

BUFFERS & BOUNDARIES



Buffers are important to cities in the effort to minimize conflicts between developed and undeveloped areas and incompatible land uses. A buffer is an area of land which separates two distinct land uses and acts to soften or mitigate the effects of one land use on the other.

For the purpose of separating land uses, there are two primary classifications of buffers. An **Adjoining Buffer** immediately borders a land use and can take the form of a wall, street, vegetative barrier (hedgerows, trees), etc. These are primarily man-made. A **Geographic Buffer** features natural or planted areas (turf) or permanent geographic barriers that are used to distinguish a formal or informal urban growth line. These are primarily naturally-occurring (e.g. waterways, green spaces, etc.).

The purpose of this questionnaire is to request participant input regarding the types and location that residents would prefer, desire, or believe would best suit the Chico area.

What do you believe is the most appropriate location for the use of buffers? Please provide examples of locations where you think buffers should be considered for use (e.g. at the urban edge; between various land uses; etc...).

What types of buffers do you believe that the City should utilize and where in the community do you believe that buffers may be desirable?

To the East (Foothills):

To the West (Agriculture):

Other Locations/Sites: