

CAREFREE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Fact Sheet



The Town of Carefree is updating the community's General Plan, scan the QR code below or visit the website to learn more:
<https://carefree.org/carefree-general-plan-update>

What is the purpose of the General Plan?

The Carefree General Plan is a long-term guide that helps the community make decisions about physical, economic, and social development conditions over the next 10-20 years. The plan includes a vision statement, maps, goals, objectives and policies. The plan addresses issues such as land use, growth, transportation, open space, and the environment.

Why update the General Plan now?

State law in Arizona requires all cities and towns to have a "comprehensive, long-range general plan for the development of the municipality." These plans must be updated and approved by voters every 10 years. The Town of Carefree's current General Plan was last ratified by voters in 2012. Due to delays as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now at the next 10-year planning horizon.

What topics does the General Plan address?

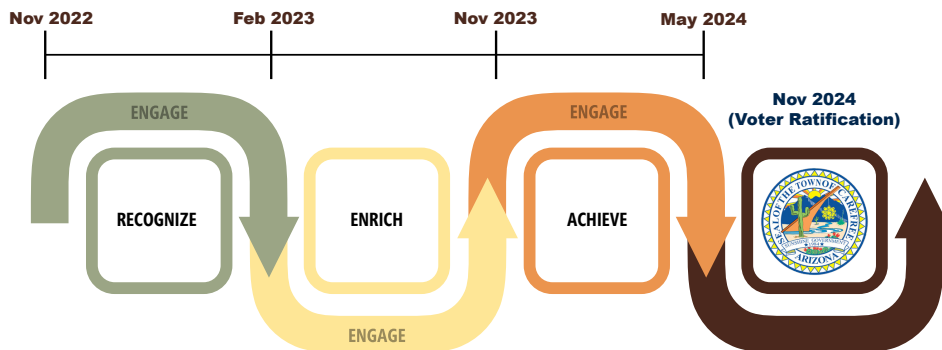
State Law requires certain topics or 'elements' be addressed based on the population of the community. The following list identifies elements that are required based on the population of Carefree:

- Land Use
- Growth Areas
- Water Resources
- Circulation
- Environmental Planning
- Open Space
- Cost of Development

To maintain Carefree's unique and semi-rural character, the General Plan may also include additional elective elements that cover topics such as:

- Economic Development
- Public Services and Facilities
- Arts and Culture

What is the schedule and process for the General Plan Update?



- Project Kick-off Summit
- GP Org. Structure
- Final GP Development
- Public Involvement Plan
- Draft GP Elements
- GP Work sessions
- Community Outreach
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- Formal Adoption
- GP/Existing Conditions Assessment
- GP Work sessions (4)
- Voter Ratification
- 60-Day Review



Important Links:



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Visit the project website:

Visit the General Plan project website to get involved and learn more about the project.

<https://bit.ly/CFGPPupdate>

Subscribe:

Subscribe to sign up for project updates and notifications of public meetings.

<https://carefree.org/subscribe>

Download App:

Download the Carefree Connection App on your mobile device to stay up to date on what is happening in Town.

<https://onelink.to/carefreeconnection>

Town Newsletter:

View the Town of Carefree Newsletters and stay up-to-date with recent Town Communications.

<https://carefree.org/town-newsletters>



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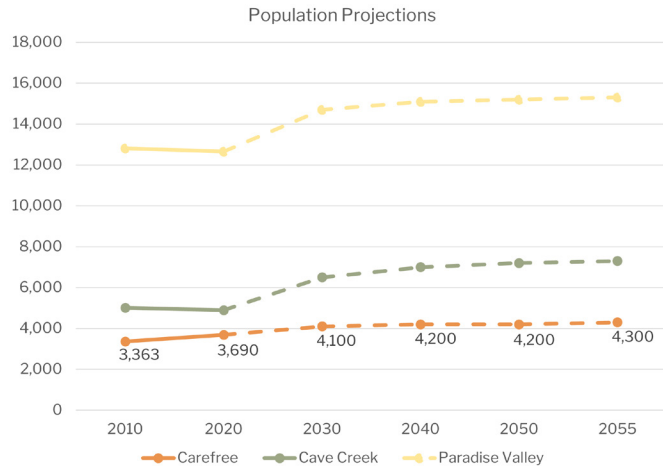
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Documents relevant to the General Plan are available for download on the project website such as the Existing General Plan, Public Involvement Plan, and Project Milestone Schedule. Visit <https://carefree.org/carefree-general-plan-update> to learn more! Examine the Land Use Map and accompanying data below to get an overview of the important community elements in Carefree at present as we plan for the future of the Town.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2010, 2020 Decennial Census, Maricopa Association of Governments Socio-Economic Projections

