

# DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER PLAN TEXT UPDATE

9/9/20 COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS



# GOAL, AGENDA & FORMAT

**Goal:** To present status of Master Plan Text Update and receive feedback to inform document during drafting period

**Format:** Hybrid, in-person and remotely via youtube

## Agenda:

1. Brief Presentation
2. Comments and questions will be taken from both in-person attendees and written text from youtube chat. If attending in-person, please fill out comment cards you received and raise your hand to submit to staff. If attending remotely, simply type your comment and it will be read into the microphone. You can also email us directly at [masterplan@douglasnv.us](mailto:masterplan@douglasnv.us)
3. Open House to be hosted after the meeting for additional feedback opportunity
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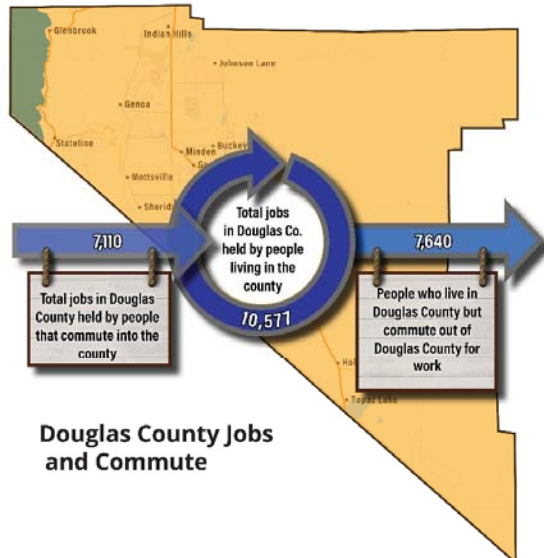


# What is a Master Plan?

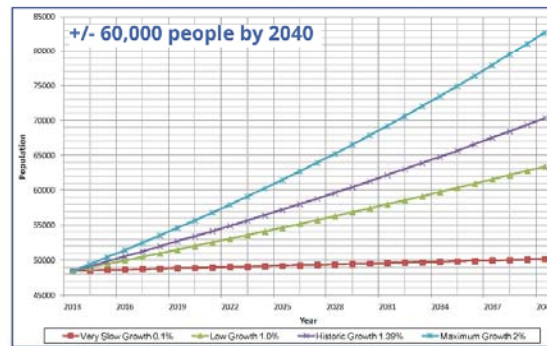
A Master Plan is an official public document adopted by a governing body as a guide to decisions about the physical development of the governed area. The area included in the Plan can be a city, a county, or a region. The Master Plan identifies current issues and needs in the community based on public input, research, and analysis, and sets forth goals, policies, and actions to address them.

## Data Analysis Includes:

### Economics



### Population



Continued "aging" of the county's and region's residential population will impact demand levels and types of public services and housing and availability of workers.  
**49.7 annual average median age in Douglas County.**

### Housing

More than half of the existing housing stock in Douglas County **was built in 1989 or earlier.**



**= 50% depletion of the property tax base** over the next 10-15 years making the funding of public services increasingly difficult.



# Timeline



A Community to Match the Scenery



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# MASTER PLAN DOCUMENT INFO & LAYOUT

Chapters are called “Elements” and organized as follows:

