
TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT

**PARKS AND RECREATION
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 22, 2021 : 6:00 P.M.**



AGENDA

» Existing Conditions

- » Park Facilities
- » General Plan Goals and Policies
- » 2010 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update

» Discussion

- » Park Locations/Facility Types
- » Goals, Policies, and Programs



SINCE LAST MEETING

- » The main committee and all subcommittees have met at least once.
- » Has anyone taken pictures of uses they like/do not like for this subcommittee topic?



EXISTING CONDITIONS



PARK FACILITIES

» Existing Park Facilities within Loomis:

- Sunrise Loomis Park 4.5 acres
- Blue Anchor Park 3 acres

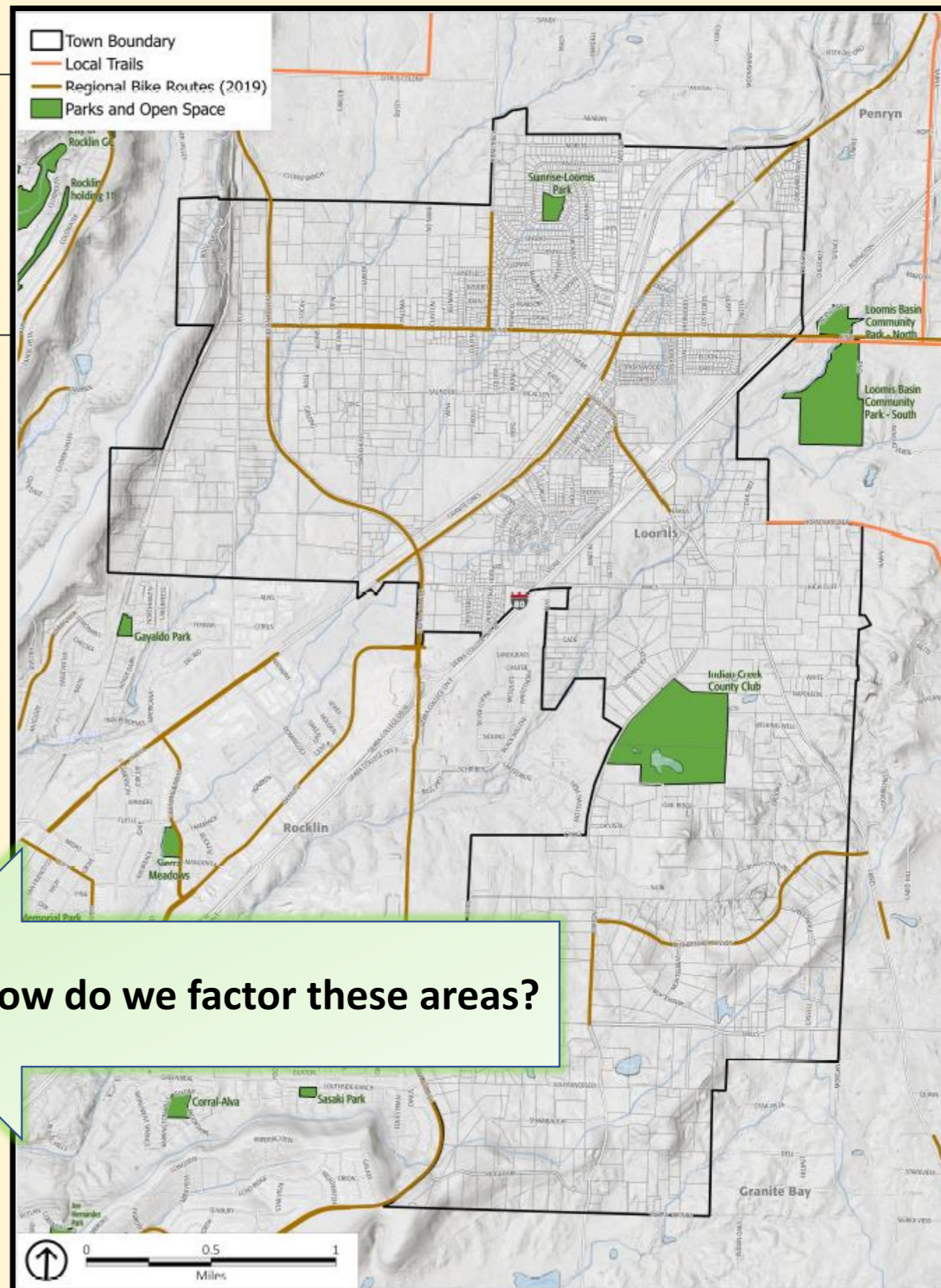
» Ratio of Owned: 1 acre/1,000

- Loomis Grammar School
- H. Clarke Powers School
- Del Oro High School
- Bike Routes

» Existing Facilities in Loomis Area:

- Loomis Basin Regional Park
- Franklin Elementary School
- Placer Elementary School
- Loomis Basin Charter School

*Schools currently counted at 60%
(Sierra College at 14%)



How do we factor these areas?



GENERAL PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES

» Goals

- To ensure adequate park and recreation facilities.
- To provide for a multi-use community center.

» Policies

1. The Town will pursue all available funding mechanisms to provide a multi-use community center.
2. The Town will work toward providing additional park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of Loomis residents as the Town's population increases.