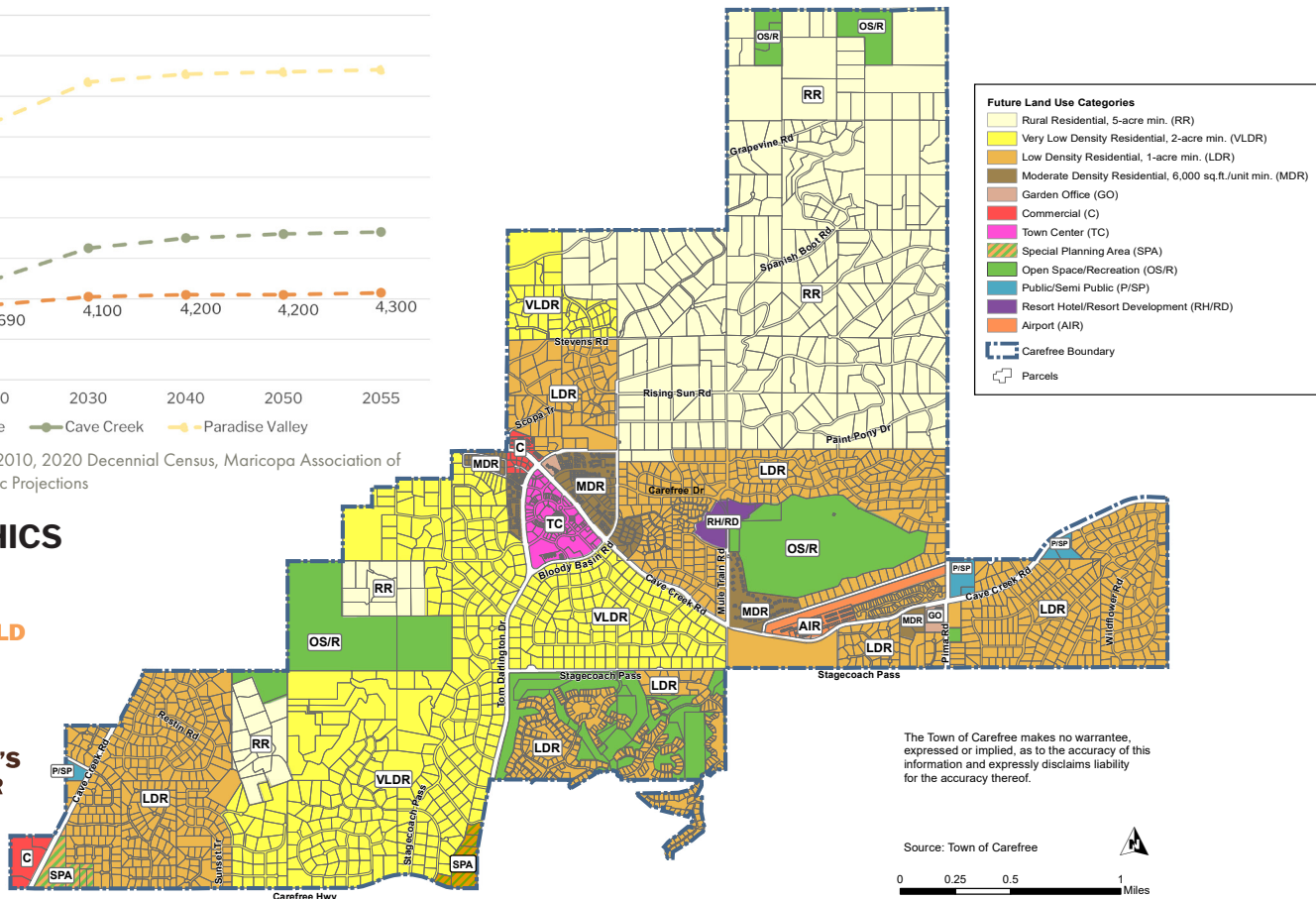
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HOUSEHOLD
SIZE

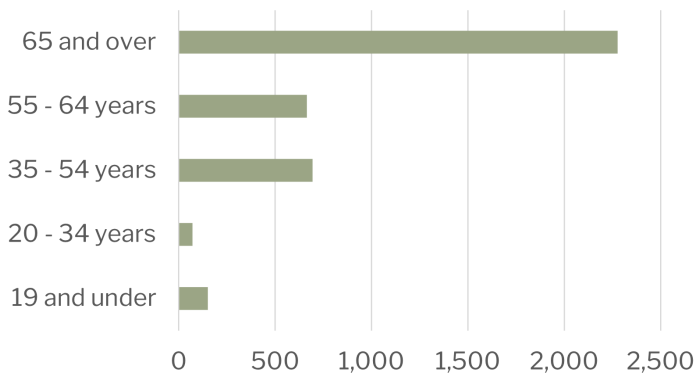
59.7%
BACHELOR'S
DEGREE OR
HIGHER

LAND USE PLAN

(EXISTING CAREFREE 2030 GENERAL PLAN)



AGE COHORTS



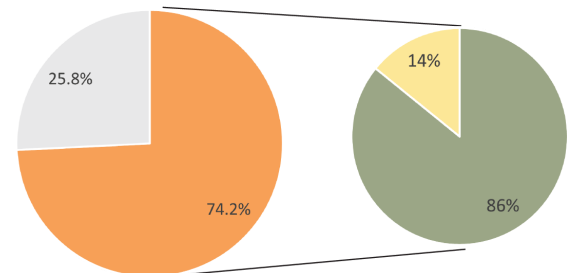
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

HOUSING STATISTICS



**2,584 TOTAL
HOUSING UNITS**

HOUSING OCCUPANCY



Occupied housing units

Vacant housing units

Owner-occupied

Renter-occupied