

HUMBOLDT COUNTY



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Community Development Services Department

Focus of Presentation

- Background of Process
 - Critical Choices – Phase I Outreach
 - Technical Studies and Mapping: Foundation for Sketch Planning Process
- Sketch Plan Alternatives
 - Overview of each Sketch Plan
 - Key differences (land use designations, buildout, development patterns)
- Next Steps

What is the General Plan?

- Blueprint for land use and community development in the County
- 20 year plan for unincorporated areas of the County
- Basis for all decisions on development in the County

“The General Plan is the constitution for all future developments within a city or a county.”

-California Supreme Court, 1990



Required Elements of the General Plan

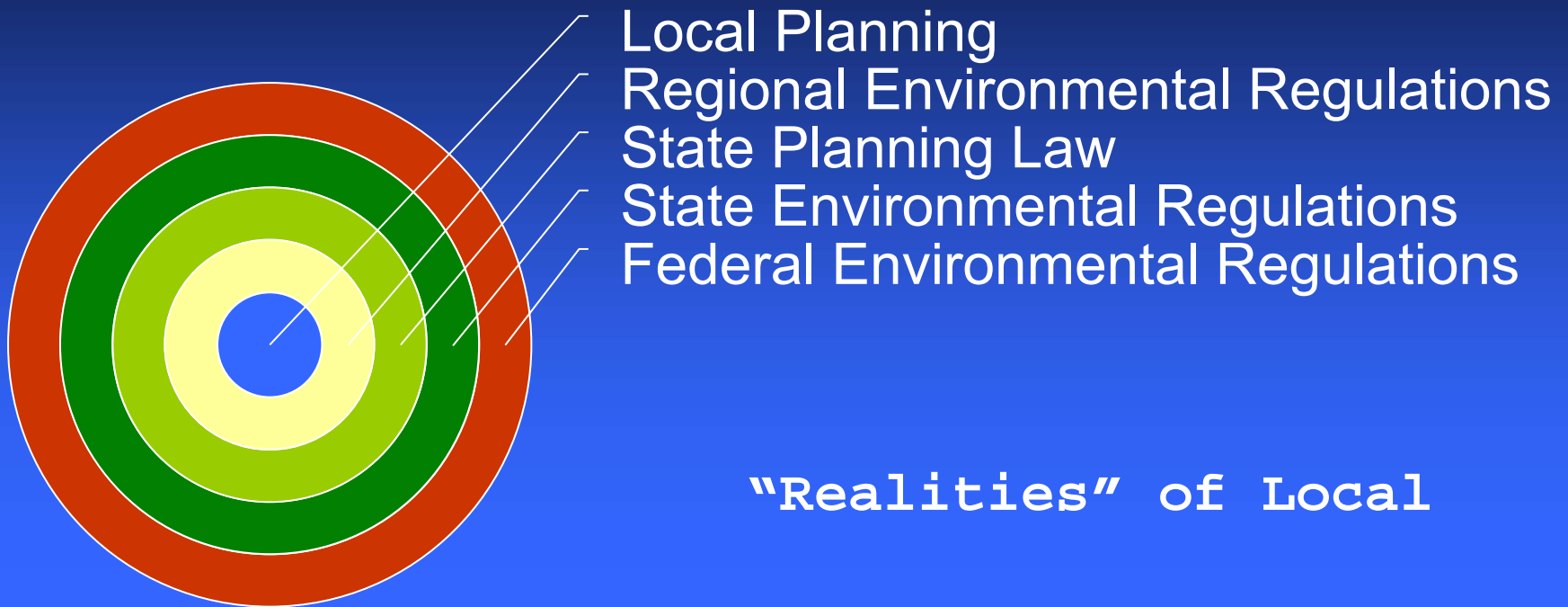
1. Land Use:
2. Circulation
3. Housing
4. Conservation
5. Open Space
6. Noise
7. Safety



Optional Elements of the General Plan

- 1. Economic**
- 2. Energy**
- 3. Telecommunications**

Realities of Planning



"Realities" of Local

(thanks to RCAA)

Realities of Planning

State Regulations:

CEQA

Subdivision Map Act

Coastal Act

Housing Element

Alquist Priolo Act

Surface Mining (SMARA)

Water Quality/Air Quality

Federal Regulations:

Endangered Species

FEMA

Army Corps - Wetlands

NEPA

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Updated General Plan
for Humboldt County

