
**TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN
CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES ELEMENT:
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

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SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING #1

APRIL 8, 2021



AGENDA

- » **Available Documents**
- » **Setting Review**
- » **Approach to the General Plan Update**
- » **Discussion/Questions**



AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS



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Overall General Plan Update

» <https://loomis.ca.gov/2020-general-plan-update/>

Natural Resources Setting:

» <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/natural-resources-setting/>



SETTING REVIEW



BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN THE TOWN

- » **Antelope Creek, Secret Ravine, Sucker Ravine, Clover Valley Creek (outside the Town)**
- » **Sensitive habitats:**
 - » **Oak woodland and savanna**
 - » **Streams and associated riparian areas**
 - » **Wetlands and other aquatic resources**
- » **Several special -status bird and plant species**
- » **Western pond turtle (California species of concern)**
- » **Valley elderberry longhorn beetle (federally listed species)**
- » **Special-status bats**
- » **Anadromous fish**
- » **Are there other natural resources that occur within the Town that you think are not addressed in the setting section?**



EXISTING GOALS

- » **To protect areas rich in wildlife of a fragile ecological nature, including areas of rare or endangered species and riparian areas, from land development impacts.**
- » **To preserve, maintain, and enhance creeks and riparian areas for their aesthetic, wildlife habitat, and recreational values.**
- » **To protect major open space areas and natural features within the Town, including significant topography and rock outcroppings, oak woodlands and significant specimens of native trees.**



APPROACH FOR GENERAL PLAN UPDATE



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE APPROACH

» **Review existing goals, policies, and implementation measures**

- Keep those that are relevant as written
- Modify those that need minor updates
- Delete those that are complete, not relevant, or non-compliant
- Move and reference those that belong in another Element to reduce duplication.

» **Reorganize the goals, policies, and implementation measures with a numbering system.**

- #Goal
 - #.#Objective
 - #.#.# Policy
 - #.#.#.#Implementation Measure
- Every goal will have at least one objective, policy, and implementation measure and every objective will have at least one policy and implementation measure.



POLICY REVIEW

- » Has a policy/program been effective?
- » Have there been any unintended consequences of existing policies/programs that require updates or changes to the policy to address?
- » Should existing policies/programs be strengthened?
- » Are there issues or biological resources not addressed that should be?
- » Is a policy still relevant?
- » Does a policy require updating as a result of recent changes in State law?



DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS



POTENTIAL QUESTIONS DURING DOCUMENT REVIEW

- » 1) Where would you like to see oak mitigation plantings to address oak tree impacts from projects?
- » 2) Are you interested in seeing any of the existing ordinances regarding natural resources revised/removed? Any new ordinances you think are warranted?
- » 3) Any particular biological resources that should be considered for a specific policy?
- » 4) Consider updating Town GIS layer based on vegetation mapping from project applications?



NEXT STEPS

- » **Review the Biological Resources Setting Section**
 - <https://loomis.ca.gov/2020-general-plan-update/>
- » **Identify key issues to address for this General Plan Update in regards to this topic**
- » **Submit comments**
 - GPUpdate@loomis.ca.gov
- » **Next Biological Resources/Open Space Subcommittee Meeting:**
 - May 13th at 7 PM. (Will focus on existing goals and policies within General Plan)



CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS?

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