Land Use & Historic Preservation

- Includes Community Plan Areas

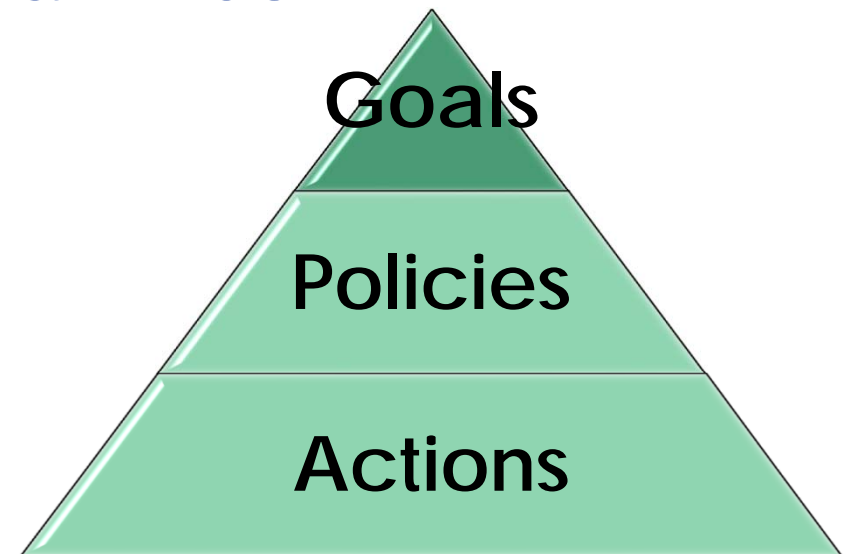
Agriculture & Conservation

Economic Development

Growth Management & Housing

Public Facilities, Services, & Recreation

Public Safety



Master Plan is a key document for every jurisdiction to properly function, receive resources and provide services.



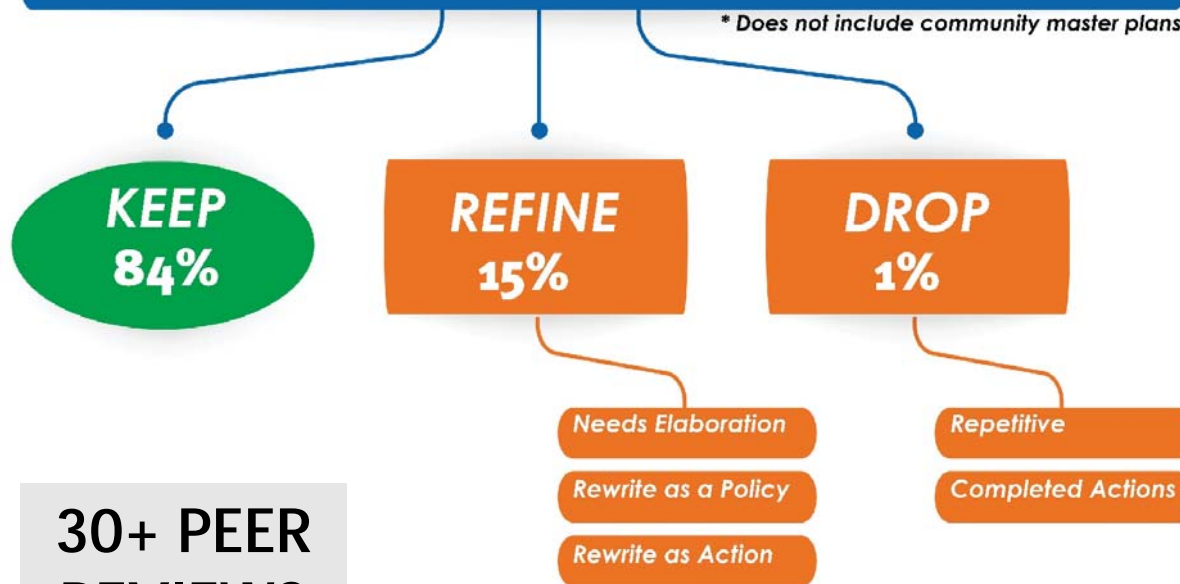
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# TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR 2016 DRAFT PLAN LANGUAGE

## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER PLAN GOALS & POLICIES 53 Goals & 206 Policies

*\* Does not include community master plans*



### KEY FINDINGS:

- Condense the Conservation, Agriculture, Housing, and Parks & Recreation sections.
- Consolidate redundant goals and policies without losing meaning.
- Standardize and strengthen language for goals and policies.
- Remove completed actions.
- Strengthen Public Safety Element.
- Incorporate education and technology.

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## Land Use & Historic Preservation



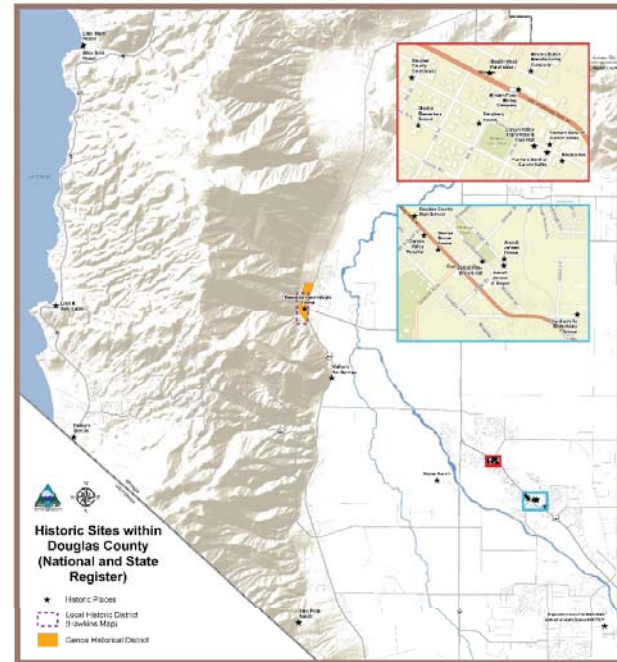
**Goal 1** Implement the master plan land use map, and the associated community plans to achieve the desired land use pattern and balance between preservation and development in the County.



