#### **Amador County** Proposed Wicklow Specific Plan Public Workshop

December 9, 2021







# Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Purpose of Meeting
- 3. Overview of Specific Plan
- 4. Potential Project Objectives
  - a. Discussion and suggestions
- 5. Issue Identification
  - a. What is important to the community (traffic, shopping, parks etc.)?
- 6. Land Use Exercise
  - a. Constraints (drainage areas etc.).
  - b. Interactive discussion on potential land uses
- 7. Summary of feedback
- 8. Next Steps and Draft Schedule



# Introduction

- County Staff
  - Chuck Beatty AICP, Planning Director
  - Krista Ruesel, Planner
- Management Advisory Services
  - Kathy Pease AICP, Planning Consultant
- AES-Montrose
  - Kelly Boyle, EIR Consultant



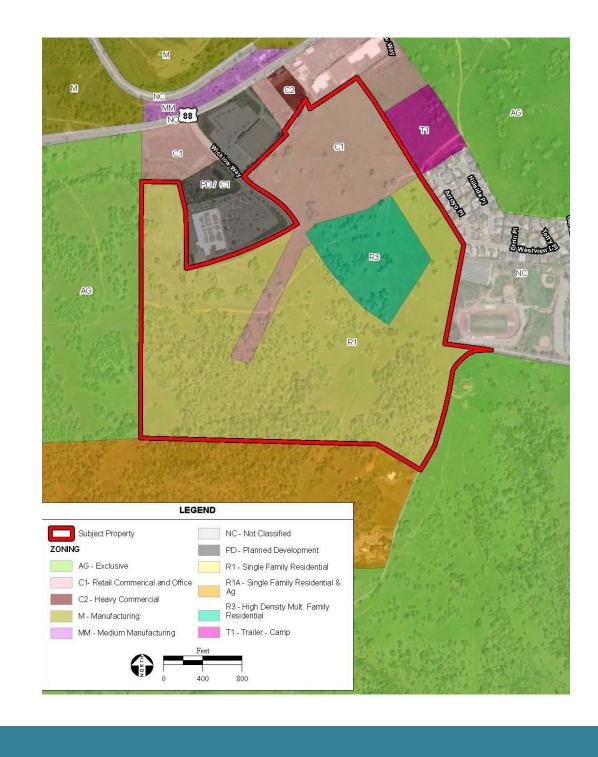
### Site Location





# **Current Land Use Designation**

- » Martell Regional Service Center
- » Zoned: Residential and Commercial
- » Largest potential area for high density housing and commercial uses.



# SB 2 and Local Early Agency Planning (LEAP) Grants

- »County received planning grants to help fund community input into developing 200-acre County owned property.
- »The grants are intended to facilitate housing development through the specific plan process.
- »Environmental Impact Report



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# What is a specific plan?

» A specific plan is a planning and regulatory tool intended to implement a city or county general plan through the development of policies, programs and regulations which provide an intermediate level of detail between the general plan and individual development projects.





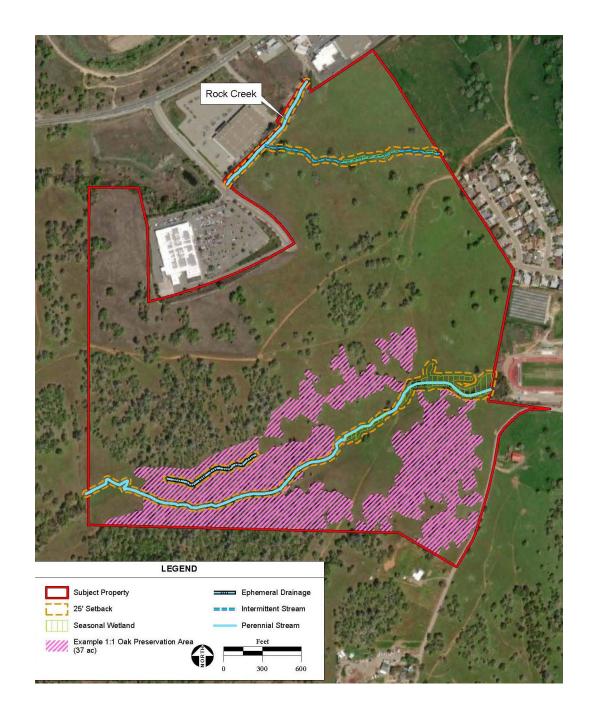
# **Potential Project Objectives**

- » Identify and facilitate housing to meet County's share of its Regional Housing **Needs Allocation (RHNA)**
- » Economic Development- provide services for community and support growth to the economy.
- » Preserve opportunities for open space and oak preservation

