

MAXWELL COMMUNITY PLAN

Community Workshop
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Meeting Overview

- Project status and overview
- Community outreach and feedback
- Objectives and strategies
- Questions and community input

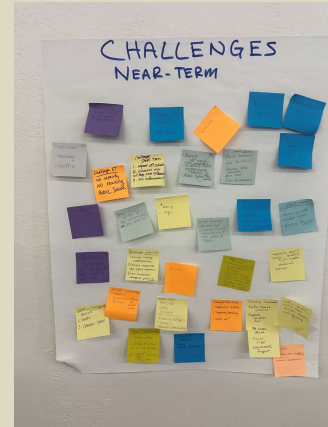
Purpose of the Maxwell Community Plan

- Provide guidance and strategies to help guide and shape the future of the Maxwell Community.
- Respond to challenges and opportunities presented by Sites Reservoir.
- Further implement guidance provided by the General Plan specific to Sites and Maxwell.
- Gather community feedback and input and reflect community priorities in the Maxwell Community Plan.



Community Outreach

1. Board kickoff meeting (5/21/24)
2. Sites Authority presentation and workshop (6/20/24)
3. 1st Maxwell Community Workshop (6/20/24)
4. 2nd Maxwell Community Workshop (7/24/24)
5. Board update meeting (12/17/24)
6. 3rd Maxwell Community Workshop (2/13/25)
7. Planning Commission Meeting (6/4/25)
8. Board update meeting (6/17/25)
9. 4th Maxwell Community Workshop (9/18/25)



Community Feedback

- Concern over increased traffic, roadway safety, and pavement conditions.
- Opportunities to improve local utilities (water, sewer, drainage) to meet increased demand and better serve existing customers.
- Opportunities for more commercial businesses and economic development.
- Funding assistance for ADU construction, home rehab, and infrastructure upgrades.
- Assess increased demand on police, fire, and emergency services.
- Opportunities for short term and long term housing expansion, without adversely changing community character.
- Minimize any adverse impact to local schools.
- Expand recreation opportunities, including a new gateway park.
- Protect ag businesses and ag economy.

***See Outreach
Summary
Report for
details.***

Maxwell Community Plan

- 1. Introduction & Purpose:** Provides an overview of the Maxwell Community Plan's goals and setting the framework for future development.
- 2. Sites Reservoir Overview:** Details the role and impact of the Sites Reservoir on Maxwell, including potential expected benefits for local and regional growth.
- 3. Existing Conditions in Maxwell:** Reviews Maxwell's current economic, and environmental conditions to establish a foundation for the proposed planning initiatives.
- 4. Community Outreach Efforts:** Summarizes the engagement efforts with local residents, agencies and other stakeholders, and agencies to ensure the plan reflects community needs and priorities.
- 5. Key Issues:** Identifies the primary challenges and directives Maxwell will be addressing through the community plan.
- 6. Goals, Strategies & Implementation:** Outlines actionable steps to achieve the plan's vision.

Vision and Objectives

- Flexible housing solutions and meeting housing needs
- Infrastructure expansion
- Community Parks and Schools
- Public safety enhancements
- Transportation Network
- Economic Revitalization
- Downtown Improvements
- Funding Acquisition



VISION STATEMENT

The community of Maxwell is steeped in history and grounded in its agricultural roots. Located along the I-5 corridor, in the heart of Colusa County, Maxwell is a family-oriented community comprised of a mosaic of families and individuals. As Maxwell looks to the future, it continues to value and promote safety, economic opportunities, civic pride, and rural independence. Maxwell seeks to preserve and build upon its historic roots, while capitalizing on opportunities to further improve and enhance the quality of life of all its residents and visitors.



Strategies and Implementation

- Over 30 strategies and implementation actions have been included in the Maxwell Community Plan.
- Some will be the responsibility of Colusa County (zoning revisions, permit streamlining, etc.)
 - Adoption of the Plan does not commit the County to any specific actions of funding obligations.
- Some will rely on outside funding sources or other agencies (Maxwell PUD, School District, etc.)
- The Plan calls for ongoing coordination with the Sites Authority to assist with implementation of some aspects of the Plan.
- A RACI Matrix has been prepared. It identifies which agency/entity is Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, and/or Informed with respect to the Implementation Strategies in the Plan.



The Plan has been developed to be responsive to community concerns and priorities and implement direction provided by the General Plan.

Most Recent Planning Commission and Board Input

- Efforts should be made to support the availability of basic essentials in Maxwell (i.e., grocery store, diesel fuel, etc.) – Many Maxwell residents are currently commuting out-of-county get their essentials.
- Prioritize early implementation of improvements.
- The County, special districts, and the Sites Authority should host a public meeting to discuss roles, funding and timing of implementation of improvements and mitigation.
- The Plan has been updated to reflect this input and direction

Questions and Discussions

- Does the community have any additional input or feedback that should be considered prior to Board adoption of the Maxwell Community Plan?