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# Payson General Plan Update

**Kick-off Meeting  
October 30, 2012**



# Overview

- Purpose of Plan
- Importance of the Update Process
- Summary of Current Plan



# Purpose of the Plan

- Arizona State Code Section 9-461.05
  - Each planning agency shall prepare and the governing body of each municipality shall adopt a comprehensive, long range general plan for the development of the municipality.
- Growing Smarter/Plus Law
  - Strengthen the ability of Arizona's communities to plan for growth, acquire and preserve open space, and develop strategies to comprehensively address other growth-related pressures.



# Importance of the Update

- The *Payson General Plan* is a ten-year plan that guides future growth of the planning area through the year 2012.
- Planning is a **continual process**.
- *Payson General Plan 2013-2023*
  - Community's guide for future development
  - Shape the physical development
  - Community's Statement of Vision
  - Goals and Implementation Strategies



# Summary of the Current Plan

## The Statement of Vision

Payson is Arizona's premier "small town" recognized for *managing growth* in such a way that provides responsible stewardship of its natural resources that provides leadership to *strengthen neighborhoods* and ensures that services and facilities meet the expectations and needs of our residents and visitors. Payson is a community of people that are dedicated to ensuring that the quality of life and natural resources that they enjoy today can be enjoyed by future generations. Payson has a *growing economy* that provides opportunities for all to have a satisfying lifestyle and a *safe, healthy environment*. It is a community that embraces people of all ages and walks of life and affords them opportunities for *housing, health care, recreation, and education*, all within the scenic beauty of the Rim Country area.



# Community Values

- Our forested environment and hillsides that provide magnificent views of the beauty and is recognized as the Rim Country.
- The ability to enjoy clean air and water while we balance the fragility of our natural resources.
- A strong, diversified economy that creates meaningful jobs at livable wages and is in harmony with Payson's natural environment.



# Community Values

- The richness that life-long learning and recreational opportunities bring to our lives.
- An efficient, responsive local government that provides leadership in ensuring long-term community interests.



# Land Use Goals

- **Goal 1:** The Town will develop a growth management program that strives to ensure that adequate services and facilities are available to support the demands of growth.
- **Goal 2:** The Town will strive to develop land use patterns in a manner that conserves and preserves natural resources to achieve a high level of sustainability for our future generation.



