

Planning for Oro Valley's Future

The 2026 Community Plan

Community Academy
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Town of Oro Valley



Welcome

- ▶ How many people lived in Oro Valley between 2013- 2016?
- ▶ Do you remember being involved with the Your Voice, Our Future effort?





What is a General Plan?

Community driven, 10-year policy document guiding long-term decisions for the community





Growing Smarter Legislation

First enacted in 1998

▶ Contents

- ▶ Topics based on jurisdiction size and growth rate
- ▶ Zoning and General Plan decisions in conformity

▶ Procedural Requirements

- ▶ Public involvement plan
- ▶ Jurisdiction notification
- ▶ Adoption
 - Voter Approval (51+%)
 - 2/3 Majority Vote of Town Council
- ▶ Re-adopt every 10 years





Comprehensive – Something for everyone!

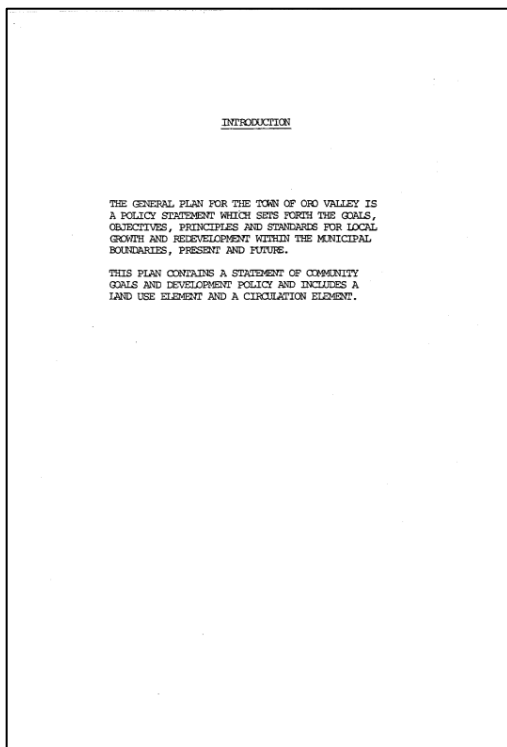


Your voice is critical to know what topics are important in Oro Valley!

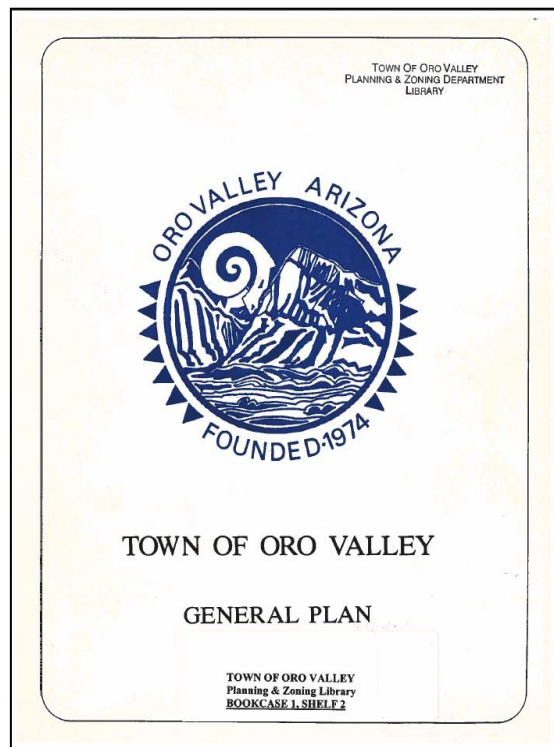


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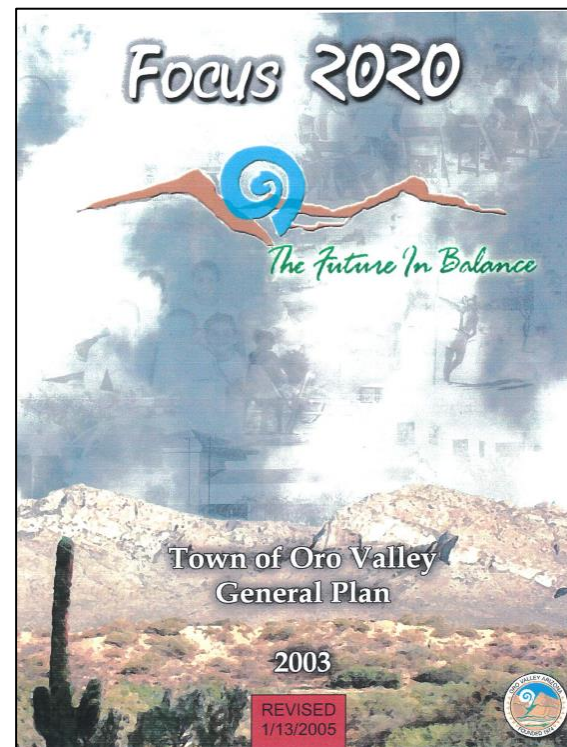
Oro Valley General Plans



