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**TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN  
CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT**

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**CULTURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING #2  
MAY 5, 2021**



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# AGENDA

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- » **Available Documents**
- » **Overview: Revised Historic Setting**
- » **Goals, Objectives and Policies**
- » **Discussion**



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# AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

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» **Setting**

» **General Plan Update**

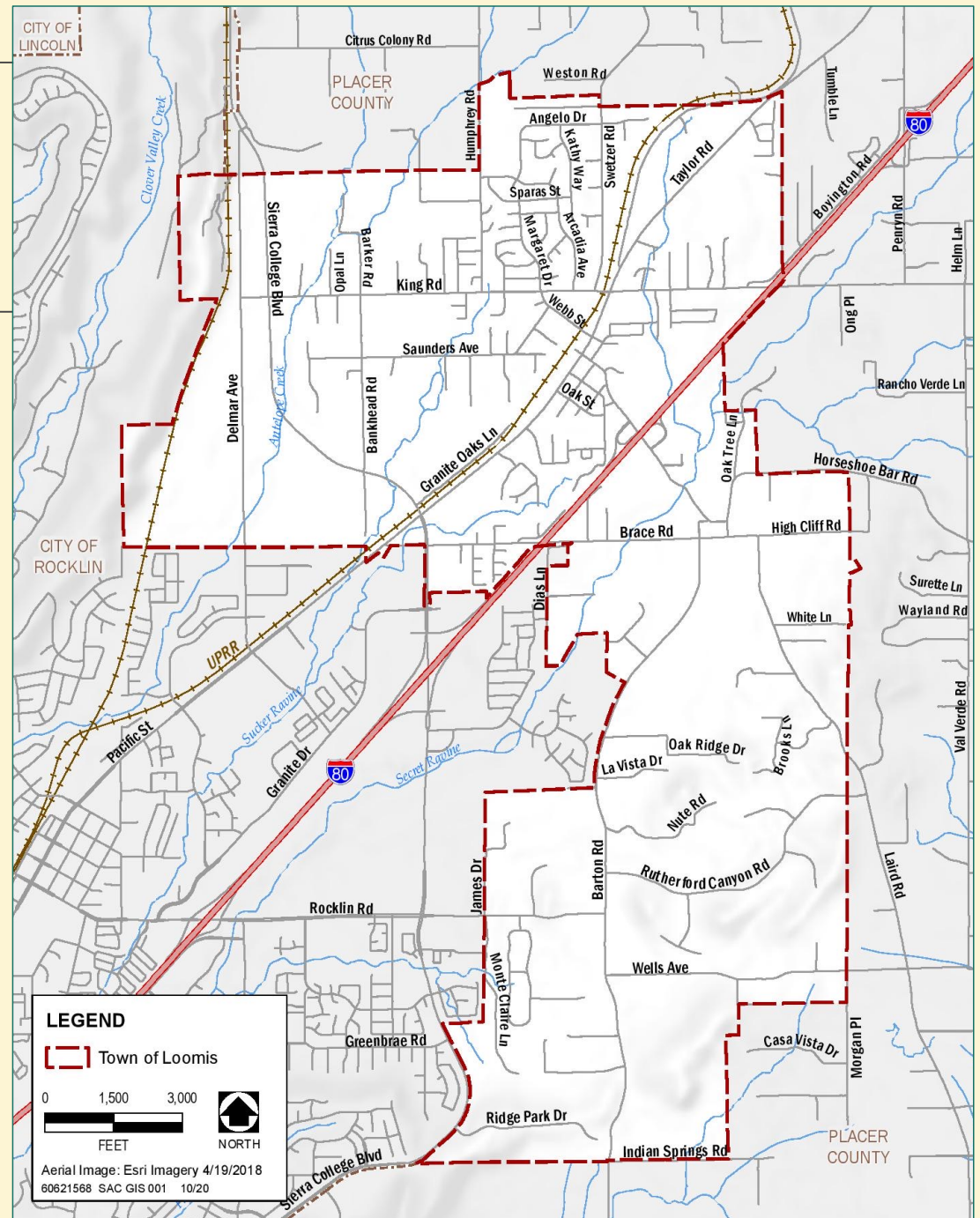
<https://loomis.ca.gov/2020-general-plan-update/>

» **Draft Cultural and Historic Resources Setting**

(revised 4-29-21)



# TOWN OF LOOMIS MAP



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# REVISED CULTURAL RESOURCES SETTING

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## » **Contacted the Library and Historical Society**

- Barbara Leak agreed to review the setting
- The Town sent her the setting document for review

## » **Modified setting text to reflect historic Asian populations**

## » **Comments from Meeting #1**

- Participants provided some information on potential information sources and existing monuments and potential sites/structures they know of.
- The Blue Goose can be used as a cultural event location. Are there other buildings that can be repurposed?
- Perhaps the Town should look into conducting an inventory of cultural resources outside the downtown area.
- Can we develop building design guide that reflects the historic character of Loomis?