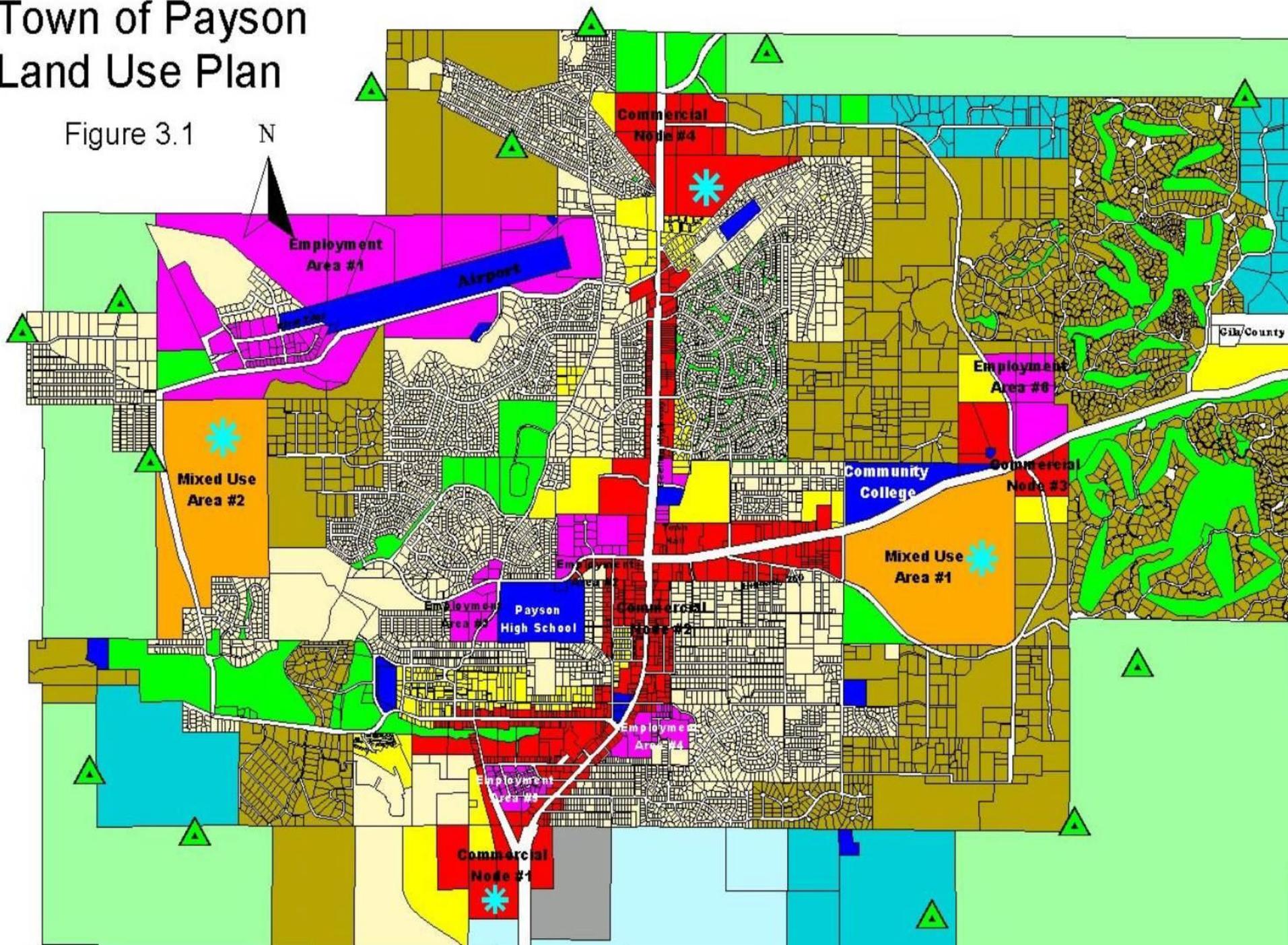
# Land Use Goals

- **Goal 3:** The Town will encourage and promote the development of a wide range of housing types for all income groups.
- **Goal 4:** The Town will plan for adequate land use design that encourages employment opportunities for jobs that pay a living wage.



