

# GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW & PROCESS

## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive plan, sometimes called a general plan, is the long-range plan for the physical development of a city or county.

For each area of the County it spells out what kind of development is considered desirable and appropriate within the County. It also sets forth the County's future plans for transportation, community facilities, the environment, housing, and economic development.

General plans in Utah are authorized and required by the Land Use Development and Management Act, located in Utah State Code, Titles 10 and 17.

General plans have a long-term horizon and generally look out 20 or more years. However, these plans should be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The Salt Lake County Township general plans will be reviewed annually in concurrence with the County budgeting and fiscal cycle.

## Where are we in the General Plan Update Process?

Salt Lake County has just begun the General Plan update process. We are here today to solicit your input on the goals and objectives that describe the future vision of the Township, and to discuss specific changes and improvements you would like to see happen in the community. Your feedback will be included directly in the development of the plan.

## How will Community Councils and the general public be involved?

Salt Lake County is making every effort to maximize the opportunities for public input. Opportunities to participate include:

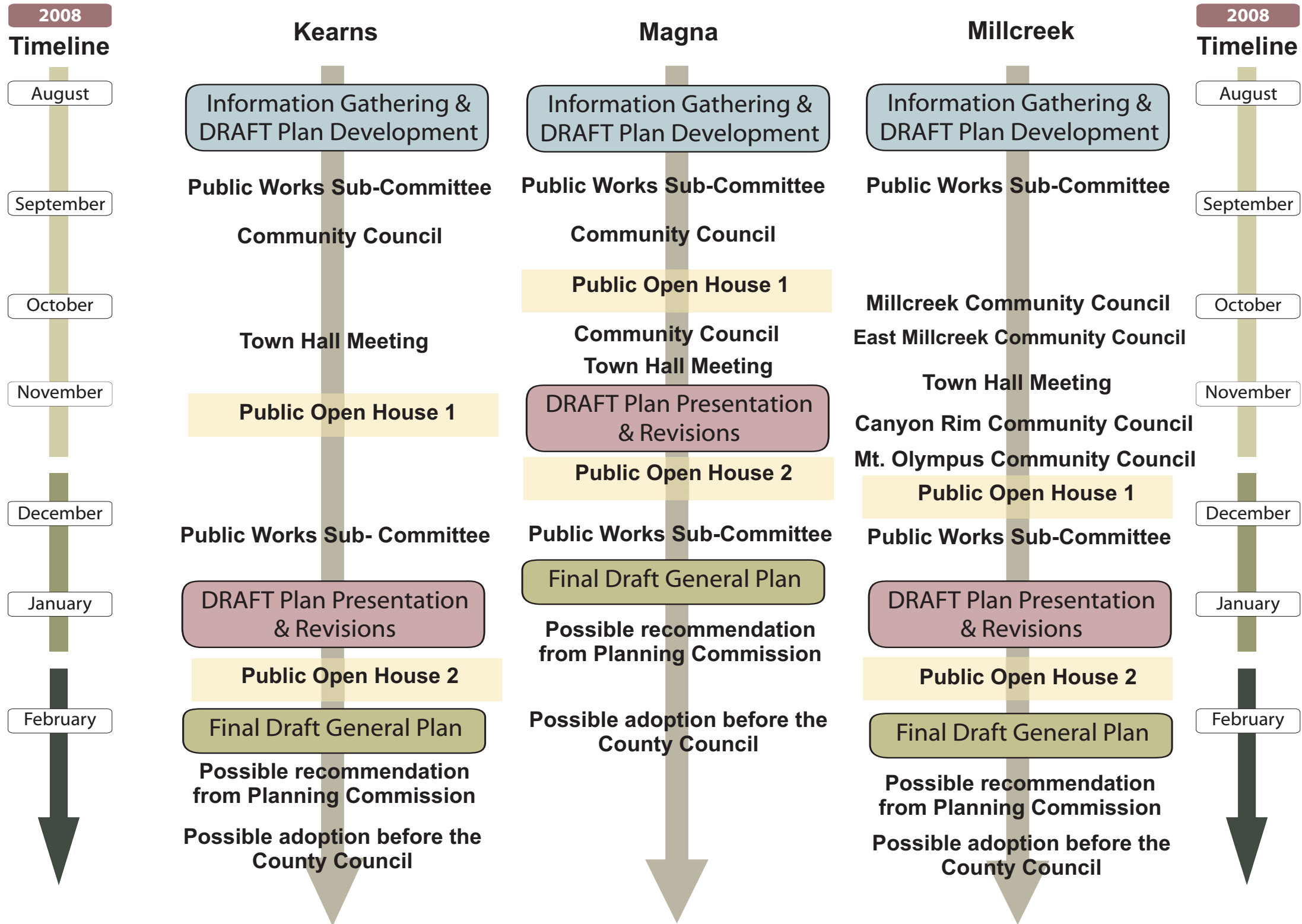
1. Community Open Houses
2. Town Hall meeting
3. Community Council briefings
4. Monthly Planning Commission meetings
5. Stakeholder brainstorming workshop
6. Comments via e-mail