**Goal 2** Locate commercial and industrial development consistently with the County's economic development strategy.



**Goal 3** Preserve and promote historic, cultural, and archaeological structures, landmarks, sites, and resources as integral parts of the past and focal points to shape the County's future identity.







## Agriculture and Conservation



Goal 1 Enhance our air and water quality.



Goal 2 Protect and expand open space and natural areas while enabling types of developments that acknowledge and enhance agricultural lands.



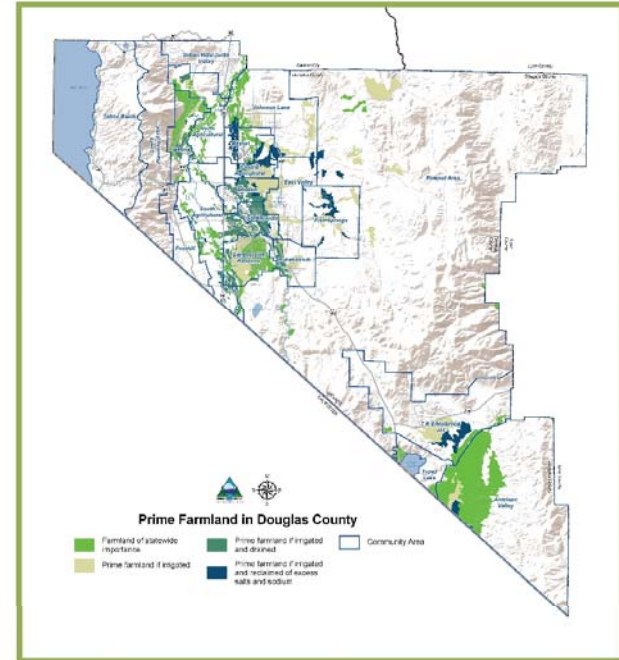
Goal 3 Encourage the efficient use of resources through energy conservation and improved access to renewable sources.



Goal 4 Protect sensitive wildlife and vegetation in recognition of their importance to our quality of life.



Goal 5 Protect and encourage ranching, farming, agricultural activities, and supportive industries.







## Economic Development



Goal 1 Foster a diverse regional economy that adapts to changing needs of the workforce and enables business development, retention, and expansion.



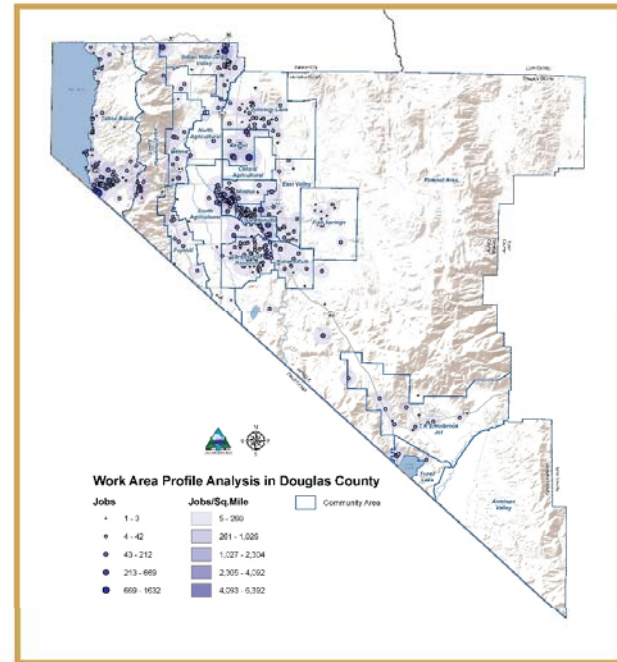
Goal 2 Emphasize the importance of the creation of “place” and the development of vibrant centers for our economic growth.



