoided or reduced.

PREVENTS or minimizes significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes to a community plan or by incorporating specific mitigation measures, as feasible.

ANALYZES a range of reasonable alternatives to the community plan that could feasibly achieve most of the basic objectives of the plan while substantially reducing or avoiding any of the significant environmental impacts.

DISCLOSES additional considerations, to the public and decision-makers, why the Community Plan might be adopted, even though some negative environmental effects may have been identified.

AN EIR DOES NOT:

CLEAR a Community Plan for automatic approval.

AUTHORIZE the approval of projects located within the Plan's boundaries.

VOID the future review of corresponding or related planning work programs.

IMPROVE or fix existing environmental conditions, such as pollution or traffic.

What does a Community Plan's EIR analyze?

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzes the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project, compared to the existing environmental conditions. Impacts are analyzed for different categories, including:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Land Use
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Utilities

For a complete list, visit Planning4LA.org



EIR Process:



WHO IS INVOLVED?

- Southwest Valley Community Members and Local Stakeholders
- Los Angeles City Planning (AKA, the Lead Agency during CEQA review)
- City Planning Commission (CPC)
- Los Angeles City Council

HOW CAN THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATE THROUGHOUT THE EIR PROCESS?

- Provide input before the Notice of Preparation (NOP) is issued and throughout the public scoping process
- Offer feedback during the Draft EIR comment period
- Provide public comments during public hearings before the Plan is adopted