3. Adopt park and recreational standards to guide and promote the development of recreational open space, in addition to working with Placer County in the provision of public recreation facilities.
4. New residential developments shall provide for the recreational open space needs of their residents.
5. Encourage the compatible recreational use of riparian and stream corridors, where feasible.
6. Support and cooperate with volunteer groups and organizations that provide recreational activities for Town residents.
7. Open space areas within proposed developments shall be designed as part of an integrated Town-wide network, in conjunction with bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian trails.
8. Continue to work with local school districts and the County to extend the park and recreation opportunities of Loomis residents through joint-use facilities.
9. New lighted park and recreation facilities shall undergo review to determine whether lighting would impact adjacent residential uses. If such impacts would occur, facilities shall remain either unlighted, or lighting shall be limited either by timing or location, as appropriate.



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	Existing Parks
①	Loomis Neighborhood Park
②	Loomis Basin Regional Park
	Potential New Park Site
③	Heritage Park Subdivision Site
④	Loomis Village Site
⑤	Downtown Park
⑥	Secret Ravine Park
	Existing School Site
⑦	Del Oro High School/Expansion Area
⑧	Loomis Elementary School
⑨	H. Clarke Powers Elementary School
⑩	Franklin Elementary School
⑪	Placer Elementary School
	Existing Conservation Area
⑫	Montserrat Conservation Area
	Potential New Conservation Area
⑬	Homewood Lumber Conservation Area
⑭	Creek Conservation Areas