# »Discussion and Suggestions?

# Constraints

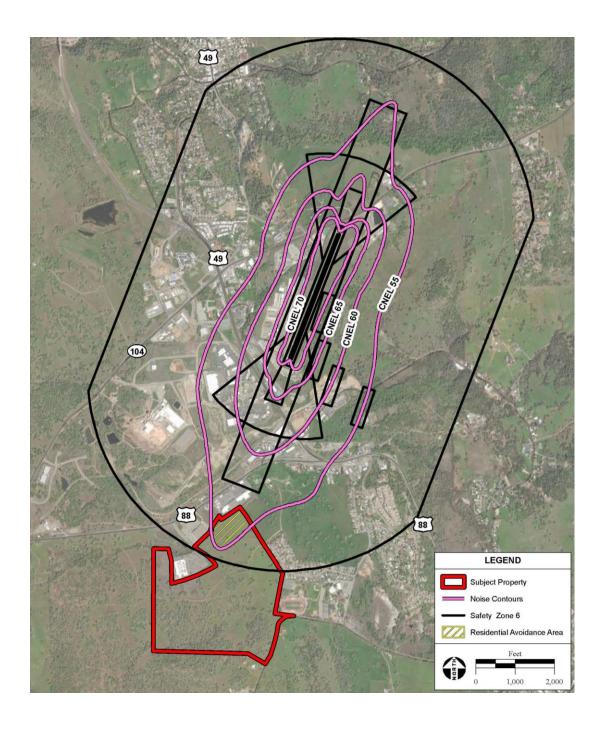
- »Wetland and Drainage Corridors
- »Oak Woodland/ Sensitive Habitat
- »Airport Land Use Compatibility Zone/ Noise



# **Airport Land Use Constraints**

» Northeastern corner includes Residential

Avoidance Area

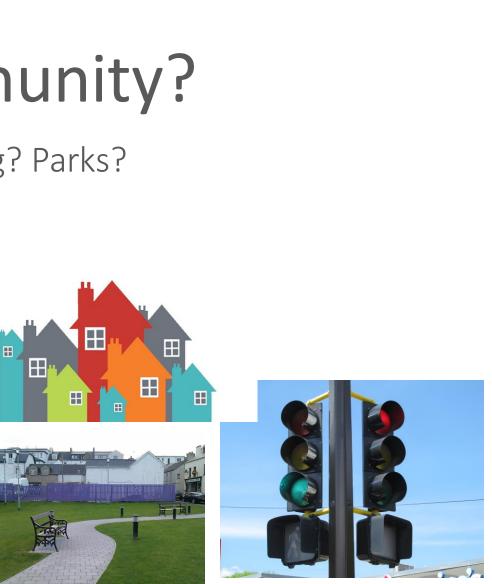


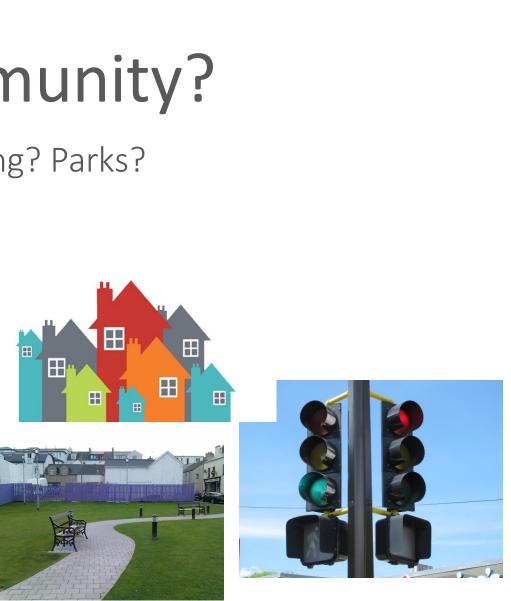
## Issue Identification

# »What is important to the Community?

• Traffic? Increased Shopping Opportunities? Quality Housing? Parks?