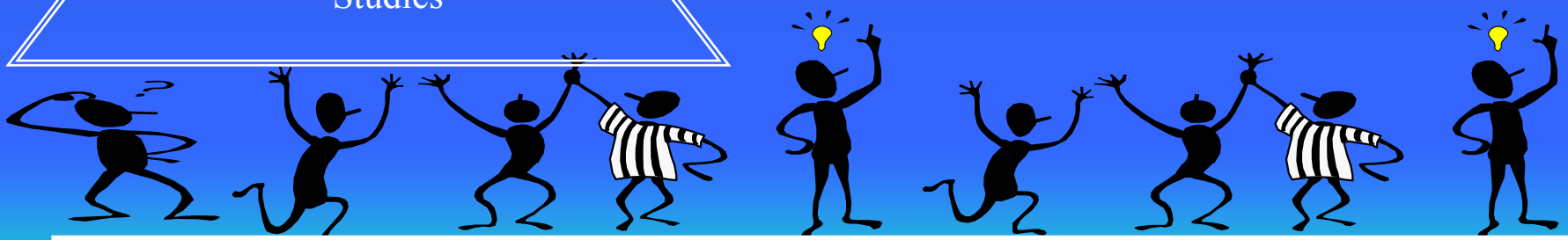
Phase 2: Alternatives
Report

Phase 1:
Public Participation
and Technical Background
Studies

Phase 3: Draft General
Plan and Environmental
Impact Report

Phase 4: Land
Use Ordinances

On-going citizen involvement





Critical Choices

- Protect the unique character of Humboldt and quality of life
- Prosperous economy
- Protect forest and agricultural lands
- Long-range environmental planning
- County-wide interests

Be Part of the General Plan Update

What is a General Plan Update?

- The Process
- What the General Plan Update Address
- Challenges
- How to Participate



Prosperity

The North Coast Strategy

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GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
Natural Resources
and Hazards
A Discussion Paper for
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General Plan Update

Critical Choices Report



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Humboldt 2025 General Plan Update Forest Resources and Policies

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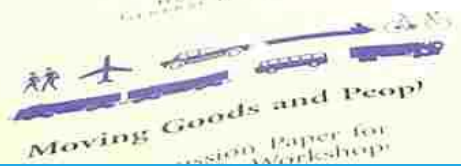
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WORKSHOP MATERIALS
for the
HUMBOLDT COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
DELIBERATION MEETINGS
October 30, 2003



Moving Goods and People

Discussion Paper for
Community Workshops

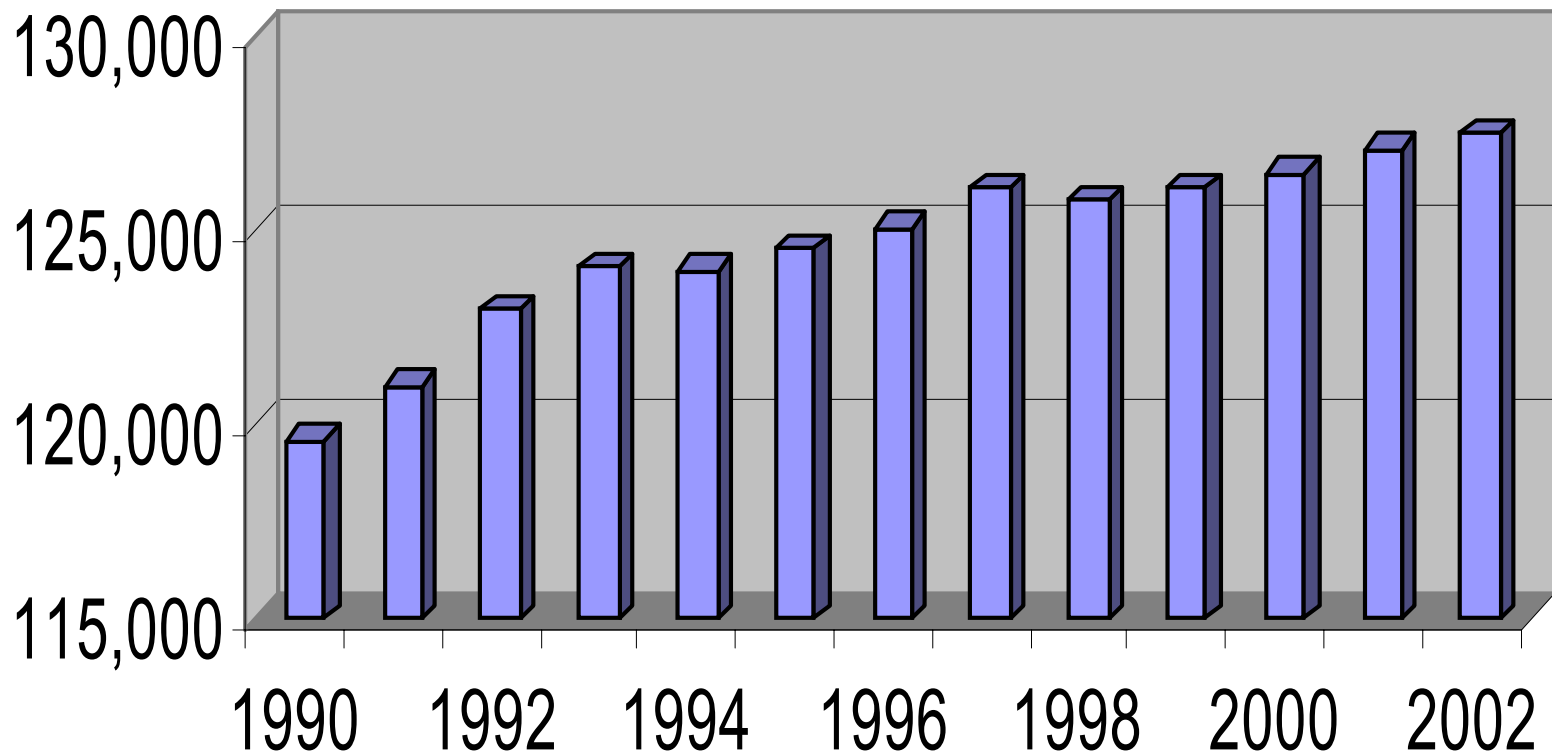


Technical Background Studies

- Building Communities
- Natural Resources and Hazards
- Moving Goods and People/County Transportation Model
- Agricultural Resources and Policies
- Forest Resources and Policies
- Residential Land Availability Survey
- Sketch Plan Alternatives
- Community Design Toolkit
- Related Studies:
 - Harbor Revitalization Plan and Rail Study
 - Airport Master Plan
 - Prosperity! Update
 - Telecommunications Plan
 - District Sphere Reports (LAFCO)
 - Fire Plan

Population

Humboldt County Population



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Total Humboldt County Population: 1970 Projected to 2040