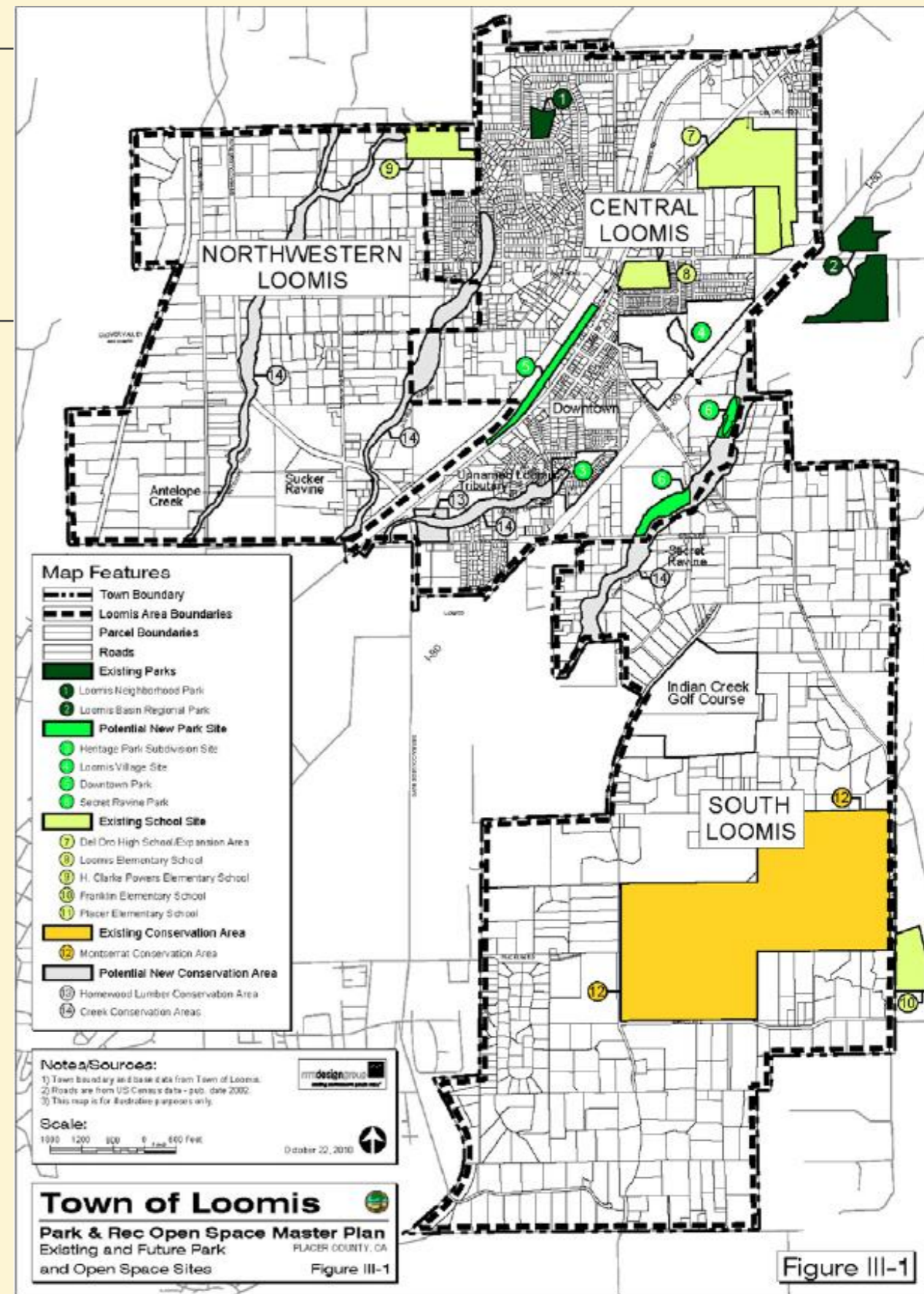


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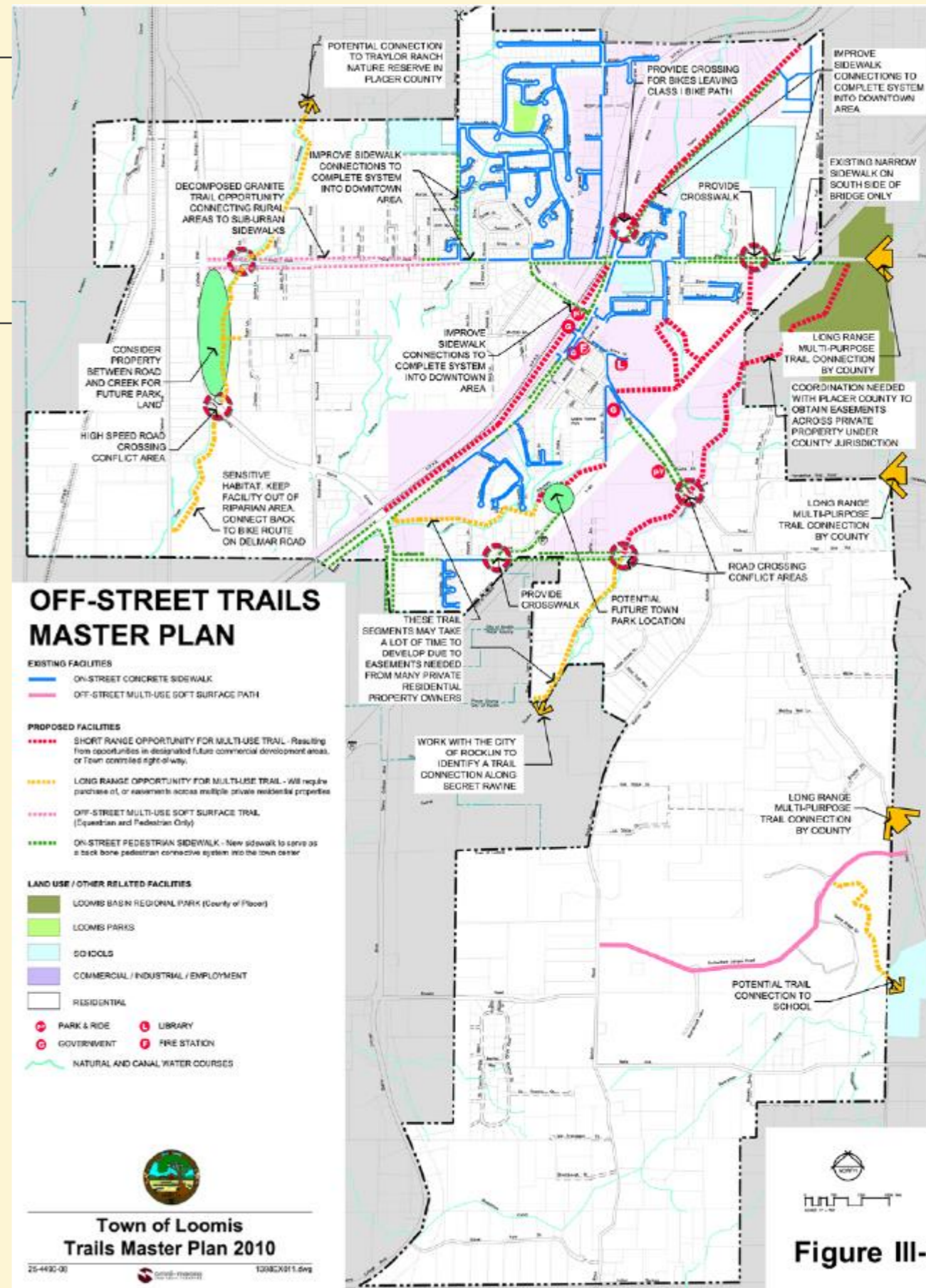
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Existing Facilities

- On-Street Concrete Sidewalk
- Off-Street Multi-Use Soft Surface Path

Proposed Facilities

- - - Short Range Opportunity For Multi-Use Trail
- - - Long Range Opportunity For Multi-Use Trail
- - - Off-Street Multi-Use Soft Surface Trail
- - - On-Street Pedestrian Trail



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» General Policies and Programs

- Parks Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROSC)
- Continue and expand upon the relationship between the Town of Loomis and the School Districts
- Require 5 acres of neighborhood and community parkland per 1000 residents and 5 acres of open space per 1000 residents for new developments
- Require larger residential subdivisions build and maintain a park to serve their residents
- Require all new residential projects in the Central Loomis Planning Area to pay Quimby Act fees
- Consider establishing a Parks and Open Space District
- Link parks and open space together with trails, as feasible



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» Parks and Recreation Policies

- Design a park and habitat area on the Heritage Park Subdivision site
- Require design of a passive use park and habitat areas on the Village site
- Require design of a greenway along the north side of Secret Ravine Creek when the commercial site north of the creek is developed
- Acquire a new 6–7-acre park site along the west side of the Antelope Creek corridor
- Acquire a new 10–12-acre park site in the South Loomis Planning Area
- Require small family tot lots in all new subdivisions
- Work with Placer County on park improvement opportunities at Loomis Basin Regional Park



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» Recreation Program Policies

- Evaluate potential of the Blue Goose facility to serve as a formally dedicated community center
- Continue formal working relationship with the Placer Land Trust (PLT)
- Draft a model Conservation Easement Agreement
- Involve local residents and businesses in open space preservation efforts
- Promote environmental connectivity and public access when evaluating development applications
- Develop a Master Preservation and Public Access Plan for creek systems
- Work with regional partners to identify and preserve open space areas and wildlife corridors
- Evaluate development of a Wildlife Corridor Ordinance
- Limit the use of curb & gutter and sidewalks in the rural areas