## How are the County General Plan Updates organized?

Introduction	Brief summary of Plan format, use, and history
Context	Analysis of existing conditions within the Township
Best Practices	Industry wide-standards of best planning policies
Projects	Local priorities for future planning actions
Planning Indicators	Measurable guides of change in the Township
Official Map	Geographic product of the Plan's policies



# PUBLIC PROCESS AND ORGANIZATION



 Monthly Planning Commission Briefings

Salt Lake County Townships Open House



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

## Goal 1: FRAMEWORK

Establish a framework for development that follows sustainable best practices and is consistent with the vision and core values of the community.

1. Implement best practices
2. Coordinate regionally

## Goal 2: COMMUNITY

Develop communities with quality urban design that encourage social interaction and support family and community relationships, as well as, healthy, active lifestyles.

1. Foster community
2. Develop public spaces
3. Connect neighborhoods

## Goal 5: HOUSING CHOICES

Provide diverse housing choices for a variety of needs and income levels to create places where all citizens are welcome to live.

1. Provide adequate housing choices
2. Develop life-cycle housing options
3. Promote a diversity of housing
4. Balance housing sizes and prices
5. Connect housing to open space



## Goal 3: MOBILITY

Promote land use development patterns that provide a high quality of life to all and offer choice in mobility.

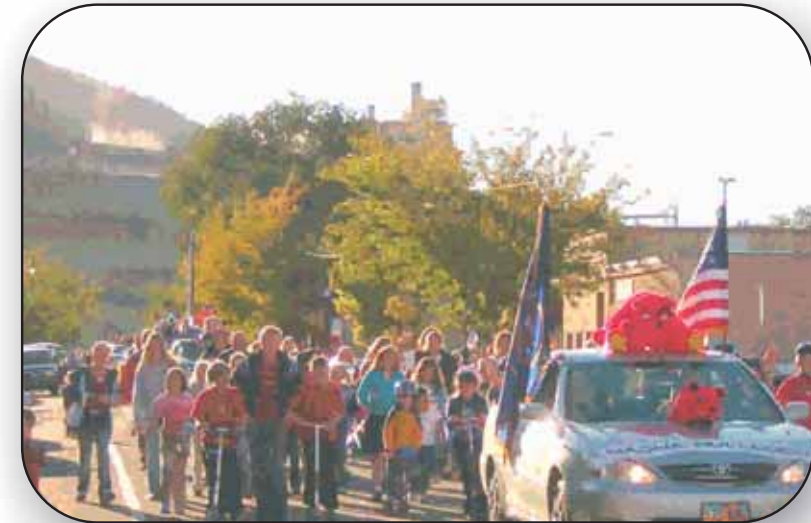
1. Develop pedestrian priority areas
2. Improve bicycle routes
3. Orient development to transit
4. Improve transit facilities
5. Balance transportation systems
6. Create safe routes to schools

## Goal 6: PUBLIC FACILITIES

Provide a full range of public facilities and services that reflect the needs of the community.

1. Develop recreational facilities
2. Encourage development with adequate services
3. Organize neighborhood watches
4. Develop Capital Improvement Plan
5. Encourage regional infrastructure planning

# Magna Township



## Goal 4: ACTIVITY CENTERS

Promote the development of viable commercial, employment, and activity centers to serve the community.

1. Strengthen Magna's Main Street
2. Mix uses in major activity centers
3. Recapture retail sales within the community
4. Preserve historic community assets

## Goal 7: NATURAL RESOURCES

Ensure that future development practices sustain a high level of environmental quality, preserve the county's natural resources, maintain quality open space, and reduce the township's overall ecological footprint.

1. Protect natural systems from development
2. Protect environmental resources
3. Promote use of renewable energy
4. Encourage water conservation
5. Mitigate against seismic events
6. Increase awareness of natural resources



# BEST PRACTICES

## WHAT ARE BEST PRACTICES?

This section is an A to Z encyclopedia of the best planning practices based on industry standards. These best practices are a guide for planning commissioners, SL County staff, and other County officials when making decisions. They are not intended to be hard and fast rules, but be a benchmark against which to measure planning proposals and decisions.

