

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is a specific plan?**
  - a. A specific plan includes text and diagrams which specify all of the following in detail:
    - i. (1) The distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space, within the area covered by the plan.
    - ii. (2) The proposed distribution, location, and extent and intensity of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and needed to support the land uses described in the plan.
    - iii. (3) Standards and criteria by which development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, where applicable.
    - iv. (4) A program of implementation measures including regulations, programs, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to carry out paragraphs (1), (2), and (3).
2. **Who is paying for this?**
  - a. This phase of the planning project is being fully funded by an SB2 grant from the State of California, given to Butte County. Additionally, the work is being completed in coordination with a City of Chico infrastructure planning effort, also funded by an SB2 grant.
3. **When is it expected to be completed?**
  - a. This plan is expected to be completed in Summer of 2021.
4. **Why revise the North Chico Specific Plan now?**
  - a. While much of the North Chico Specific Plan has seen some development, the North Chico Village area has not developed due to challenges with infrastructure and cost of development. As the region is experiencing a housing shortage, development in the North Chico Village has the potential to help alleviate housing needs.
5. **What is the current zoning of this plan?**
  - a. Current zoning would support approximately 2,000 dwelling units, the area has been identified for urban development by both the City and County's General Plans since 1995, but has yet to be developed due to a lack of infrastructure and financing.
6. **Where can I view the community workshops?**
  - a. The recordings of the community workshops for this plan can be found at [www.northchicovillage.com](http://www.northchicovillage.com)
7. **Who is working on this project?**
  - a. The NCSP update is being run by the Butte County Department of Development Services. Butte County has hired SWA, a design firm specializing in Planning, Urban Design and Landscape Architecture. SWA has a particular focus on the public realm and is the 2020 California APA Planning Firm of the Year. Assisting SWA, is Sherwood Design Engineers.
    - i. [www.buttecounty.net/dds/](http://www.buttecounty.net/dds/)
    - ii. [www.swagroup.com](http://www.swagroup.com)
    - iii. [www.sherwoodengineers.com](http://www.sherwoodengineers.com)
8. **Where exactly is the North Chico Village?**

- a. The North Chico Village site is located north of the City of Chico, west of the Chico Municipal Airport, and east of State Route 99. The site is located south of Mud Creek and north of Sycamore Creek, with Hicks Lane forming the area's eastern boundary.
9. Who do I contact with questions or concerns?
- a. Please contact Tiffany Lightle, Associate Planner, at either [tlightle@buttecounty.net](mailto:tlightle@buttecounty.net) or 530.552.3687 with any questions or concerns.