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» Funding and Financing

- Annually update:
 - Quimby Act Park Dedication and In-lieu Fee
 - Park Land Acquisition Mitigation Fee
 - Passive Park and Open Space Land Acquisition Mitigation Fee
 - Park Facility Improvements Mitigation Fee
- Create a Master Landscape and Lighting District
- Aggressively pursue state and federal grant funding
- Rely upon all new residential development for new parks
- Utilize Quimby Act funds to augment the size of passive use parks

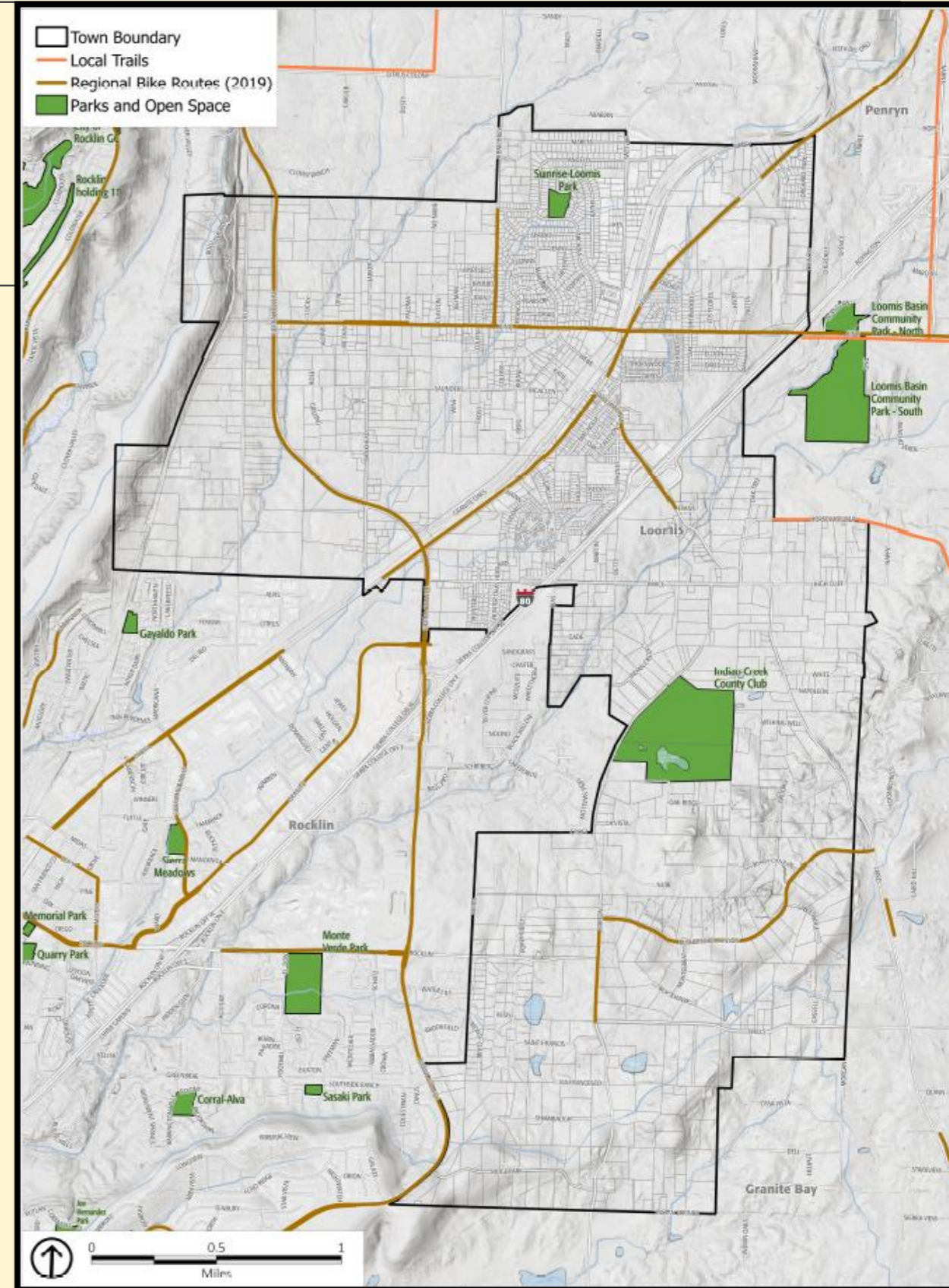


DISCUSSION

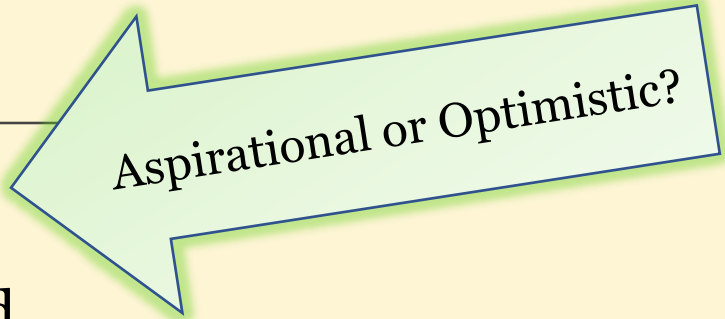


PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT

- » Consider making Parks and Recreation a stand-alone element
- » Review 2010 Draft Parks Master Plan to determine what to retain
- » Comments received to date have indicated interest in:
 - A dog park
 - Skate parks
 - Connection to Rocklin's Secret Ravine Trail (and trails in general)
 - Bikeways



PARK REQUIREMENT FOR NEW GROWTH



Aspirational or Optimistic?

From the 2010 Master Plan:

- » Five (5) acres of active park land per one thousand residents; and,
- » Five (5) acres of passive parks and open space land per one thousand residents.
- » Three (3) acres of neighborhood parks and two (2) acres of community parks per one thousand residents.
- » The Master Plan recommended that the Town adopt fees equal to the then existing Placer County fee, with annual adjustments for inflation.

Based on the above:

- » The projected 1,017 additional population would require an additional 5 acres of active, and 5 acres of passive, for a total of 10 acres of new park.



PARK TYPES

"Park" Type	Open to Public	Maintenance		Ownership		Organized Sports	Notes
		Town	Private	Town	Other		
Open Space	No		X		X	No	set back and buffer areas, slopes
Conservation Area	No		X		X	No	oaks, wetlands, riparian area, outcroppings
Active Park	Yes	X		X		Maybe	ball fields, swing sets, restrooms
Passive Park	Yes	X		X		No	
Trail	Usually					Maybe	special events perhaps, walk run
Neighborhood Park	Yes					Maybe	depends on amenities for organized sport
Community Park	Yes					Yes	may require fee