The County has selected 12 general topics to prepare now. Additional topics which will be added in the future. Each Best Practice is composed of the elements described below.

## BEST PRACTICES TOPICS



Capital Facilities



Census



County Communications



Definitions



Energy



Housing



Land Use & Mobility



Maps



Open Space



Parks



Subdivisions



Sustainability

## CORE CONCEPTS

The core concepts are a list of concise statements that summarize the essential issues and recommendations to be considered in regards to each Best Practice topic. Decisions will be based on these core concepts.

## KEY QUESTIONS

The key questions are the questions that should be asked by County planners and officials, or anyone submitting proposals to the County Planning Department to ensure that the core concepts of the Best Practice are addressed and considered in each proposal or planning decision.

## DISCUSSION

The discussion section provides extensive explanation of the core concepts and key questions. This section serves as a reference for decision makers or staff needing more information on a particular core concept.

## RESOURCES

The resource section is a list of works cited in the Best Practice document, as well as a reference list of other sources of information for those seeking additional information addressing the topic.



# PROJECTS

## WHAT IS A PROJECT?

The Projects section of the General Plan is an expandable list of the specific project areas that the community determines are their priorities for future effort and investment. This section guides the implementation of the goals and objectives of the community.

Projects will be evaluated every year, in coordination with Salt Lake County's budget cycle, at which time new projects can be added to the list and existing projects funded for implementation.

## TOPICS

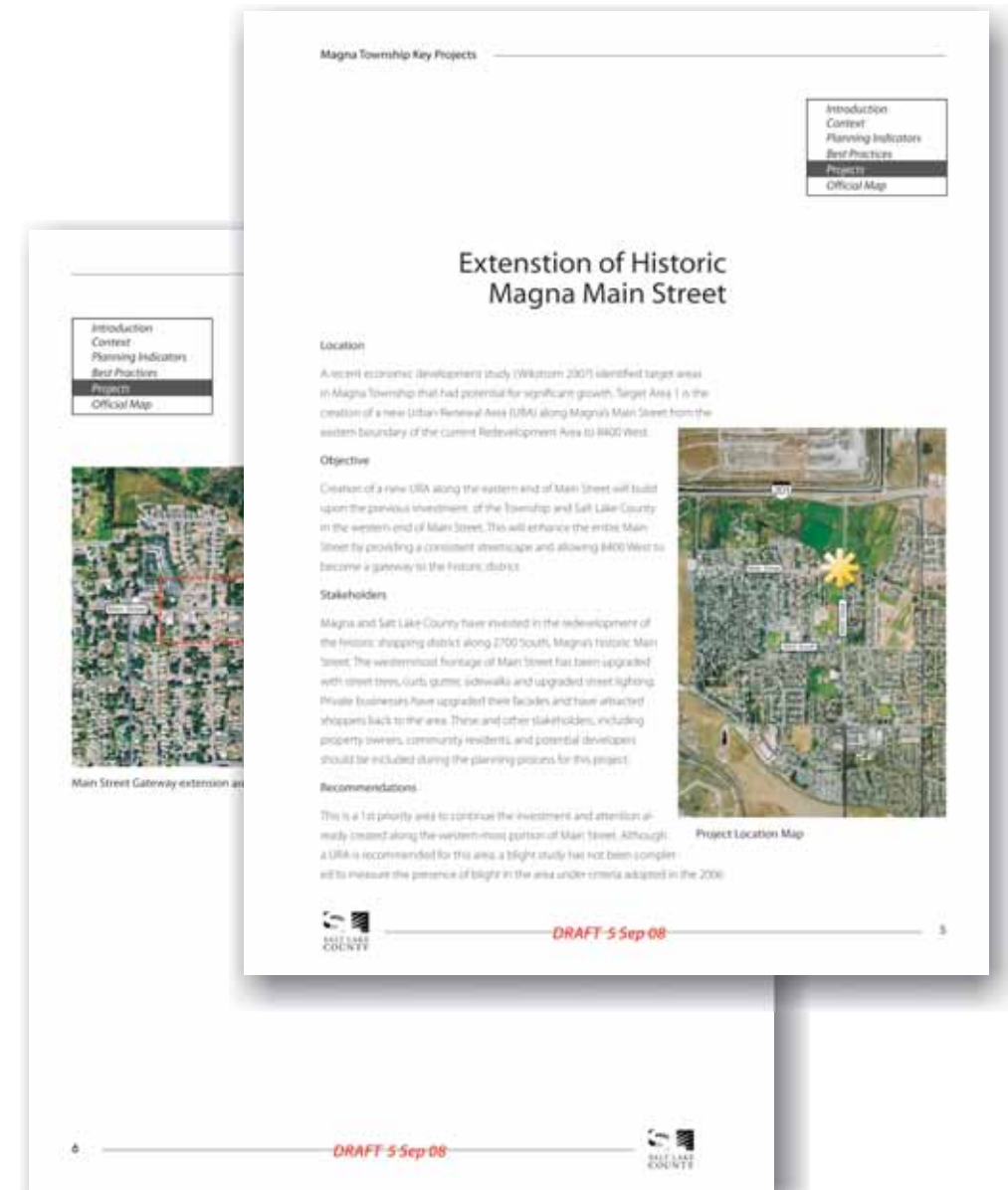
The current list of projects has been gleaned from past planning recommendations, and an initial meeting with the Township's Planning Commission. This list will be expanded at this and future community open houses, based on