# »Discussion and Suggestions?



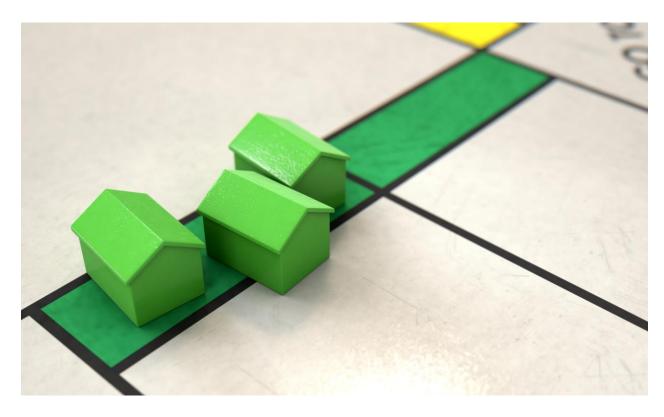


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# **Potential Development Scenarios**

- » 100 acres for residential
- » 20 acres for utility easements/road right of way
- » 40-60 acres for parks and
- » open space
- » 30-60 acres for commercial, office and industrial.

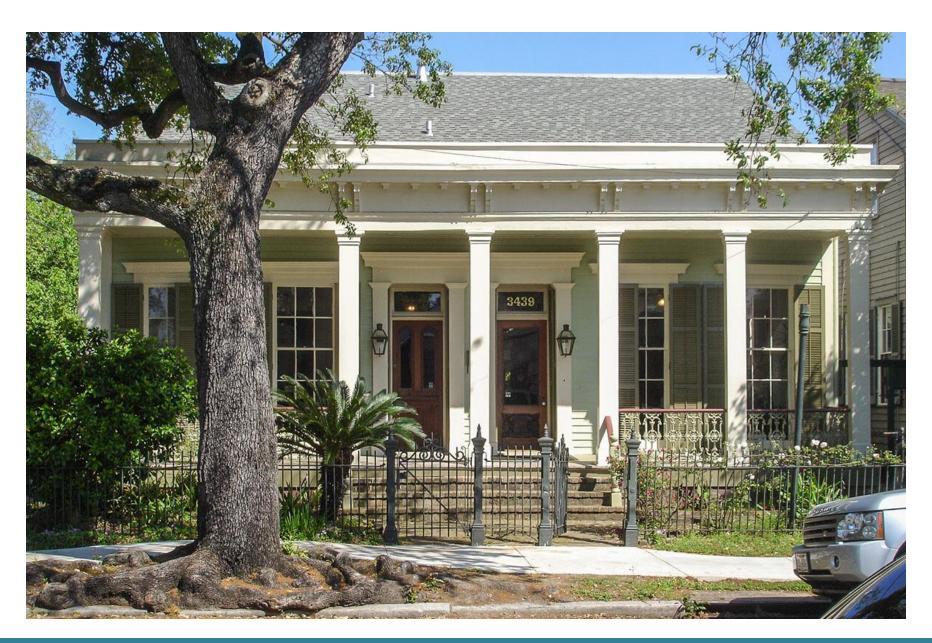




#### **Residential**



### Housing Type Example- Medium Density/Duplex





### Housing Example-Higher Density



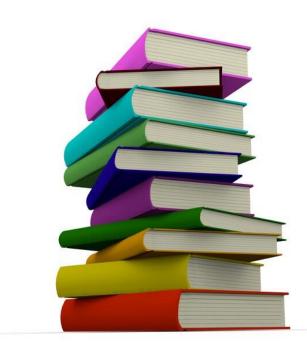
#### **Break Out Session**

# »Opportunity to inform Land Uses on the Site



## **Next Steps**

»Prepare Project Description
»Draft Specific Plan
»Prepare Technical Studies
»Prepare CEQA/
Environmental Impact Report



# Main Purposes of CEQA

- Provide information to decision makers and the public regarding environmental impacts of projects
- Identify ways to mitigate or avoid those impacts
- Identify and evaluate alternatives to the proposed project



# **Environmental Impact Report**

- Project Description
- Environmental Setting



- Significant Environmental Effects
- Unavoidable Significant Adverse Effects
- Mitigation Measures
- Alternatives

### **Environmental Review Process (EIR)**

#### » PUBLIC SCOPING AND NOP

- » Complete technical analyses (historic, traffic, noise, etc.)
- » Prepare "Administrative Draft" EIR and revise

#### » DRAFT EIR CIRCULATED TO PUBLIC

- » Comments received from public and agencies
- » Prepare Responses to Comments/Final EIR
- » FEIR circulated
- » Public hearings



## **Tentative Schedule**

- Begin Outreach December 2021
- Prepare Technical Studies- November 2021-May 2022
- Prepare Draft Documents June 2022-August 2022
- EIR Fall 2022



# How to Provide Input

»Provide Written Comments:

Amador County Planning Department

»Get on Mailing List for updates

»Call: (209) 223-6380 during normal business hours or

»Email: planning@amadorgov.org.