1981



1990



1996
2003
2005



2016



Community visions throughout the years






- ▶ 1981: *The General Plan envisions mostly housing, but some business development is anticipated on the remaining undeveloped land in Oro Valley. While each will be distinctive in its own character, a cohesive blend will be required with existing neighborhoods and uses.*
- ▶ 1990: *Multiple visions – Maintain natural community character through constant public attention to environmental values, use compatibility and restraint in the construction of built forms for human activity. Maintain the delicate environmental balance for all living things in Catalina/Tortolita foothills; preserving natural openness of mountains, deserts and washes; preventing further degradation of, and restoring air, water and scenic attributes for future generations' benefits.*
- ▶ 1996: *To be a town that is recognized as a well-planned community that strives to balance the needs of today against the potential impacts to future generations, while recognizing the limitations of its resources.*
- ▶ 2003/2005: *To be a well-planned community that uses its resources to balance the needs of today against the potential impacts to future generations. Oro Valley's lifestyle is defined by the highest standard of environmental integrity, education, infrastructure services, and public safety. It is a community of people working together to create the Town's future with a government that is responsive to residents and ensures the long-term financial stability of the Town.*
- ▶ 2016: *Oro Valley strives to be a well-managed community that provides all residents with opportunities for quality living. Oro Valley will keep its friendly, small-town, neighborly character, while increasing services, employment and recreation. The Town's lifestyle continues to be defined by a strong sense of community, a high regard for public safety and an extraordinary natural environment and scenic views.*



Impact in the community

The General Plan implements the community's vision, goals and policies!

- ▶ **To date, 95% of the 310 actions are either completed, maintained or anticipated for completion within the next year.**

-  Various code amendments to utilize best practices
-  Business recruitment and retention
-  Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Senior Task Force
-  Ongoing preservation of environmental and cultural resources
-  Participation in regional groups and discussions



Community participation is critical!

Your Voice, Our Future

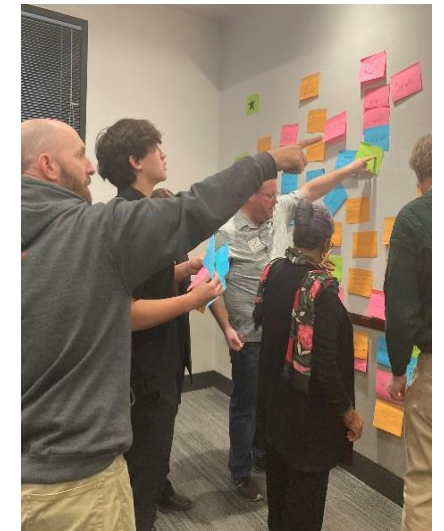
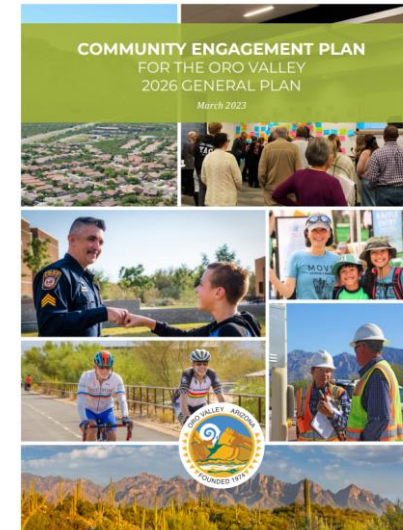
- ▶ **“Best Public Outreach Award”** from the Arizona’s Chapter of the National Planning Association
- ▶ **“Silver Circle Award for Citizen Participation”** from the City-County Marketing Association
- ▶ Ratified by 71% of the voters in Nov. 2016





Community Engagement Plan for 2026

- ▶ Meet at your favorite restaurants, events, and shops
- ▶ Convenience and ease of online engagement
- ▶ Guiding Principles for Engagement
 - ▶ *Be Inclusive and Prioritize Community Input*
 - ▶ *Be Engaging and Effective*
 - ▶ *Be Organized, Efficient and Timely*
 - ▶ *Be Fair and Open*
 - ▶ *Provide Understandable and Accessible Information*





Let's talk

Prompts:

- ▶ What do you like best about Oro Valley?
- ▶ What will be Oro Valley's biggest challenges in the next 10 years?
- ▶ What do you think Oro Valley should be known for?

In-person instructions:

- ▶ Individual: Take some time to write 5 responses to each prompt on the handout.
- ▶ Small Group: In a small group discuss your responses and narrow down to 3. Write your group's 3 responses on sticky notes and post to wall.

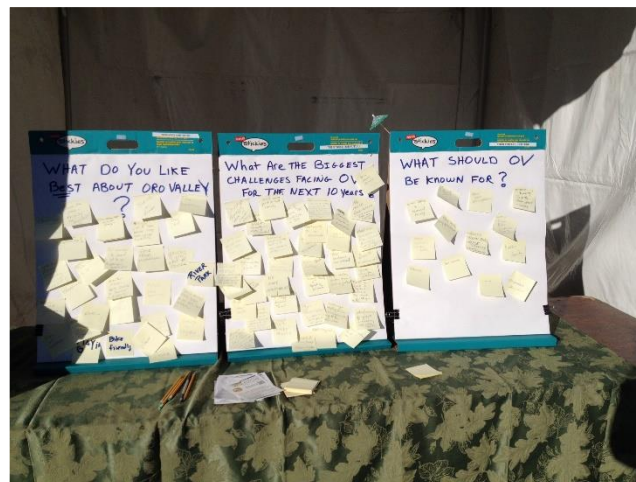
Zoom instructions:

- ▶ Type 1 response per question in the chat (staff will put your response on a sticky note)
- ▶ You will have an opportunity to add further comments after the group discussion



Continue the conversation

- ▶ Sign-up to receive an invitation to the website (launching soon)
- ▶ Volunteer to help gather feedback



Questions?

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