



## Goal 4: Sustainable Community Development

**Desired Community Condition: Medium to high-density neighborhoods that contribute to a more compact urban form are an available choice.**



**Indicator: Vacant Sites within the 1960 and Current City Boundary**

**Progress Rating: Local Trend: POSITIVE National Comparison: NOT APPLICABLE**

### Indicator Description

This indicator shows the number and amount of vacant one acre or larger sites in the 1960 City boundary and the current City boundary and addresses how they have changed through time. This is land that may be suitable for development as indicated by a study by the Planning Department of the City of Albuquerque, using appropriate site development criteria. The sites are shown on the following map. Although additional vacant sites exist, they may have arroyos or other features that make them inappropriate for development. Also excluded are sites smaller than one acre, which would have a minimal effect on infill.

### Why are these indicators important?

This indicator allows for a rough estimate of the potential for infill development that may exist within the described area. Since infill development uses existing infrastructure, it can reduce public development and maintenance costs. By increasing density and mixed land uses, it can also create more walkable communities and make transit, bicycling, walking and other transportation alternatives more feasible. By comparing the number of sites and acreage through time, City infill success can be measured.

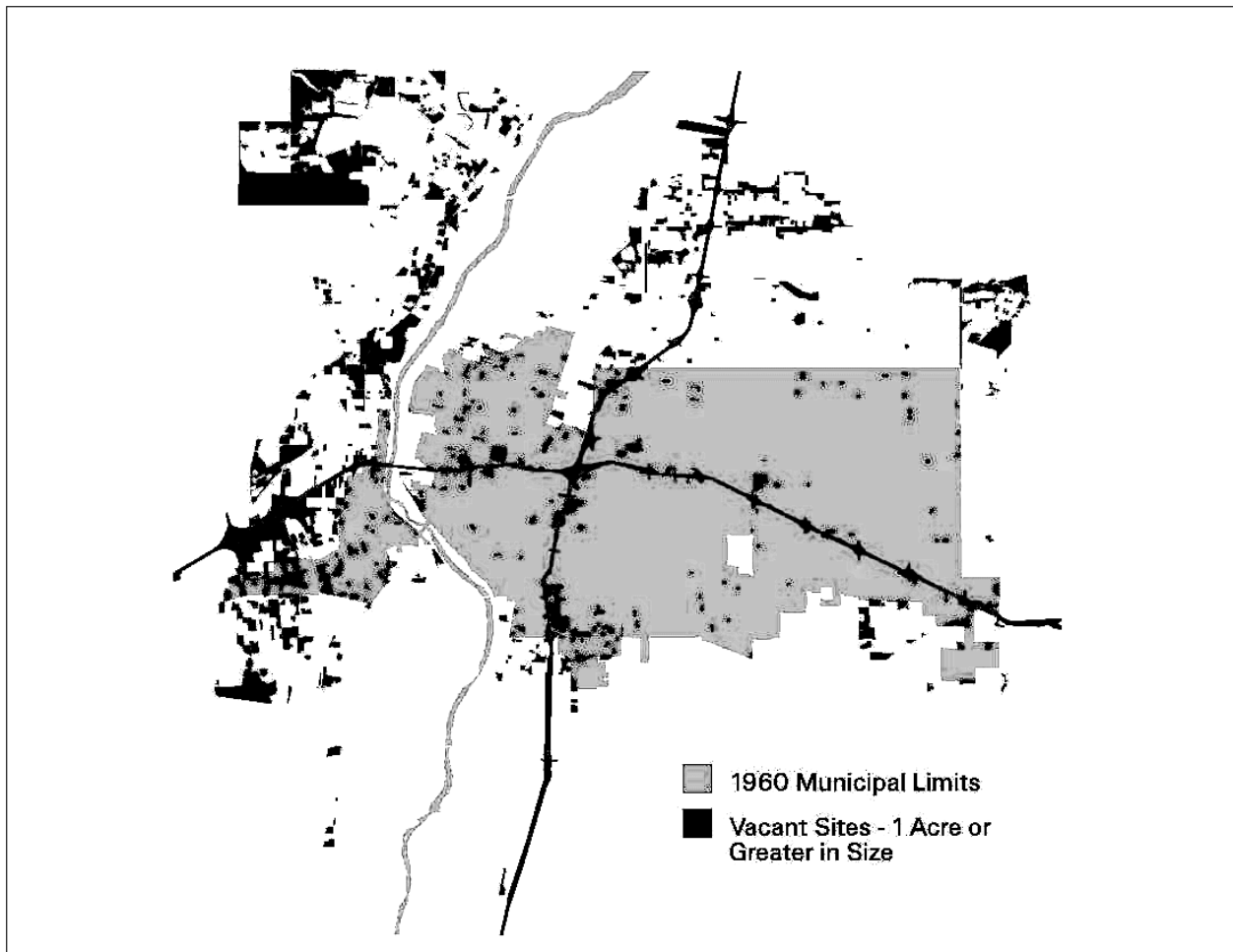
### Data Sources

City of Albuquerque Planning Department

### What can we tell from the data?

- In 2003, the percentage of vacant lot sites 1 acre and larger in the 1960 City limits of all vacant lots 1 acre and larger in the current City limits was 29.1%; down from 46.3% in 1999.
- In 2003, the percentage of vacant lot acreage 1 acre and larger in the 1960 City limits of all vacant lots 1 acre and larger in the current City limits was 14.1%; down from 15.2% in 1999.
- Today, there is a smaller percentage of vacant sites and acreage in the 1960 City limits than there was four years ago, indicating that the City is becoming a more compact urban City.

**Map of Vacant Sites 1 Acre and Larger and 1960 Municipal Limits  
December 2003**



**Number and Acreage of Vacant Sites 1 Acre and Larger**

|      | Number of Sites  |                     |  | Acreage          |                     |
|------|------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------|
|      | 1960 City Limits | Current City Limits |  | 1960 City Limits | Current City Limits |
| 1999 | 559              | 1207                |  | 1423             | 9337                |
| 2003 | 266              | 913                 |  | 1136             | 8066                |