Goal 3 Capitalize on outdoor recreation, lifestyle, and agritourism opportunities.



Goal 4 Provide residents with a high quality education, and support the development of a skilled workforce.





## Growth Management & Housing



Goal 1 Accommodate residential growth to a level that natural and fiscal resources can support, and that our businesses need to flourish.



Goal 2 Direct development to locations within or adjacent to existing communities where public services and facilities can easily be provided, and a sense of community created or enhanced.



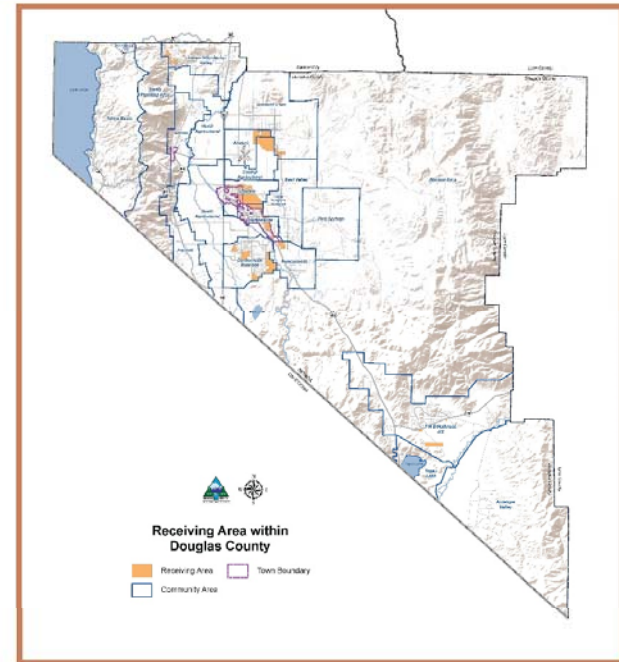
Goal 3 Offer lifestyle options and environments that families and people of all ages can enjoy.



Goal 4 Increase housing opportunities and reduce the shortage of housing that is affordable to the local workforce.



Goal 5 Increase housing opportunities for households with special needs, including persons with physical and mental disabilities, the elderly, and at-risk children.



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## Public Facilities, Services and Recreation



Goal 1 Support regional approaches to providing public services and facilities in coordination with GIDs, towns, the state, and other jurisdictions.



Goal 2 Maintain service delivery standards that are consistent with County values and promote a high quality of life.



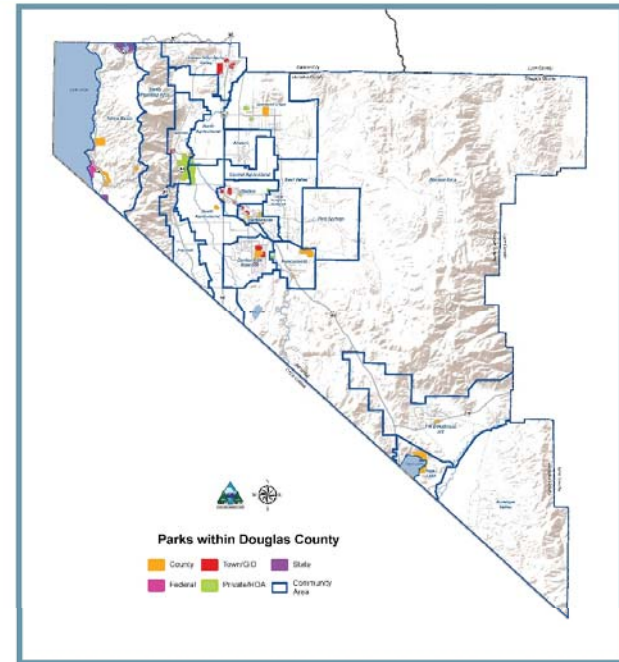
Goal 3 Ensure the timely provision of community facilities, services, and infrastructure, and for new development to pay its equitable share of the costs for public services and facilities needed to serve it.



Goal 4 Preserve and enhance USFS, BLM, and other public lands throughout the County and promote a broad distribution and connectivity of parks, open spaces and natural areas, habitat, and recreational resources.



Goal 5 Provide and maintain an integrated transportation system for the safe, efficient movement of people and goods throughout Douglas County.