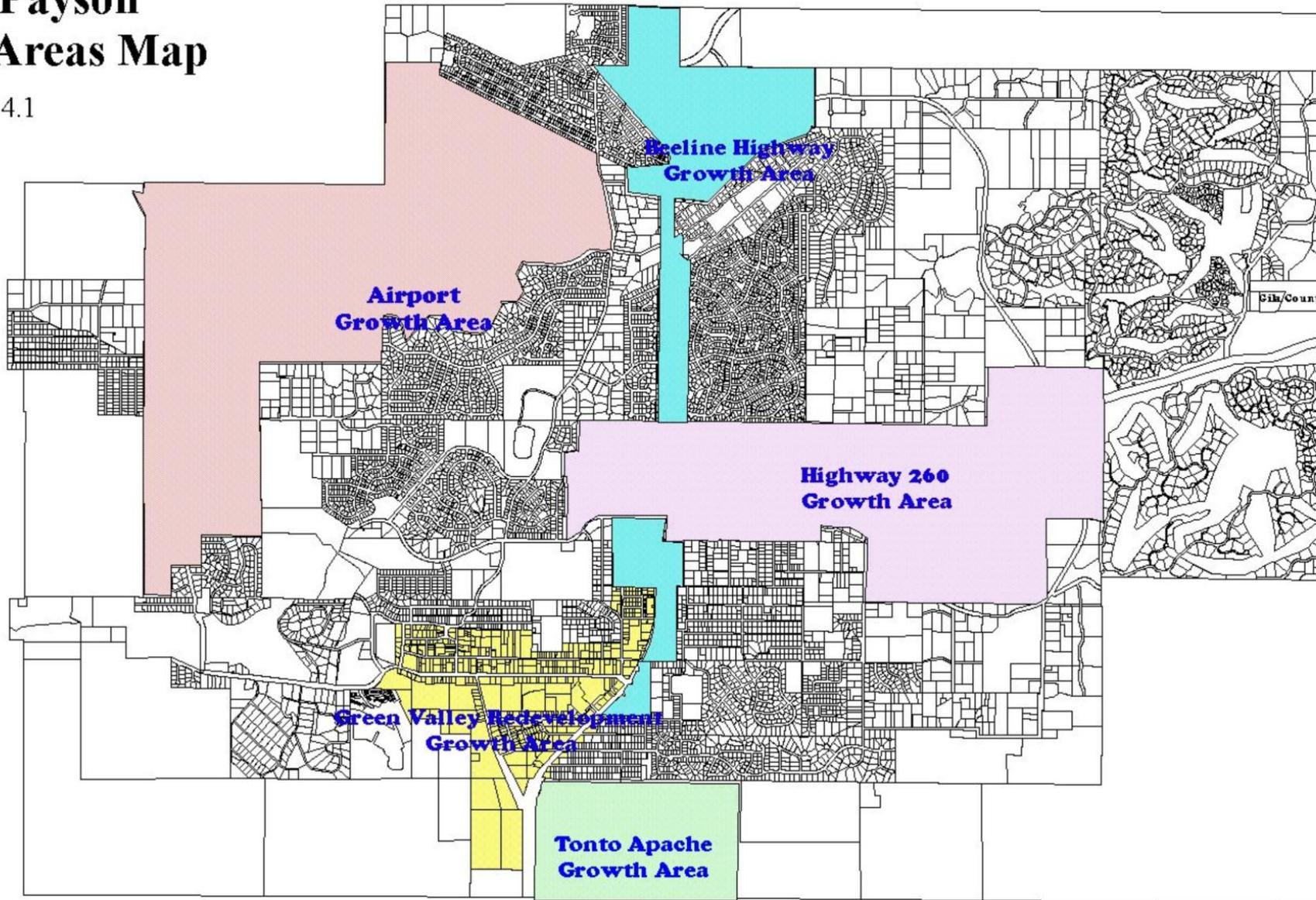
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# Town of Payson Growth Areas Map

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# Growth Area Goals & Policies

- **Goal 1:** The Town must maintain a high quality of life for its current and future residents while maintaining an economically vital community.
- **Goals 2:** Provide for the orderly physical and economic development of the identified growth areas.



# Growth Area Goals & Policies

- **Goal 3:** Strengthen the basic attractiveness, efficiency and effectiveness of the economy of Payson and the region by strategic development/redevelopment of the growth areas.
- **Goal 4:** Develop the Payson Airport and surrounding employment areas as an important economic center in Northern Gila County.



# Other Plan Elements

- **Circulation**
- **Parks, Trails & Open Space**
- **Environmental Planning**
- **Water Resources**
- **Cost of Development**
- **Implementation Program**



# Plan Update Process



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- Steering Committee
- Public Meetings
- Community Survey
- Website



# Steering Committee

- Purpose of the Steering Committee is to assist in guiding the update process
  - Ensure good public participation opportunities
  - Assist with plan development ideas
  - Increase interaction and collaboration with and between appoint and elected officials and citizens
- Steering Committee is scheduled to meet four times throughout the process
- Meetings are open to the public



# Public Meetings

- Kick-off Meeting
- Community Issues Identification
- Information Symposium
- Community Workshops
  - Topics Focus
  - Implementation Focus



# Other Input Opportunities

- Community Survey
- Website
- Staff and Elected/Appointed Officials



# Timeline

- Year until adoption
- Next public meeting in December
- Other meetings in late Winter/Spring



# SMALL GROUP EXERCISE

