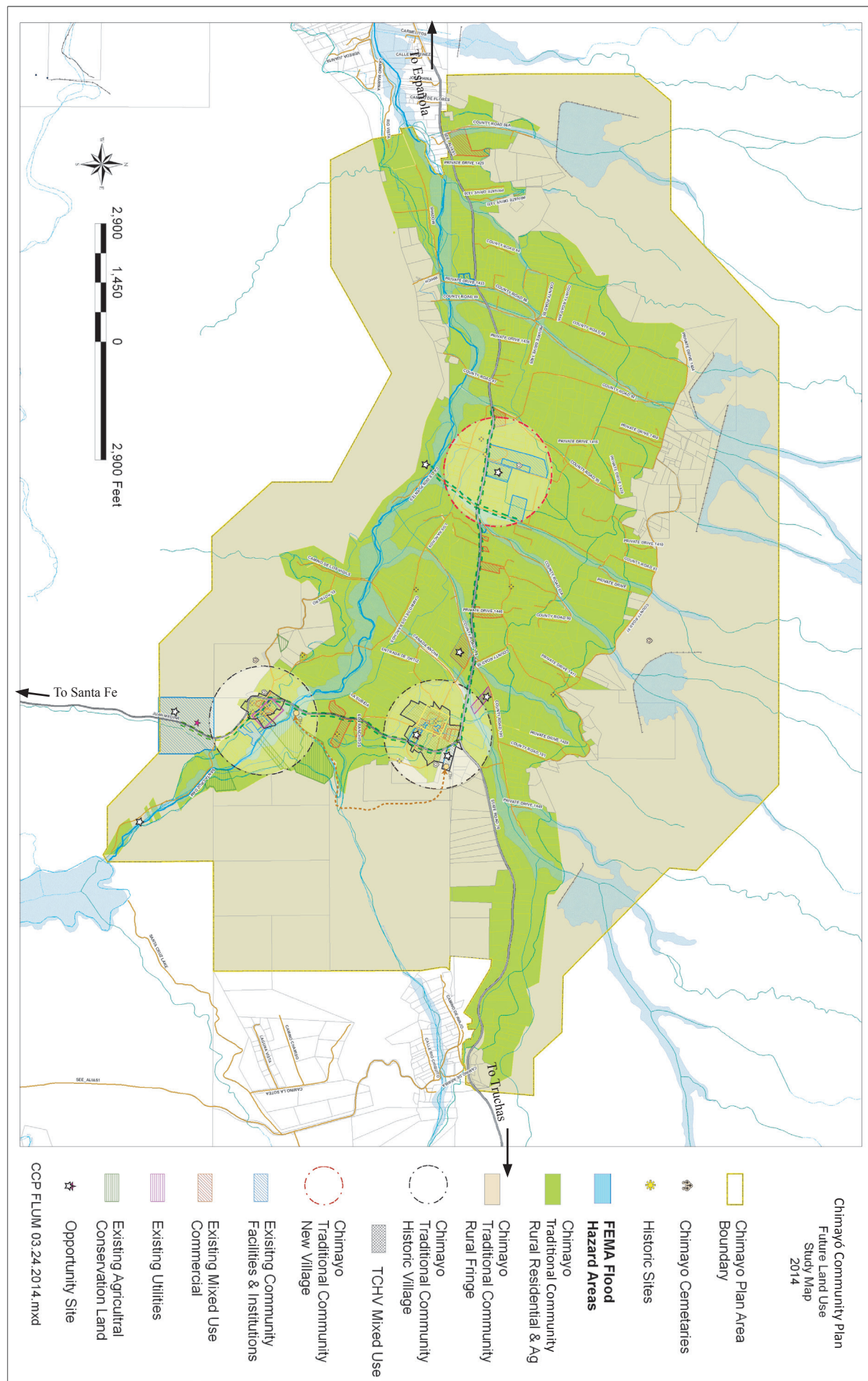


Two counties, one community, one plan.



CHIMAYÓ COMMUNITY PLAN COMMUNITY REVIEW

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**Come see what your community has in
mind for the next 25 years**

**Open House and Presentation
THURSDAY APRIL 24, 2014**

5:30 pm— 8:00 pm

Formal presentation begins at 6:30

Light snacks will be provided

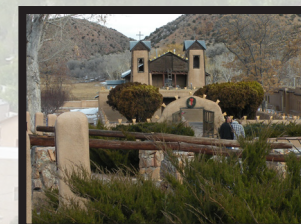
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WHY A COMMUNITY PLAN?

The intent and purpose of the community plan is to guide future land development in Chimayó and provide tools for addressing community needs. Chimayosos know what is best for Chimayó and how to best accomplish community goals. Over the course of 24 months, community members have shared what they think Chimayó should look like in 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years, established goals and objectives, identified key issues and opportunities and discussed a variety of strategies and ideas.

COMMUNITY REVIEW DRAFT

A lot of work has been done since the Spring of 2012 and we have finally completed a “community review draft” and need your continued feedback and input. Copies of the draft will be available at the Community Open House and Presentation on April 24th or we can send you a copy in the mail- just call us. The draft will also be available for review on the Santa Fe County Website at the following link:

http://www.santafecountynm.gov/growth_management/community_planning_center/chimayo
When the community review is complete the plan will be submitted to county officials for review and possible adoption into the county policy framework, capital improvement plan and legal code.