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# EXISTING GOALS AND POLICIES

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## » Existing Goals

1. To preserve and where appropriate replicate historic areas, such as the downtown district and fruit sheds, that contribute to Loomis' distinct character.
2. To encourage cultural facilities and events in town, such as live theater and music programs (to be moved to Parks and Recreation Element)

## » Existing Policies

1. Loomis shall encourage the reuse and revitalization of historic buildings. Whenever possible, flexibility in development standards allowed by the Historic Building Code shall be offered to developers working with historic properties.
2. The demolition of buildings deemed by the Town to be historically or aesthetically valuable shall be prohibited in cases where alternatives for reuse are found to be feasible.
3. Loomis shall support the expansion and development of cultural facilities and programs, as a draw for visitors and residents to the downtown core.
4. When feasible, and on public property, Loomis shall prohibit recreational activities that could damage or destroy archaeological sites in areas where archaeological sites have been identified.
5. As part of the environmental review process, the Town shall review all development proposals for their potential to disturb cultural resources. In areas where cultural resources are known to occur, give special consideration to development of facilities that enhance the operation, enjoyment, and maintenance of these areas.

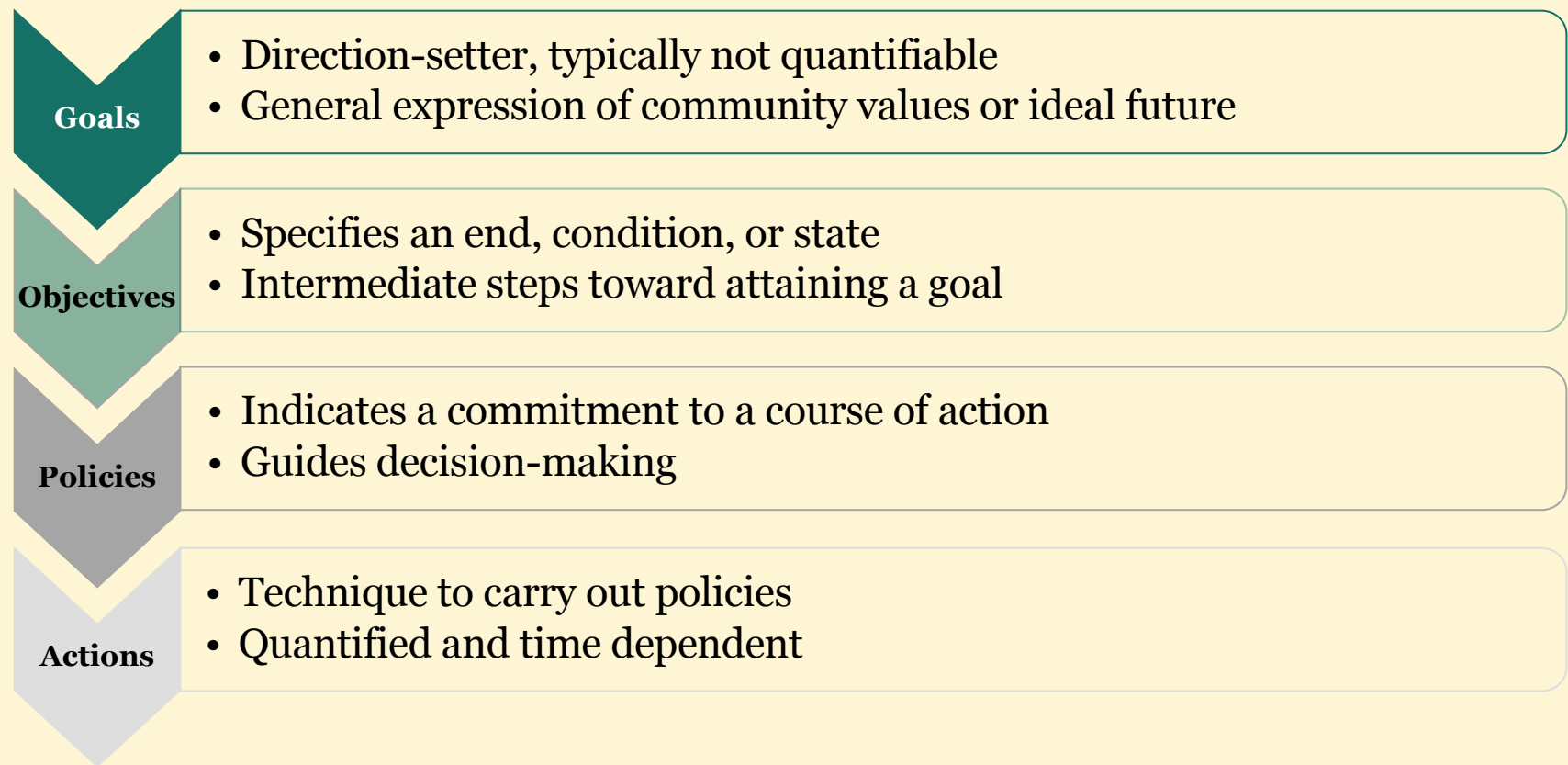


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# WRITING GOALS AND POLICIES

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<https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/loomis-goal-and-policy-writing/>



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# CULTURAL RESOURCES SECTION OF THE CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES ELEMENT

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## » Introduction

There is no State requirement that mandates the Town to have a Cultural Resource Element in its General Plan; however, the Town wishes to address the cultural resources within the Town so that these valuable resources may be protected to enhance the history and character of Loomis. This section addresses cultural resources specifically, and does not address recreation, community gatherings, or social events, that may be associated with the Parks and Recreation Element (Chapter 8).

The Town's purposes for including goals, objectives, policies, and implementation measures for cultural resources in its General Plan include the following:

- To encourage and facilitate public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the Town's historic past and unique sense of place;
- To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on the recognition and use of cultural resources;
- To promote the enjoyment, celebration, and use of cultural resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the Town;
- To protect and enhance the City's attraction to tourists and visitors, stimulating business and industry;
- To identify as early as possible and resolve conflicts between preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses;
- To integrate the preservation and enhancement of cultural resources into public and private land use management and development process; and
- To encourage public participation in identifying and preserving historical and architectural resources.





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# GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

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## » Goals

- Goal H-1: The goal of the Loomis General Plan Cultural Resource Element is to preserve the historic character of the town.

