



## *Town of Loomis*

### *Mission Statement*

*The Town of Loomis is committed to preserving: a quality of life in which families can grow and enjoy the small town atmosphere; a town in which there are concerns for all segments of society, including businesses and residents; a town that encourages the participation of all of its citizens in civic and community activities; a council and staff that responds courteously and respectfully to the concerns and needs of the town's residents; and a plan that calls for slow, quality growth while preserving the financial integrity of the town.*

*November 12, 1991*

*The Town of Loomis was incorporated on December 17, 1984.*

## *GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2020*

### *What is a General Plan?*

The State of California requires every city, town, and county in California to adopt a General Plan, which is the local government's long-term blueprint "for the physical development of the city and any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning." The General Plan represents the community's view of its future and expresses the long-term growth and development goals. It addresses issues that impact the entire community, such as how land is used, where buildings are built, the locations of roads and parks, safety, noise, and more.

The Town of Loomis General Plan provides the vision and guidance for development within the Town. It is the Town's Constitution. It contains the goals and policies upon which the Town Council and Planning Commission will base their land use decisions. All town plans, zoning, and private development must be consistent with the diagrams and policies in the General Plan.



### *How can I participate in the General Plan Update process?*

The General Plan Update process will provide an opportunity for agencies and community members to discuss and weigh in on the Town's future. We encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate, including meetings, workshops, and public hearings. In order to collect community input in an open, engaging, and actionable way, the Town will design a series of community venues and events where you will have the opportunity to participate in and be informed of the planning process.

**Public Review Draft General Plan** — The Public Review Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report will be made available to the public for review and comment before the plan is finalized.

**Planning Commission and City Council Hearings** — The Town will conduct public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council to consider the update to the General Plan. Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

### *Why should I participate?*

The Town of Loomis is committed to involving the community in the planning process. The General Plan Update process provides residents, businesses, and interested parties the chance to help guide the future of the community. A successful General Plan will reflect the community's vision and priorities, and we believe that your voice is vital to producing a plan that will reflect your vision for the town's future. Community input is needed to establish the long-term vision for Loomis and to identify key issues and priorities.

### *How will my feedback be used?*

Public input from every engagement opportunity is meticulously reviewed and documented to ensure Town staff, consultants, and decision-makers have a full understanding of public sentiment when drafting goals and policies. Public feedback on General Plan materials (including goals and policies) will be considered throughout the process.

### *How can I stay informed about participation opportunities and the project's progress?*

Visit the <https://loomis.ca.gov/town-departments/planning/> page to view the dates of upcoming meetings and community events. If you wish to be added to the City's mailing list to receive project updates and invitations to community events, use <https://loomis.ca.gov/contact-us/> and request to be added to the mailing list.

The General Plan Update process is an opportunity for community members to discuss the town's future. There will be many opportunities to participate, including meetings, workshops, and public hearings. All of these opportunities will be posted on the Town of Loomis website: <https://loomis.ca.gov/town-departments/planning/>.



## *Why is the City updating its General Plan?*

The current Town of Loomis General Plan was adopted in 2001, with the Housing Element updated in 2013 (cycle 2013-2021) and the Circulation Element updated in 2016. With a twenty-year life span of the 2001 General Plan drawing to a close, it is appropriate to update the General Plan to reflect the Town's existing conditions, changes in Federal and State regulations, changes to the State General Plan Guidelines, changes in technology, economic changes, and to assure the General Plan is internally consistent. An updated General Plan will allow the City to:

- Identify a unified vision befitting of its current, mature standing;
- Address the changing demographic and economic conditions that have resulted from the community's growth;
- Provide more focused direction in the town's major growth areas;
- Account for new state legislation (Greenhouse Gases [GHG], Social Justice, establish Vehicle Miles Traveled policies, and guidance for affordable housing to meet our Regional Housing Needs Allocation [RHNA]);
- Provide adequate environmental review to enable development streamlining; and
- Reflect regional planning efforts.

The Town's current General Plan has served Loomis well over the past 20 years, but a modern General Plan will help reflect existing community values and priorities and provide the framework to balance a high quality-of-life with economic opportunities and fiscal conditions over the next 20-25 years. The goals, policies, and actions of the General Plan will serve as the Town's roadmap for future decision-making and provide the community, staff, and elected and appointed officials with clear direction on where the Town wants to go and what needs to happen in order to get there.

## *What is the schedule and process for the General Plan Update?*

The Town of Loomis General Plan Update will take place over a two-year period, beginning in the Fall 2019 to approximately September 2021.

Remaining mindful of the Town's Goals and Policies, the update will focus on meeting state requirements and making adjustments that may be appropriate to reflect existing conditions, technology, and the economy. Adjustments may be made based on lessons learned by the Town while implementing the General Plan over the past 18+ years.

The major steps in the General Plan Update process are as follows:

### **1. Document Existing Conditions**

To prepare a meaningful General Plan, existing conditions must be understood and documented. Through the compilation of the Existing Conditions Report, the project team will identify development patterns, natural resources, socioeconomic conditions, and environmental constraints in the Town and will identify the regulatory environment for each topic. This report will be a resource for the Town Council, the Planning Commission, staff, the consultant team, and the public throughout the remainder of the General Plan Update process.

## **2. Vision, Opportunities, and Land Use Alternatives**

During the project, town staff and the consultant team will engage the community to identify the community's vision for Loomis's future, Loomis's core values, and key opportunities and land use options. Public input will be collected and included and will proceed with the documents that will primarily guide the update to the General Plan.

## **3. General Plan Update**

Based upon Loomis's existing conditions, the community's shared vision, and identified key opportunities and land use options, staff and the consultant team will prepare an update to the General Plan. To ensure the General Plan captures the community's preferences for future development, Town staff and the consultant team will engage the public throughout the updated General Plan's development.

The Town anticipates that the General Plan Update will focus on the Land Use Element and Land Use Diagram. Updates to other Elements of the General Plan will flow from the direction received on the Land Use Element and will reflect current General Plan requirements. The schedule includes a concurrent review of the Town's Zoning Code, Standards, and Guidelines to assure consistency and allow the Town to adopt updates to these documents closely following the adoption of the General Plan as required by law.

## **4. Environmental Review**

Because a General Plan is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act, the Town must determine the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the General Plan. To satisfy all potential environmental impacts, the Town will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The DEIR will be circulated for agency and community review and comment.

A Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be prepared that responds to each comment received and will include recommended modifications to the draft General Plan, Zoning Code, Standards, and Guidelines. The FEIR will be circulated for agency and community comment prior to the Planning Commission and Town Council taking action on the draft documents.

## **5. Adoption**

The Final General Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and the Town Council at public hearings, with the Town Council having the authority to adopt the document. The community will have the opportunity to provide input to both bodies during the hearings.