COMMUNITY REVIEW DRAFT KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✚ OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND ACEQUIA LANDSCAPE
 - Establish a Watershed District as a sub district of the Soil & Water Conservation District
 - Develop a dual county comprehensive storm water management plan and road maintenance program to reduce potential flooding, road and acequia washouts.
 - Develop an educational and interpretive site for use by the community and the elementary that is within walking distance of Chimayó Elementary School.
 - Establish a trailhead at the Bennie J. Chavez site with information on historic trails for use by locals.
 - Complete a community trails and open space management plan.
 - Provide semi-annual free days at the transfer stations for residents and businesses of both Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties.
 - Organize annual community clean-up days: provide dumpsters for household waste and large items.
 - Establish weekly trash pick-up for Santa Fe County residents and businesses.
 - Engage and support the Wildland Division efforts to coordinate Firewise activities, the Ready Set Go Program, coordinating fuel reduction projects, and the Homeowner Assessment Project.
- ✚ OUR ACEQUIAS, FARMS, ORCHARDS & GARDENS
 - Establish site standards and guidelines related to development location and lot coverage.
 - Support secondary dwelling units on parcels with a minimum of 1.5 acres to reduce further subdivision of acequia irrigated land and support multi-generational families and housing for interns and tenant farmers.
 - Seek funding through the USDA Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program to purchase agricultural conservation easements that enable continuation of crop production.
 - Create a local directory for farmers looking for land to farm and owners of fallow land who are interested in having their land become productive again.
- ✚ OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS, PLACITAS AND LANDMARKS
 - Support continued efforts by Chimayó Cultural Preservation Association and the State Historic Preservation Office to nominate historic areas of Chimayó as Registered Cultural Landscapes.
 - Ensure new development proposed in the historic areas of Plaza del Potrero and Plaza del Cerro will fit in and contribute to the historic and cultural character of these special areas.
 - Establish Historic Overlay Zones to provide appropriate reviews, regulations and incentives.
 - Provide incentives for new development that is consistent with historic development patterns.
 - Identify and seek funding for individual property owners and groups that undertake preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures.

- ✚ OUR HOMES
 - Support the restoration of existing homes using traditional materials and methods for low to moderate income residents using both historic preservation funds and affordable housing funds.
 - Establish a construction loan program tailored to financing smaller, affordable, energy efficient, adobe or strawbale owner-built homes.
 - Provide hands-on training and education on the use of traditional building materials and methods in home restoration and renovation projects.
 - Set up low interest loans for property owners to bring substandard homes up to code.
 - Provide home retrofits (e.g. roof repairs, chimney upgrades, replacing windows, fixing minor plumbing problems, installing adequate doors and locks, and water conservation retrofits) for elderly and disabled residents.
 - Set up a community assistance program to undertake home chores (e.g. yard work, painting, and other chores) for elderly and disabled residents.

- ✚ CONNECTING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS: ROADS AND PATHWAYS
 - Establish bicycle and pedestrian connections along Juan Medina Road from Plaza del Potrero to Bennie J. Chavez Community Center and along NM 76 from Family Dollar to the Chimayó Post Office.

- ✚ PLACES WHERE WE GATHER, SHOP AND WORK
 - Conduct a needs assessment for a multi-purpose, multi-generational wellness center for the plan area using the Pojoaque Community Wellness Center as a model.
 - Conduct a feasibility study for a neighborhood scale “village plaza” for the area which is centered on Rio Arriba County’s La Arboleda Community Center, and includes the Elementary School, the Boys and Girls Club, Family Dollar, the Post Office and the Holy Family Parish and cemetery.
 - Identify sites and facilities that could be used by local artists, craftsmen, farmers, businesses and entrepreneurs to facilitate production, showcase their work and connect them to each other, the community and local and regional markets.

- ✚ UTILITIES: WATER & WASTEWATER, RENEWABLE ENERGY & BROADBAND
 - Support the Greater Chimayó Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association (GCMDWCA) and ongoing efforts to regionalize water service in the Santa Cruz River Basin.
 - Conduct a survey of individual wastewater systems, primarily septic tanks, to determine how many and what percentage are in need of repair or replacement.
 - Based on the survey, conduct a preliminary engineering report that identifies costs associated with various decentralized approaches to wastewater management.
 - Identify opportunities at the community level related to renewable energy, particularly solar.
 - Rigorously pursue the establishment of community-wide broadband internet connectivity.

- ✚ COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION
 - Create a neighborhood watch organization.
 - Initiate a kick-off meeting with County Sheriff’s offices and other law enforcement agencies and hold regular meetings between law enforcement and the community.
 - Create a neighborhood website that has an interactive community announcement page as well as an information kiosk at key cross roads.
 - Initiate gang and drug use prevention and intervention programs in Chimayó, focused especially on middle-school aged children, to provide positive paths for community youth.
 - Review Federal Weed and Seed programs. This program provides funds to “weed” out crime and “seed” in prevention, including community policing, intervention, treatments, and neighborhood restoration projects. Programs should also focus on how best to respond to crime & drug activity, particularly in public places such as our local roads and open spaces.

- ✚ CHIMAYÓ COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
 - Form a strong community organization, representing the community members from all the historic placitas, neighborhoods, businesses and institutions, to take the lead in implementing the Community Plan’s projects, goals, and policies which will ensure that the Chimayó community will continue to have a strong voice in its future. Partnering with local governments, non-profits, local businesses, and private property owners will provide financial, organizational and regional support.