

About Plan Bay Area PDAs and PCAs in Solano County

Plan BayArea 2040

Locally Adopted Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)

Solano County has the distinction of containing nearly one-half of the San Francisco Bay Area’s important farmland and more than one-half the region’s wetlands. The Sacramento River flows along the southeastern portion of Solano County, emptying into the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta – the largest estuary on the West Coast – and continues into the Suisun Bay. Solano County’s historical growth was in part attributable to military bases. With its location between the metropolitan centers of San Francisco and Sacramento and its lower land prices relative to other parts of the region, the county has been an attractive place for lower-cost housing development in recent decades. Below are three examples of the 11 locally adopted PDAs in Solano County.

A Map of Solano County PDAs and PCAs



1 Downtown Vacaville

This PDA, which was locally nominated on October 14, 2008, is envisioned for mixed-use residential and retail development in the downtown and includes goals for improving connections to transportation. Major road improvement projects, improved parking, and the addition of a playground and public restroom facilities at Ulatis Creek Walk in the downtown area are also envisioned.

2 Fairfield-Vacaville Train Station

This PDA, which was locally nominated on June 19, 2007, is envisioned as a transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use community. The plan proposes a mix of residential, retail, and office uses. New homes in the area would range from medium to high density.

3 Downtown Suisun City

The vision for this PDA, which was locally nominated on October 7, 2008, includes waterfront recreation, retail, dining and entertainment. It also includes expansion of existing transit opportunities and bicycle paths. The revitalized downtown would feature a modern transit center with connections to completed bicycle/pedestrian paths, cultural and business gathering spaces, and housing.