input received. This process has just begun, and your input is critical. **If you have an idea or recommendation, please add it to the list.** If you see an area that needs improvement, others may feel the same way!

## INTENDED USE:

Each project will eventually be developed into a full project plan, which will include the physical **location** of the project, the **objective** of the project, the **stakeholders** who should be involved in the project, **recommendations** for the project, a **timeline** for action for the

project. As projects are funded or initiated, community members and county officials will be able to refer to this Projects section to highlight implementation of the plan and progress within the Township.



Sample Township Project Format from Magna Township



# PROJECTS

# Magna Township

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE		
		Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Develop gateway features	Important key entry points to Magna, such as 7200 West			
RDA Area: Main Street Revitalization	Historic Magna Main Street 8400 W - 9200 W			
Preserve Historic Buildings	Entire Township			
RDA Area	Main Street @ 8400 West			
RDA Area	8400 West @ 3500 South			
New Magna Library	Historic Magna Main Street			
Develop a telecommunications plan	Throughout Magna			
Center for Family Medicine expansion or relocation	Magna Township			
New Magna Senior Center	9180 West Main Street			





# PLANNING INDICATORS

## WHAT ARE PLANNING INDICATORS?

Planning Indicators are the methods that can be used to track change over time in regards to the Township's goals and objectives. These indicators use data sources to understand changes in the function of the community. There are many sources of

information that can be used to provide up-to-date information to decision makers in the Township. On the right are a sampling of potential sources to track these changes.

## HOW IS THIS SECTION TO BE USED?

The Planning Indicators section will be used as a measuring stick for the Township. The General Plan currently being updated contains a "Context" section that documents the existing conditions in the Township. In the future, the Planning Indicators will use

up-to-date data that can be compared against the data in the "Context" section to understand how the implementation of the Best Practices in the Township has affected the community.

## SAMPLE INDICATORS & TOPICS:

On the right is a list of example metrics that can be used as Planning Indicators to understand change in the Township. For example, in regards to Housing Affordability in the Township, the metric of comparing the median price of homes to the average median income can be used to determine if there is affordable housing available in the

Township. If it is determined that median home price far exceeds the average median income, the Township can then use this information to take steps to provide housing types that will accommodate for the required amount of affordable housing in the Township.

## EXAMPLE INDICATORS:

### Demographics:

*Population*  
*Per capita income*  
*Household income*  
*Household size*

### Business Growth:

*# of new businesses*  
*# of new jobs*  
*Length of building permit*  
*New building permits*

### Housing:

*# of permits*  
*# of homes*  
*Median price of homes*  
*Length of building permit approval*  
*Subdivision applications*  
*Enforcement calls*

### Air Quality:

*Vehicle Miles Traveled*  
*Particulate matter*  
*Trees planted*  
*Transit trips*  
*Mortality v. air quality*

### Health & Safety:

*Emergency calls*  
*Emergency room visits*

### Transportation:

*Traffic accidents*  
*Lane miles-cars*  
*Lane miles-bikes*  
*Lane miles-sidewalk*  
*Bus routes/bus stops/route miles*

### Energy:

*% of renewables used*  
*Total energy use (gas/electric)*  
*Water use per capita*

### Education:

*# of primary students*  
*# of secondary students*  
*# of higher education students*  
*Library visits*

### Waste:

*Landfill waste per capita*  
*Diverted waste (compost/recycled)*