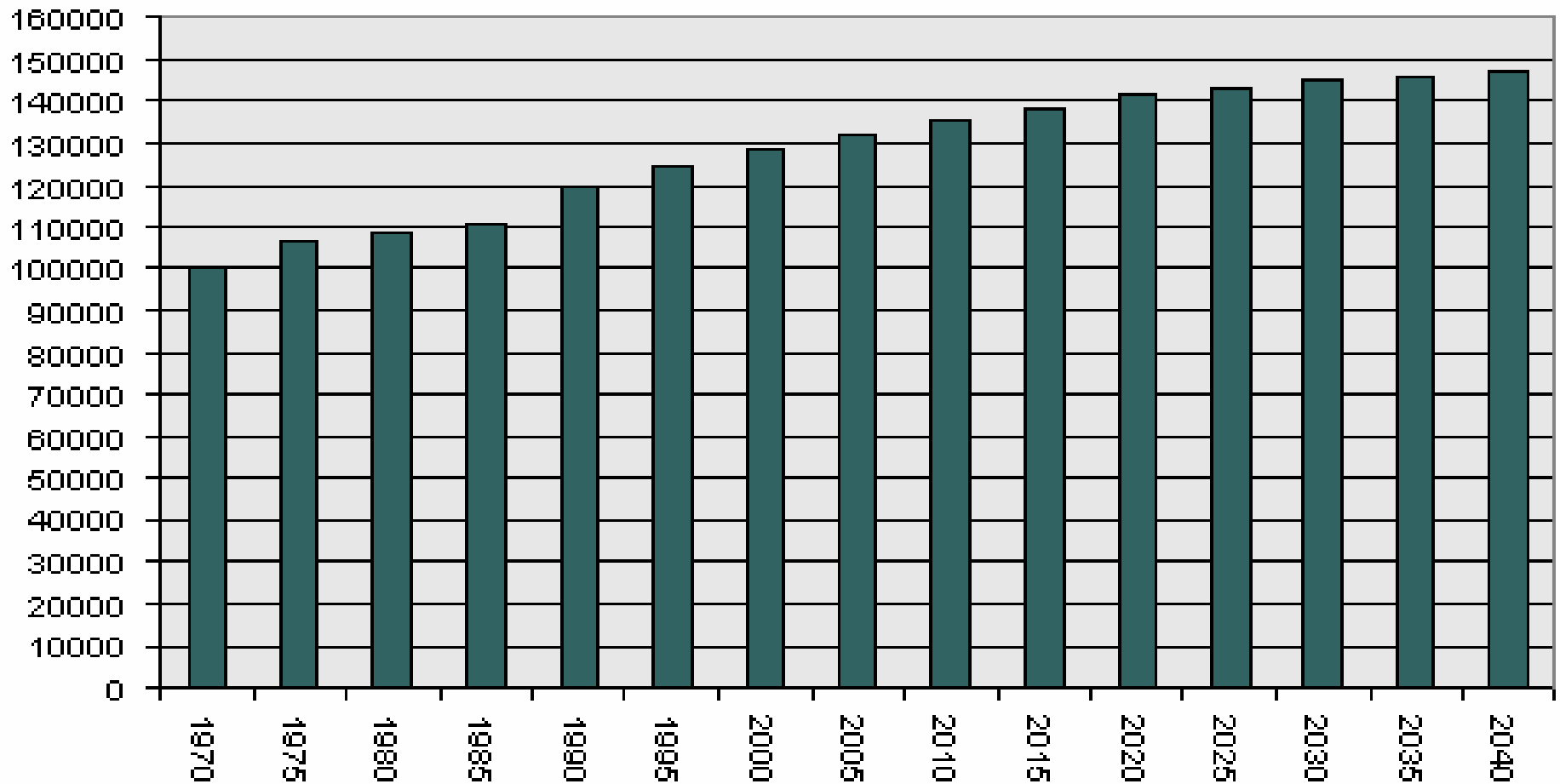
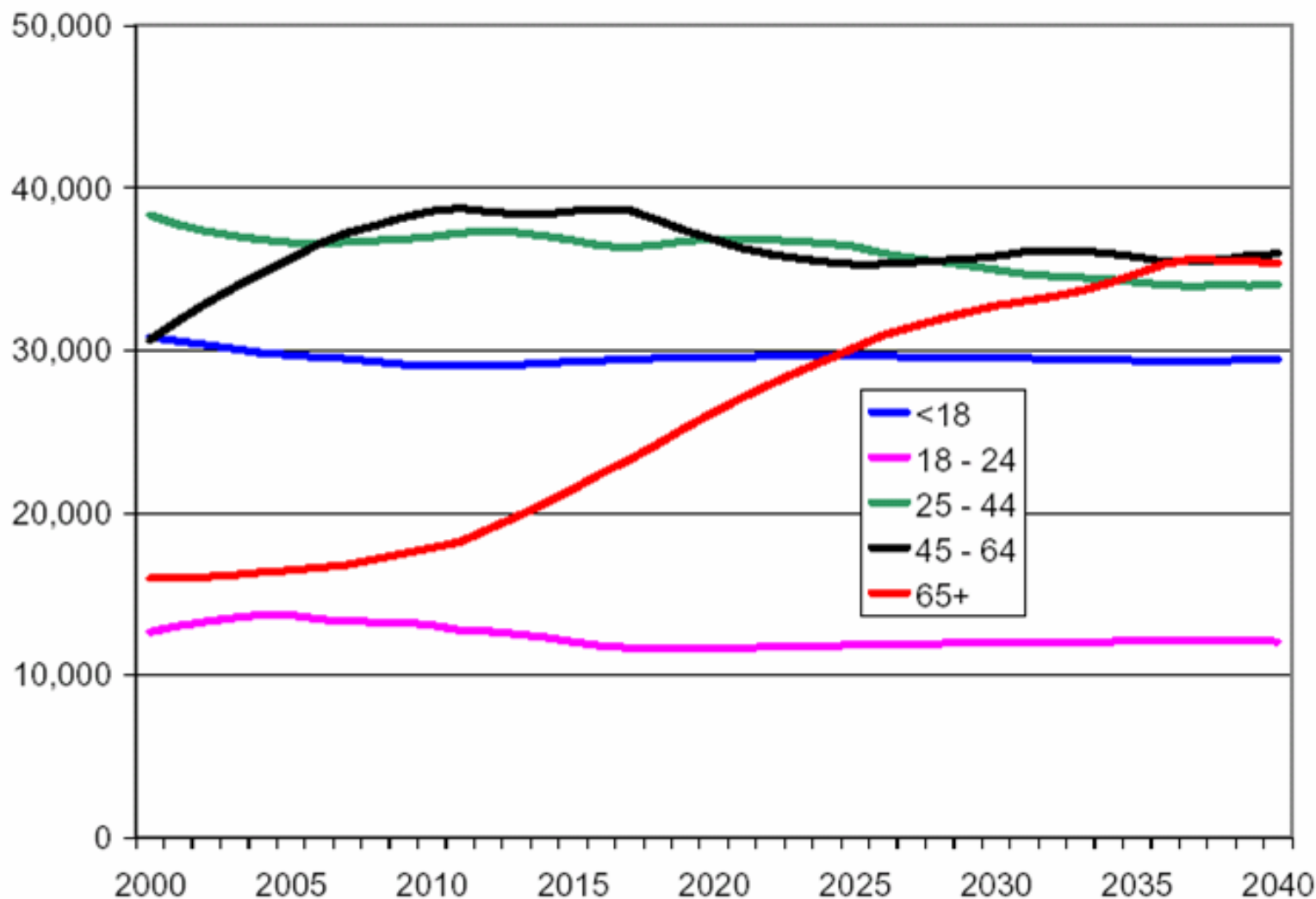
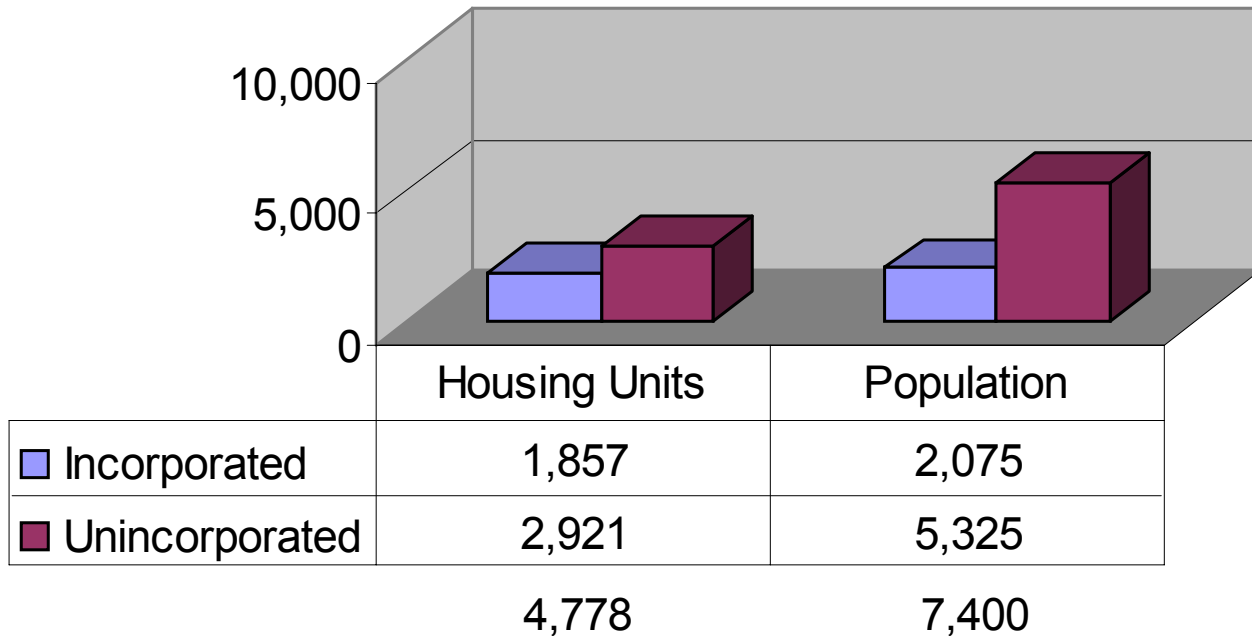


Figure 1-- Projected Humboldt County Population by Age Group, 2000 - 2040



Population and Housing Changes - Humboldt County 1990 - 2000



From 1990 to 2000, almost 4,800 housing units were built, while the population increased by 7,400. So a house was built for every 1.5 people, 1.8 in unincorporated areas.

Future Housing Demand

2025 Household Populations	138,100
# of Households (hh size=2.4)	57,542
Housing Units (7% vacancy)	61,873
Current Housing Units	55,912
Housing Unit Demand, Total	5,961
Housing Unit Demand – Pop. Unincorporated (54% of Total)	3,220
Fair Share Housing (includes cities)	278 per year
Realistic Housing Unit Demand	~ 6,000

Schedule

Phase

Time Frame

Critical Choices

Complete

Technical Background

Complete

Preferred Plan Selection

Fall 2003 - Summer 2004

Draft Plan and EIR

Fall 2004 - Fall 2005

Implementing Ordinances

Fall 2005 - Fall 2006



“The best way to predict the future is invent it.”

Alan Kay