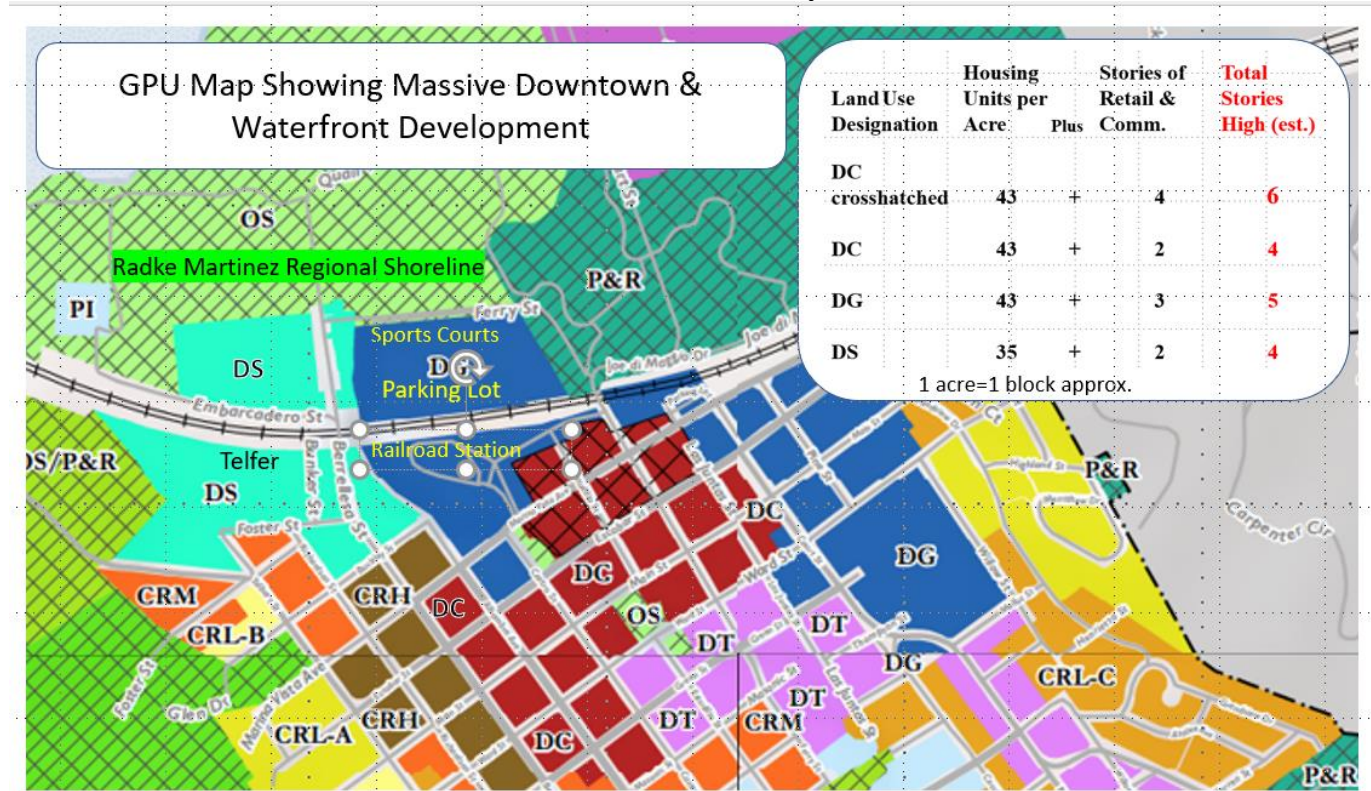


Does the General Plan Update Affect You?

The General Plan Update (GPU) **will control development everywhere in Martinez for the next 15 to 20 years.** It is the most important law our City Council will pass.

Much of the **General Plan Update threatens our quality of life.** For instance, the map below shows the GPU authorizing HUGE housing and retail/commercial development (high-density and up to 6 stories)—changing our Downtown and Waterfront forever.

If we don't take action now, we could lose the friendly, safe and historic heart of our town.



Yes, we should build more housing. But we should NOT undermine the character of our neighborhoods, our Downtown or our Waterfront in the process.

The City is taking public comment on the GPU now. This is our only real chance to prevent this GPU from greatly altering the Martinez we know and love. Soon, City staff will send the GPU to the Council to vote into law. Once it becomes law, there is little we can do.

Our Input and Action is Needed NOW!

See below for a few more ways the GPU can hurt our City, our neighborhoods, our parks and open space....and what we can do about it.

More Ways the General Plan Update Hurts Our Town

Downtown

- allows 3, 4, 5, even 6-story buildings. *We need height and density limits.*
- will ruin our historic, safe, small-town nature
- blocks connection with our hills & waterfront
- has no plan for more parking in spite of allowing a huge amount of development

Waterfront—*no new housing development should go north of the railroad tracks*

- authorizes 400-500+ housing units and 1000+ residents on the Waterfront
- allows 3, 4, 5-story buildings with high-density housing
- waterfront open space and park will be severely impacted: noise, light pollution, wildlife impacts, 24 hours a day
- dangerous to potential residents---train accident and blocked crossings, earthquake & liquefaction, periodic flooding, train noise
- historic homes and sports courts & huge parking lot will be lost

Park funding may be undermined

- the GPU makes a major error in calculating our total park acreage
- this undermines park funding and could even allow developers to get around mandatory park mitigation fees that are critical to funding our parks now

Measure I—Martinez Open Space and Park Protection Initiative for all Martinez lands.

- the GPU leaves out whole sections—like the protections for the Franklin Hills
- the maps don't show protected areas ---**so no one knows what land is protected**

Housing density increases in almost every Martinez neighborhood—500% in one area.

- The City refuses to compare this GPU to the current General Plan to show us what has changed, and give us a chance to understand it. What are they afraid of?

What Can WE DO? What Action Can WE TAKE?

E-mail all Councilmembers and tell them what you do and don't want. *You don't have to be an expert. Just tell them what is important to you.* And tell others to do the same.

Click the button on our website for Councilmembers' e-mails. And copy to GPcomments@cityofmartinez.org to put it on the record. Copy us too.

(Note: Detailed reports on the GPU dangers are on our website.)

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