

## Valrico Community Plan

Open House
March 2 & 4, 2024
Mulrennan Middle School





## **Energy Industrial Park**

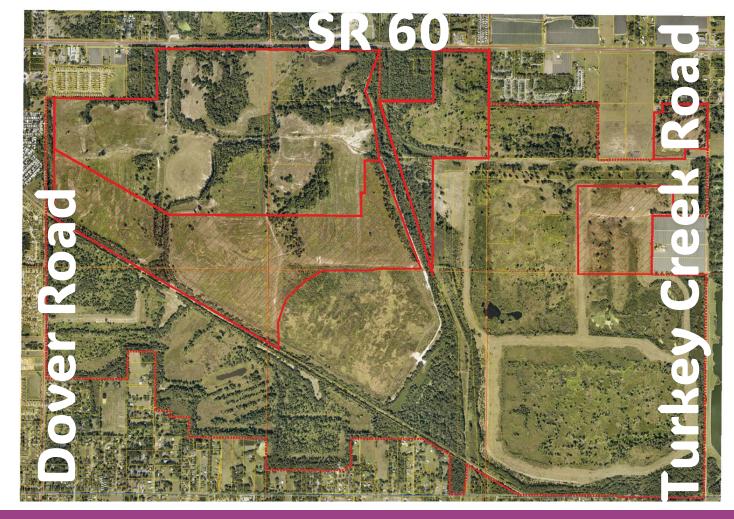
- Plan Amendment process, HC/CPA 23-15
- Text Amendment
- April amendment cycle
- Applicant held meetings February 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>





## **Energy Industrial Park**

- Plan Amendment process, HC/CPA 24-06
- Text Amendment
- March 19 BOCC LU Mtg.
- Same process





## **Energy Industrial Park**

**Questions?** 

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## **During our last 30 minutes Access 2050 Presentation**

Hillsborough County will **grow to over 2 million people** by 2050. How will we get around?

Everyone should have **access** to opportunities.

Tell us what specific Hillsborough County transportation investments are most important to you?





## Welcome!

## The Valrico Community







### What is the Planning Commission?



- Established by state legislature in 1960's
- Independent, Multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning agency led by board of appointed citizens
- Makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners
- Updates and maintains the County's Comprehensive Plan (which contains Community Plans)



### What is a Community Plan?

- An extension or refinement of a Comprehensive Plan that provides specific policy to a defined area.
- Hillsborough County has 22 adopted plans established during the last twenty years.







## Comprehensive Planning in Unincorporated Hillsborough County



- Hillsborough County has created and maintained Community Plans for over 20 years
- 22 community plans, Valrico will be 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Ensures development is consistent with the goals the Community expresses through this process



#### **A Community Plan...**

- Is a collaborative exercise
- Provides a communication channel for the community
- Gives you an advocacy tool
- Informs new development











#### A Community Plan does not...

- "Build" structures or specific businesses
- Affect your school district
- Change your address
- Change your zoning or the land development code











## How to Get Involved



#### Online

- Check project website
- Participate in virtual meetings



#### Community-Wide Meetings

- Participate in a group activities
- Held occasionally



#### Office Hours

- Chat one-on-one with staff
- Held monthly in the community



Volunteer as a Plan Ambassador



**Recap of Discussions** 

- 180+ participants in six community meetings
- 440+ survey responses
- 70+ activity worksheets
- 5 group activity maps
- 3 presentations to community groups/ neighborhood associations





