

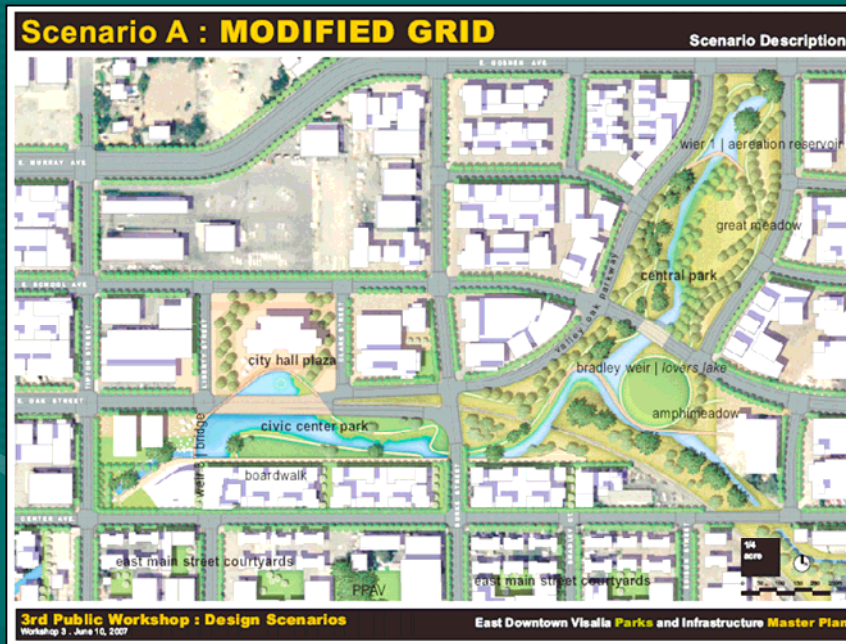


Planning, Partnerships, & Energy Activities

City of Visalia
A 2007 Update

Planning:

East Downtown Strategic Plan

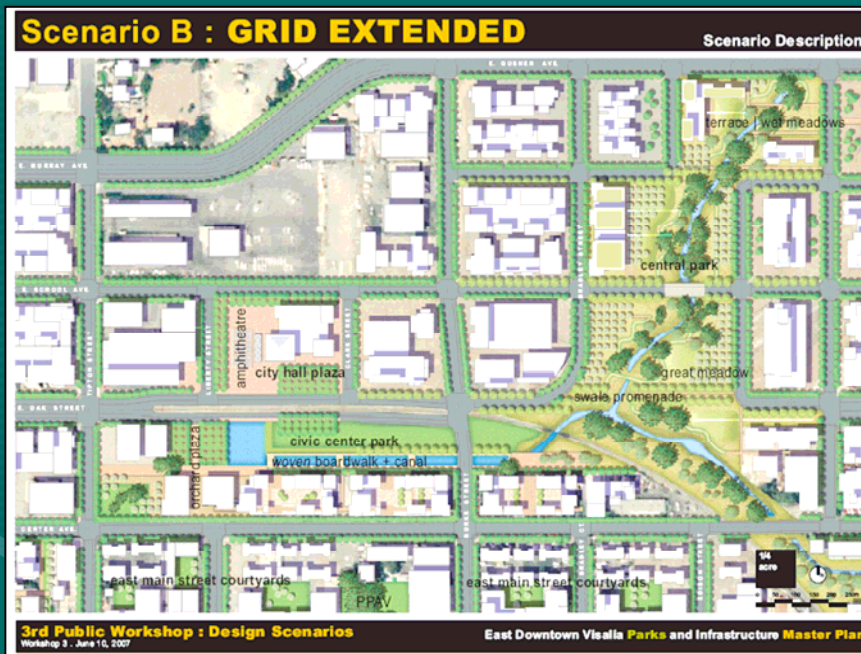


- Downtown is physical, economic center of city.
- Existing retail core supported by new urban infill mixed uses.
- City purchased 36 acres in Strategic Plan area.
- Development of Civic Center and infrastructure moving forward.



Planning:

East Downtown Strategic Plan



- Plan provides area with environmental assets.
- Access to transportation.
- Pedestrian traffic enhanced.
- Zoning calls for greater density; promotes concentric growth.