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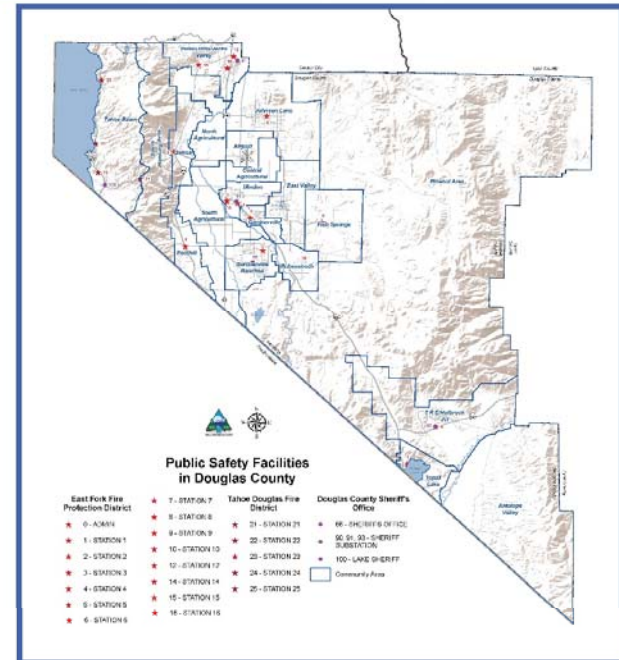
## Public Safety



**Goal 1** Provide the community with increased safety from natural hazards through compatible design and development practices that protect ecosystem values and minimize damage to life, property, and fiscal resources.

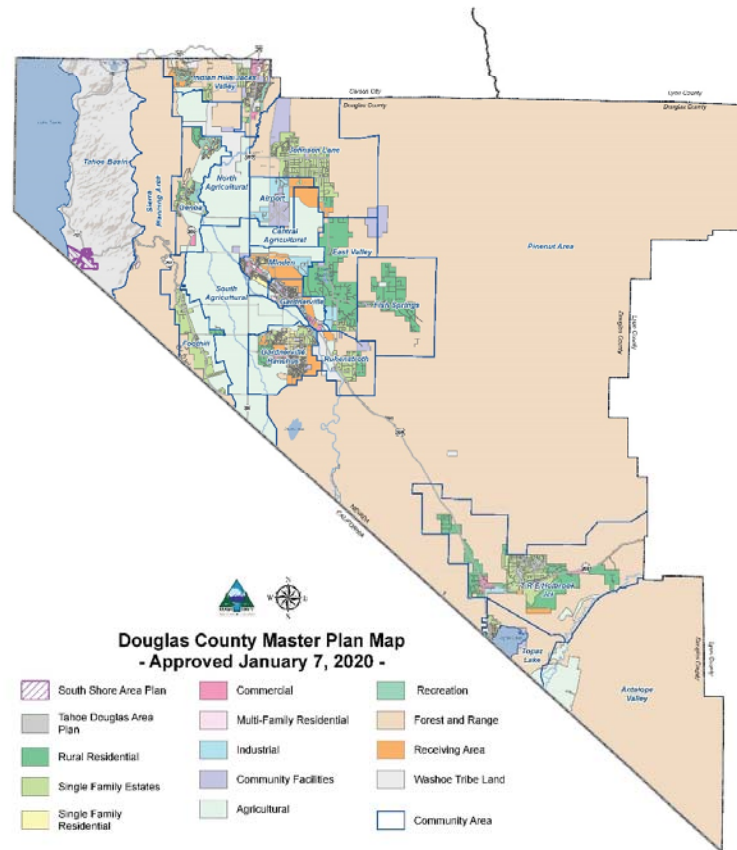


**Goal 2** Protect the public health, safety, and welfare by providing adequate professional law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services.