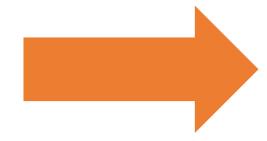
## Your Feedback

Surveys

Meeting Discussions

**Meeting Exercises** 

Maps



# Parts of the Community Plan

**Vision Statement** 

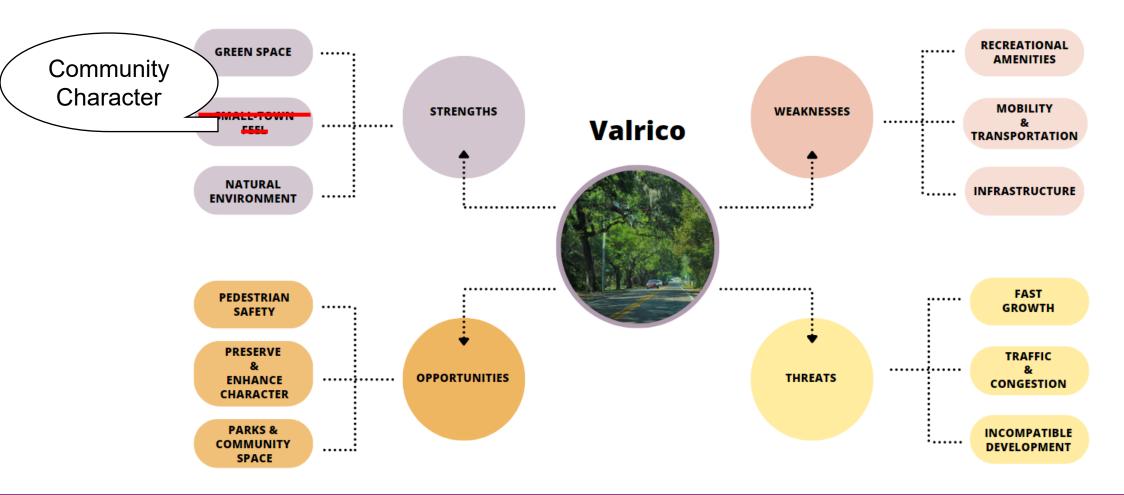
Community
Concept Map

Plan Goals

Plan Strategies

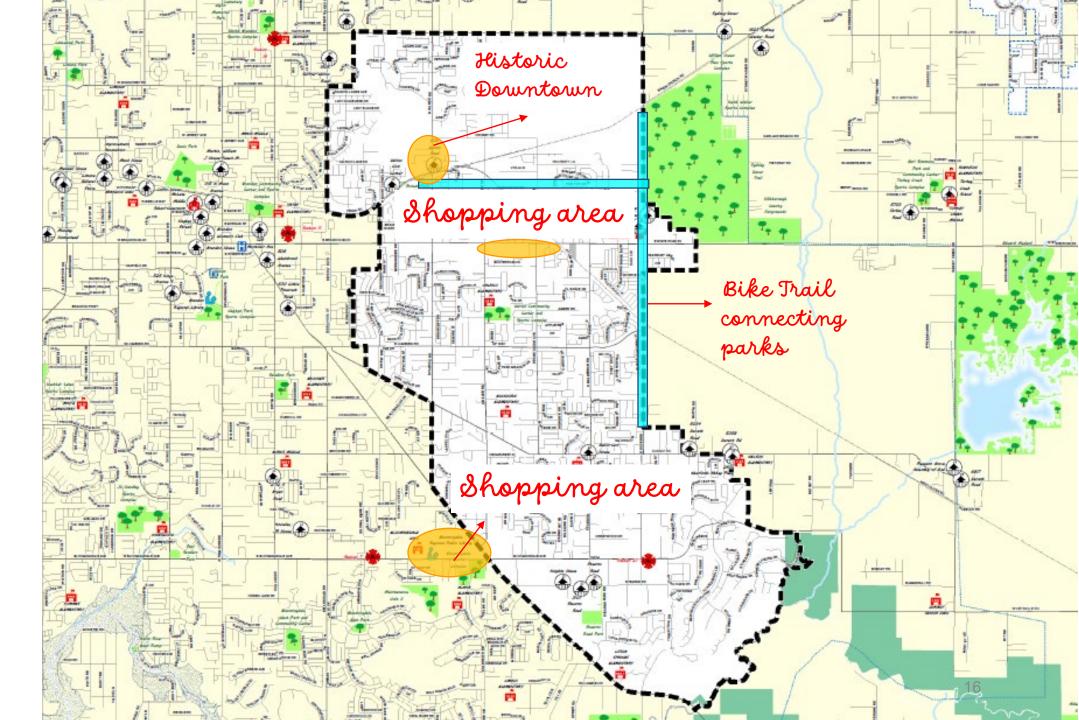


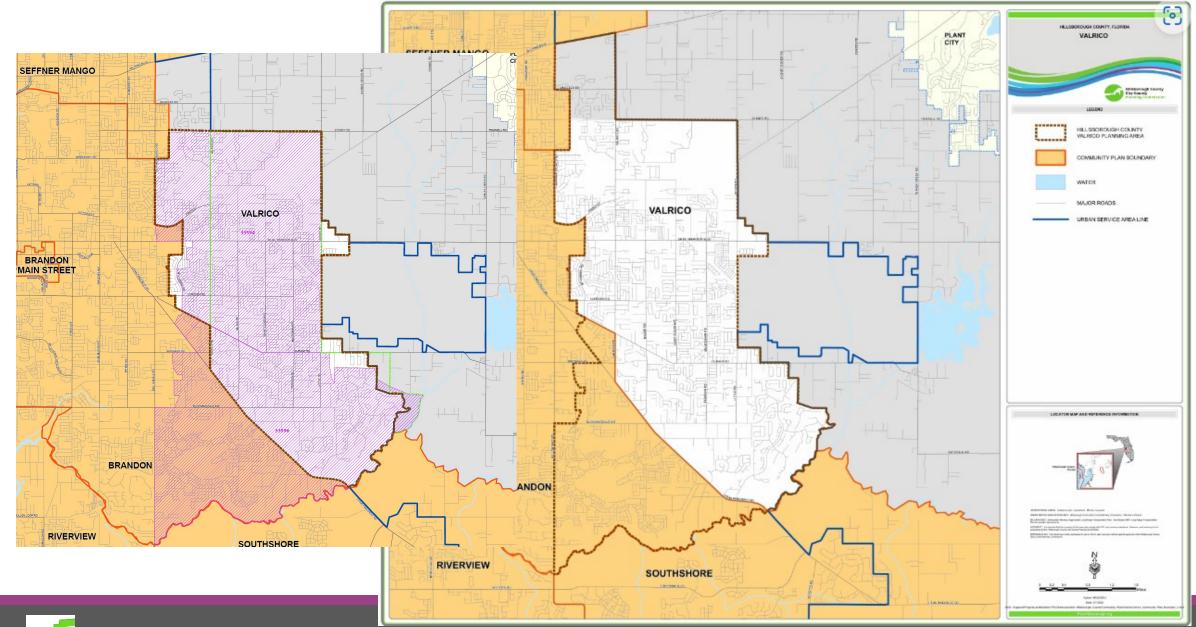
### September Survey - SWOT





Concept Map Example







## Goals Derived from Topics – Ranked by Importance • "Family Environment" is an output achieved by multiple goals an

**Infrastructure** 

**Established Neighborhoods** 

Family Environment

**Trees Provide Character** 

**Access to Household Needs** 

Connectivity

Safe and Quiet

**Green Space** 

**Schools** 

**Small-Town Feel** 

**Goal Topics** 

**Strategy Topics** 

- "Family Environment" is an output achieved by multiple goals and can be combined with other topics
- "Safe and Quiet" is an output achieved by multiple goals and can be combined with other topics
- Trees and Green Space can be combined
- Resulting Goal Topics:
  - 1. Infrastructure
    - Development should provide community benefits
  - 2. Established Neighborhoods
    - Development should be sensitive to existing form
  - 3. Community Character
    - Trees and green areas make Valrico distinct from surrounding areas
    - Parks
    - Identity and History
  - 4. Connectivity & Access
    - The Valrico Community's shopping areas are centers of the community while their location provides easy access to other areas of Tampa Bay



#### **Draft Vision**

Valrico, a community of neighborhoods, is united in the goals of this plan which seeks to preserve and enhance a suburban character amidst Hillsborough County's projected growth.

To maintain Valrico's community character, the Valrico Community Plan focuses on the area's built environment; the compatibility of new development; the protection and maintenance of natural, green, and public spaces; and connectivity to neighborhood resources.