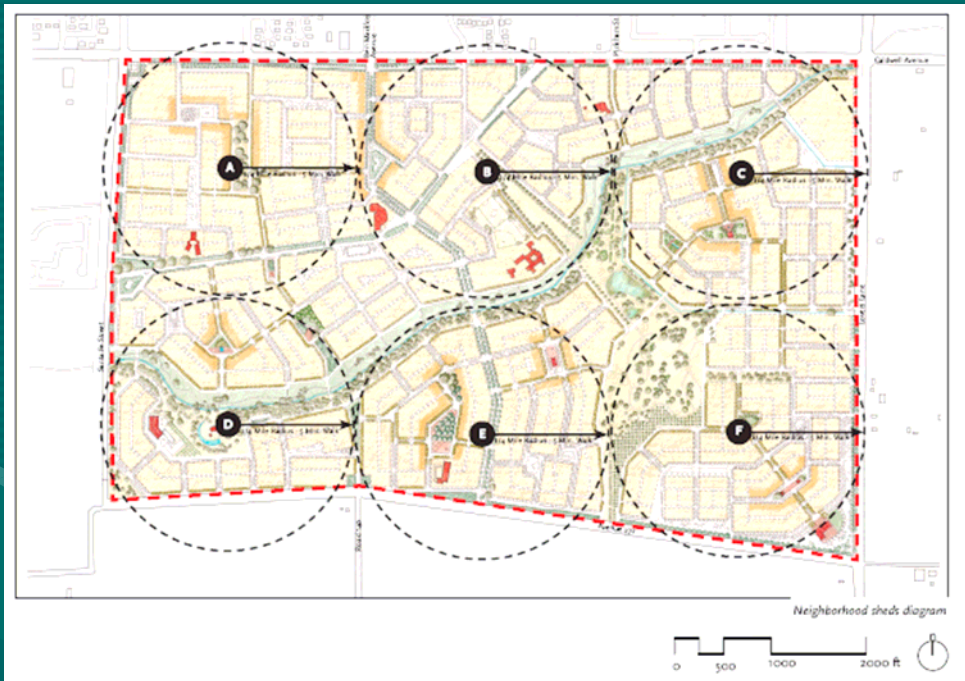
Planning: *Southeast Area Specific Plan*



- Creation of 850-acre plan.
- Provide opportunity for residential, neighborhood commercial development.
- Integrates neighborhood services, residential types with active, public spaces.



Planning: *Southeast Area Specific Plan*



- Concepts part of New Urbanism movement.
- Project uses 100 acres owned by hospital.
- Cohesive neighborhoods have their own center, with pedestrian and vehicle paths.
- Traditional neighborhood design with open spaces.



Partnerships:

San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization

- Assist with development of clean energy programs.
- Increase energy investments throughout Valley.
- Provide resources to public/private entities.
- Increase awareness of clean, efficient energy alternatives.
- Help City become Model Green Community.



Partnerships: *Sequoia Shuttle*



- Partnership with National Park Service on a 3-year pilot program.
- Provide environmentally-friendly transportation to, from and within Park.
- 39,856 vehicles removed from road.



Energy Activities:

Alternative Fuel Fleet Grows

- City to purchase additional 12 buses which use compressed natural gas.
- Alternative fuel fleet numbers 21 out of 42 transit vehicles.
- Contracts awarded for purchase of 16 new marked police patrol vehicles.
- Goal is to make the city's fleet 100% alternative fuel.



Energy Activities: *CNG Station*

- Joint purchase with School District of second compressed natural gas station.
- Duplicity eases dependence on one fueling system for key vehicles.
- Station includes public, 24-hour-a-day fueling station for heavy duty vehicles.



Energy Activities: *Ordinances*

- Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris Ordinance helps achieve 50% waste diversion mandate.
- Establishes regulations for recycling, diversion of C&D debris.



Energy Activities:

Methane Gas and Solar Panels

- City has used methane gas for last 15 years.
- Gas captured at wastewater treatment plant provides part of energy to run the plant.
- Solar panels installed in Spring, 2006, provide two-thirds of power at the Airport Building, three hangers.



Energy Activities:

Visalia Police Sub-Stations



- Energy-efficient walls of concrete block, straw bale double the insulation of standard construction.
- Features include reflective roof, night air ventilation system, and proper orientation of windows.

