

## Weeks Neighborhood Plan East Palo Alto

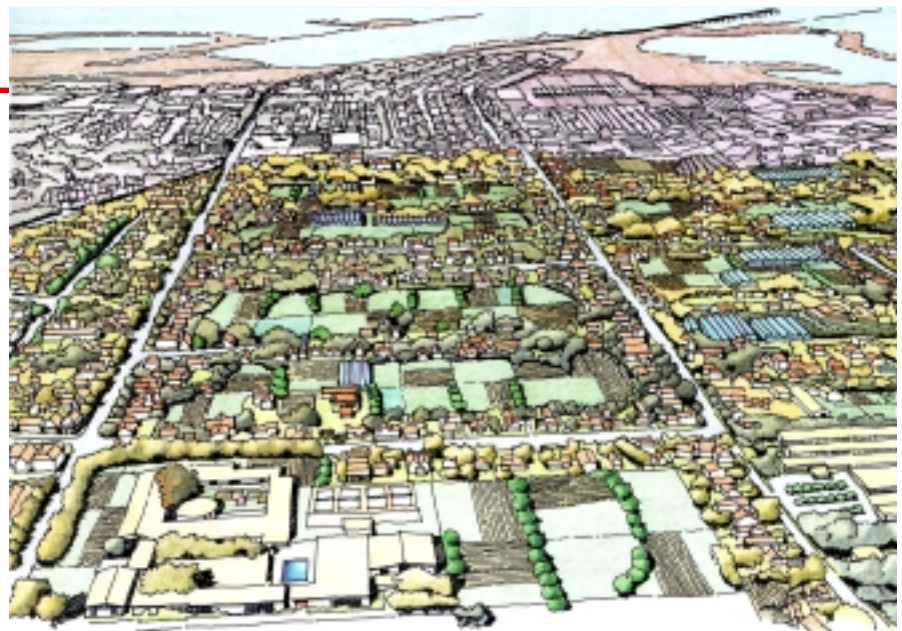
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The Weeks Neighborhood in East Palo Alto is characterized by large trees, green expanses and a rich agricultural history of small farms in an urban setting. The small close-knit community, together with the East Palo Alto Historical and Agricultural Society, seeks to avoid rampant, generic development and the land-use and traffic impacts that come with it. Instead, they want to direct a pattern of development that preserves the sense of community and local character of the Weeks Neighborhood.

Despite its dangerous reputation, an atmosphere of opportunity, change, and potential permeates East Palo Alto. In 1996 the residents, through a community design process facilitated by Urban Ecology, created a vision of the Weeks Neighborhood as a thriving place to live and work, emphasizing community, economic, social and educational activities. The Weeks Neighborhood Plan seeks to:

- Incorporate mixed-use development that respects the area's small-town, agricultural feel
- Build a range of housing types that current residents of East Palo Alto can afford to live in
- Expand park and recreation areas
- Support local businesses and urban agriculture
- Increase job training
- Preserve historic resources

New land use designations would preserve the existing urban agriculture and gardening in large-lot residential areas, and provide new multi-family housing along the denser avenues. The designations are intended to be adapted by the City of East Palo Alto for inclusion in both the General Plan update and the zoning code.



Aerial perspective of the Weeks Neighborhood, looking east towards the Bay.



View of large-lot houses with truck farms in the rear.



Existing land uses: farms and gardens in the center of lots.



New zoning would preserve farms and encourage density along side streets.