



Local Coastal Program  
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# Local Coastal Plan Update

## Public Review Draft



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### Purpose of the Local Coastal Plan Update

*To Create a modern, up-to-date, web-accessible document with digital maps*

The update focuses on new information and policies in five key areas:

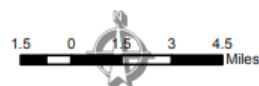


**The Public Review Draft** of the Local Coastal Plan has been prepared based on public and agency input on the Preliminary Draft in June 2015. The community will continue to have public input opportunities on the Public Review Draft at workshops, and at Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, and Coastal Commission hearings.

### Location

The Coastal Zone of Sonoma County is over 55 miles long and includes about 56,000 acres, extending inland typically to the first major ridgeline paralleling the sea. Along the Russian River and Estero Americano, the Coastal Zone extends inland along the zone of tidal influence. Local Coastal Plan policies apply only in the Coastal Zone.

**Note:** This map is for illustrative purposes only. Scale and reproduction methods limit the data shown.



The draft, maps, and community engagement surveys are available at: [sonomacounty.ca.gov/LCP-Update](http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/LCP-Update)

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### Purpose of the Local Coastal Program

The California Coastal Act requires each local government in the Coastal Zone to prepare a "Local Coastal Program." The Local Coastal Program governs decisions regarding the conservation and use of coastal resources. While each Local Coastal Program reflects the unique characteristics of the community, Coastal Act goals and policies also require certain regional and statewide interests to be addressed.



### The Sonoma County Local Coastal Program is divided into three parts:



#### Local Coastal Plan (Land Use Plan)

The Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan is currently undergoing an update. The plan serves as the fundamental Land Use Plan on the Coast, functionally similar to the inland General Plan. The update is being developed in coordination with the California Coastal Commission.

#### Coastal Zoning (Implementation Plan)

The Coastal Zoning Code, chapter 26C of the Sonoma County Code, implements the Local Coastal Plan. Zoning includes more detailed development and operational criteria than the Local Coastal Plan. The Local Coastal Plan Update identifies recommended changes to the Coastal Zoning Code, many are listed as "Programs" at the end of each element. Future changes to the Zoning Code will be done with public outreach.



#### Administrative Manual

The Administrative Manual of the Local Coastal Program for Sonoma County describes procedures, guidelines, and standards for processing applications for development in the Coastal Zone. Much of the Administrative Manual has been incorporated into the Local Coastal Plan Update.

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