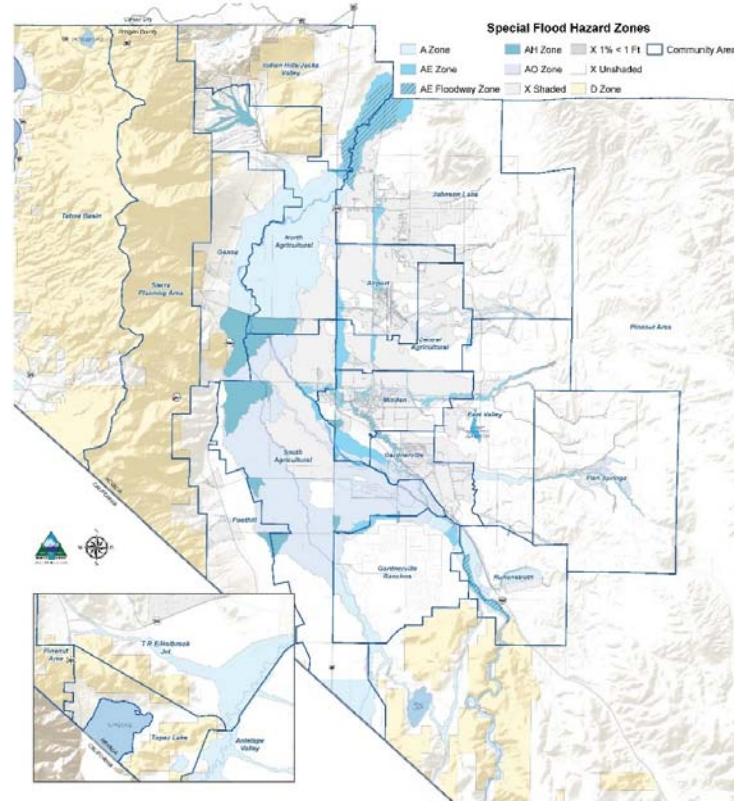


## Updated Land Use Map





## Floodplain Map of the County



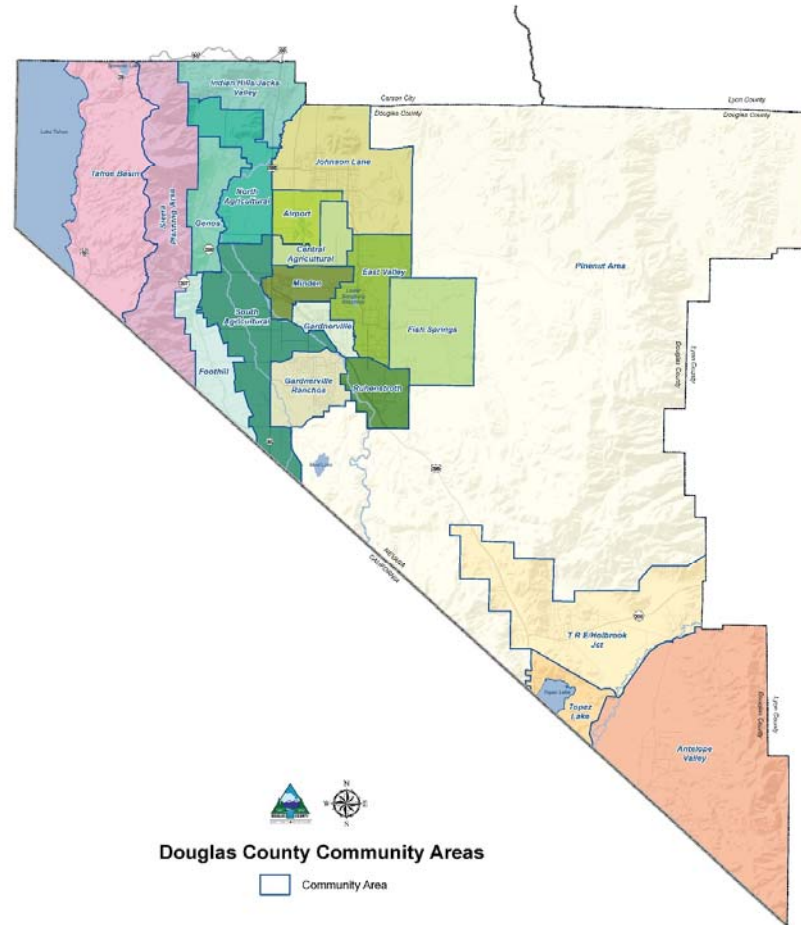
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# Community Plan Areas



# WHAT'S NEXT? TENTATIVE DATES

- Survey Closes September 30th at 5pm
- Draft Text Available for Public Review October 12th
- Planning Commission Preliminary Public Hearings October 20th and 21st
- Planning Commission Public Hearing Seeking a Recommendation November 4th
- Public Inspection Period of Planning Commission Approved Draft November 5th-December 4th
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearings December 9th – 11th (three days if needed)



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- To submit comments after this meeting, call 775-783-6015 or e-mail [masterplan@douglasnv.us](mailto:masterplan@douglasnv.us)



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