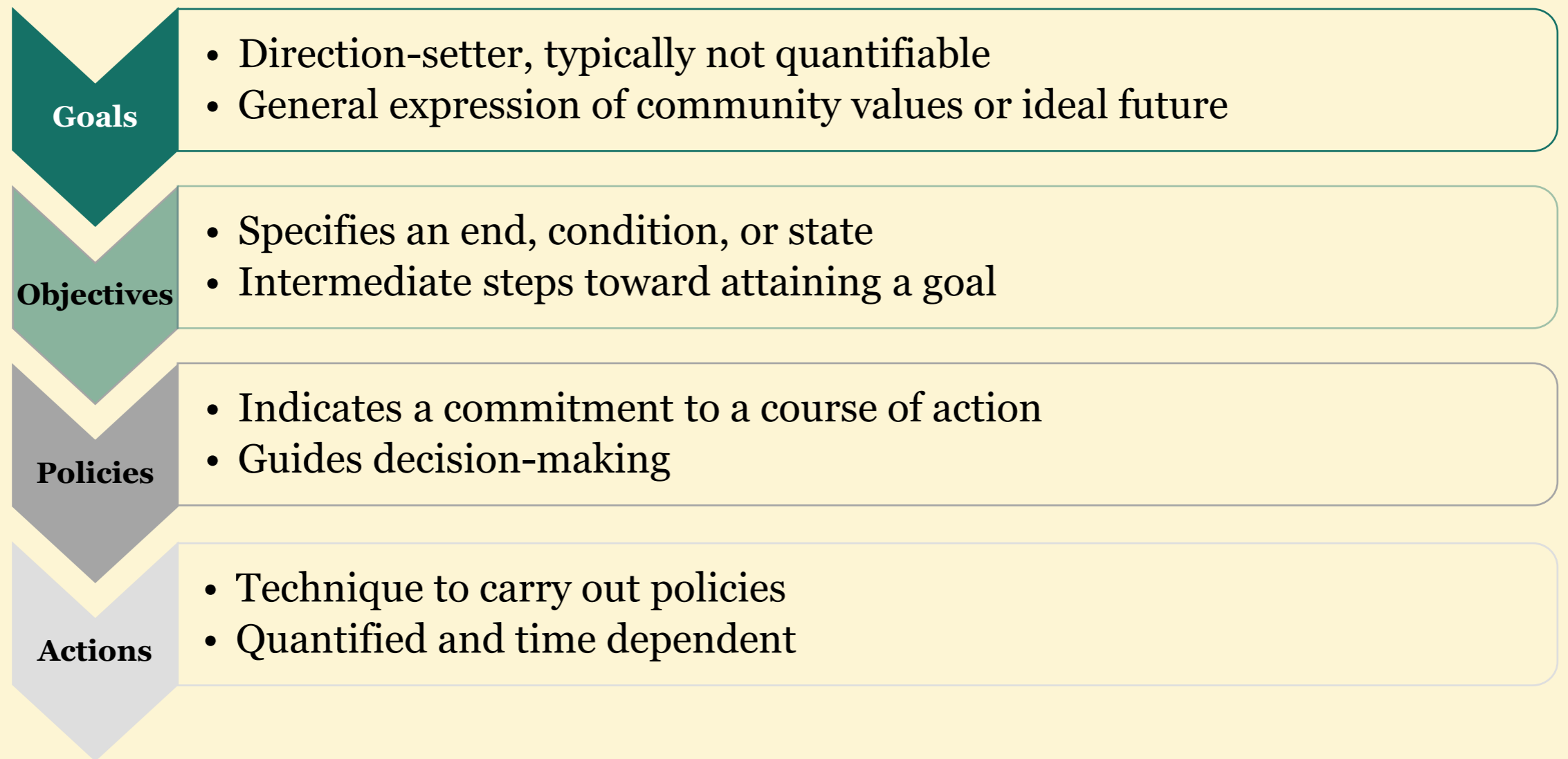
GOALS AND POLICIES

- » **There are general residential and commercial policies listed in the Land Use Element and 2010 Draft Parks Master Plan.**
- » Review previous goals and policies:
 - Do the goals still capture the vision for the Town?
 - Has anything changed? Is anything missing? Is the language appropriate?
 - Do the policies accurately further the goals for parks and recreation?
 - Are additional or different policies needed?
- » Develop goals and policies for a Parks and Recreation Element:
 - Determine what to retain from previous plans
 - Rephrase, renumber, and reorganize as needed
 - Should we use the same park standard throughout the Town?
 - Should we further divide the requirement to account for trails?
 - What about private open space? Credit against public requirement?



WRITING GOALS AND POLICIES

» **A slide deck with guidelines to writing goals and policies will be distributed to subcommittee members.**



BEFORE NEXT MEETING

» Review:

- Existing Land Use Element:
 - Land use designation definitions
 - Goals, policies, and programs
- 2010 Draft Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan
 - Are policies relevant?
 - Any changes for this update?
- Policy and Goal Writing Guidance

» Continue to provide comments on the comment form from the Town's website

- Submit comments through the General Plan Update email address at: GPUUpdate@loomis.ca.gov.

» Document examples of land uses you like/dislike, including:

- Open space/parks
- Trails



QUESTIONS?

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