## » Objectives, Policies, and Implementation Measures

- Objective H-1.1: The preservation of the historic character of the Town through the preservation of significant historic buildings, structures, sites and districts, as well as prehistoric archeological resources.
- Policy H-1.1.1: The Town shall actively encourage the maintenance and preservation of significant cultural resources.
- Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.1: The Town shall encourage the maintenance of significant cultural resources when it is feasible. Identification and evaluation of cultural resources and their significance should take place early in the planning process by qualified professionals, and alternatives for preservation should be considered in the decision-making process. Guidance for the Town for both requirements for required types of reports and also for Town report review will be provided for consultant studies related to the identification and evaluation of any resources, helping in the decision making regarding any actions proposed.



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- Implementation Measure H-1.1.1.2: The Town shall require projects to minimize impacts, should a prehistoric or historic archeological site be found during construction, through a resource protection plan, developed and included in the approvals for every project that could encounter subsurface finds.
- Policy H-1.1.2: Loomis shall encourage the reuse and revitalization of historic buildings.
- Implementation Measure H-1.1.2.1: Whenever possible, flexibility in development standards allowed by the California Historic Building Code shall be offered to developers working with historic properties.
- Implementation Measure H-1.1.2.2: The demolition of buildings deemed by the Town to be historically or aesthetically valuable shall be prohibited in cases where alternatives for reuse are found to be feasible.



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- Objective H-1.2: To share the rich history of the Town with residents and tourists to the community.
- Policy H-1.2.1: The Town shall use their history from the 1850s to present-day to create programs with concerned groups to help share historical information with the local residents and visitors. This shall include information on the under-represented populations historically associated with the Town, such as the Asian individuals and groups who came to work and settle in the Town.
- Implementation Measure H-1.1.2.1: Develop a program to place interpretive signage in locations of former sites and current locations of buildings and structures, as well as features where historic events, important at any level (national, state, or local), occurred. The program shall allow for on-going additions as more places are recognized as of interest or importance. Signage choices may include text, a QR code system linking to on-line text in a system maintained by the Town, or other appropriate method.
- Implementation Measure H-1.1.2.2: A school program for local history shall be developed for the third-grade students, the grade at which State educational standards require local history. This unit can be coordinated with the interpretive signage, gearing the overall content for the classroom to be age-appropriate.



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# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN REVIEWING POLICIES

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- » Has this policy been effective?
- » Does the policy address the corresponding goal?
- » Is the text appropriate?
- » Has this been completed or is no longer relevant?
- » Does this belong in another element?
- » How can existing policies be strengthened?
- » Are there issues not addressed by the existing **goals** that should be?
- » Note: This seems to be a wide open issue—nothing constrained by previous policies.



# DISCUSSION

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