As Valrico evolves, the community envisions pedestrian friendly connections between its established neighborhoods, schools, and parks & recreation opportunities; preserving a canopy of trees and open spaces that provide shade and greenery; and improvements to infrastructure that are balanced with growth to enhance mobility and safety.



#### **Goal 1: Infrastructure**

The community supports the timely provision and maintenance of public facilities and infrastructure for both existing and future populations.



#### **Goal 2: Development**

The community supports development that enhances the overall character of the area by: incorporating land use and design that is compatible with its neighborhoods; maximizing open space and tree preservation; and improving mobility, safety, and connectivity throughout the area.



#### **Goal 3: Mobility**

The community supports the maintenance and improvement of a transportation network that provides safe multimodal connectivity between neighborhoods and the community's focal points such as, commercial areas, schools, parks, and recreational opportunities.





#### **Goal 4: Environment & Recreation**

The community supports the preservation, conservation, and restoration of natural resources that include, but are not limited to, lands used for parks and recreation and preserves within and adjacent to Valrico.







### What do you think?

Leave your comments on the poster boards throughout the room.





## Next Steps

## Draft Strategies for Each of the Four Goals

Office Hours
(Spring/Summer 2024)

Next Survey (Spring/Summer 2024)

**VALRICO** 

- Collecting more feedback, available for presentations
- First draft of the complete plan in Summer 2024



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