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# TOWN OF LOOMIS GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT

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**PARKS AND RECREATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**



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# AGENDA

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» **Recap: Parks Overview**

» **Park Definitions**

» **Goals, Policies, and Implementation Measures**

» **New Park Locations**

» **Parkland Ratio**



# PARKS OVERVIEW

## » Town-Owned

- Sunrise-Loomis Neighborhood Park
- Blue Anchor Park

## » Regional Parks

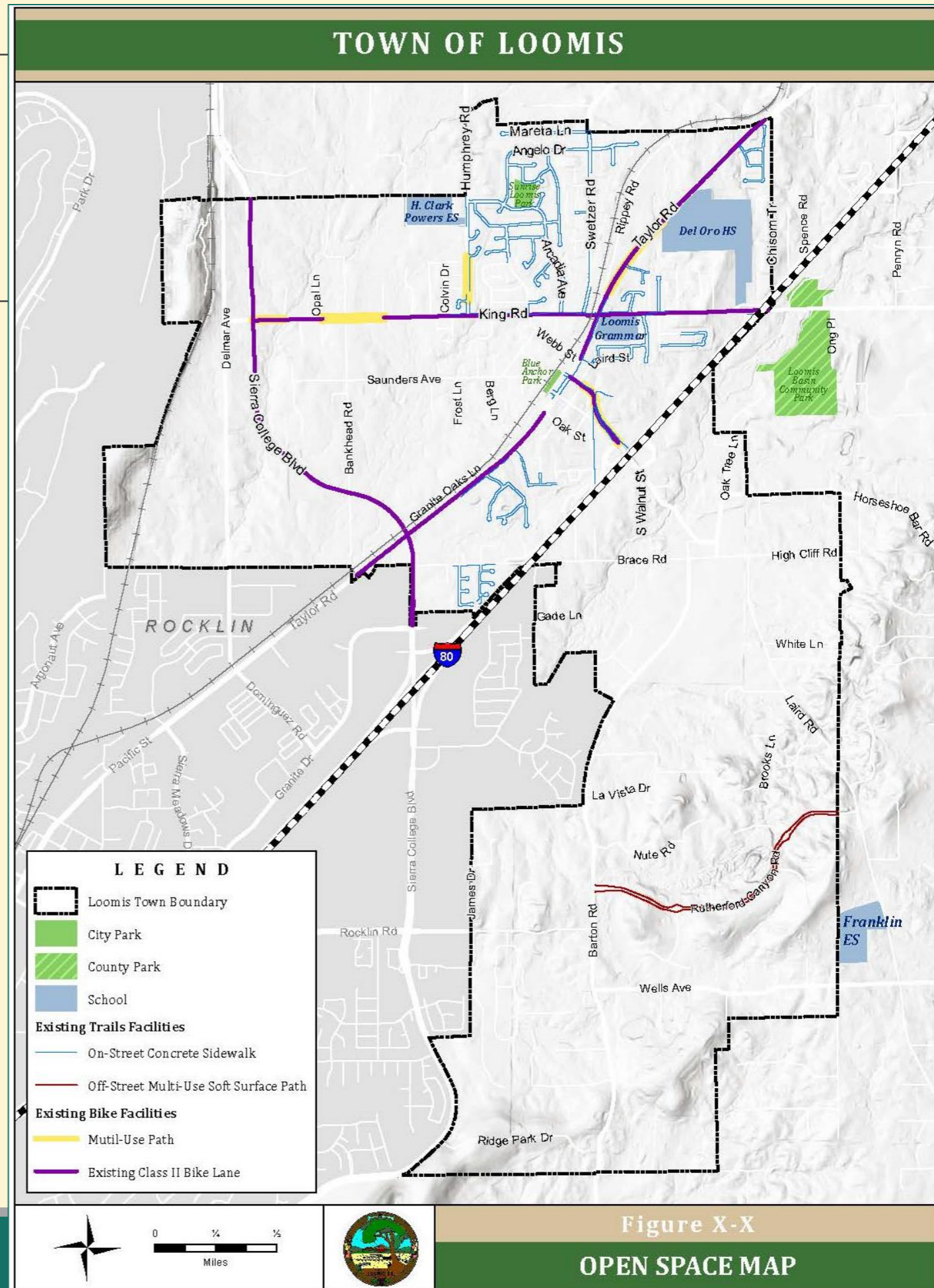
- Loomis Basin

## » School Facilities

- Loomis Elementary
- H. Clark Powers
- Franklin Elementary
- Del Oro High
- Sierra Community College

## » Trails

- Rutherford Canyon



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# PARK DEFINITIONS

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- » **Park.** A park is an area of active or passive land that usually contains improvements such as baseball fields, skateboard parks, playground equipment, amphitheater, soccer fields and other amenities intended for organized play or individual recreation. A park may also contain support structures such as restrooms, parking, picnic facilities, gazebos, and similar facilities.
- » **Open Space.** Open space is generally an area where improvements are minimal, but could include a trail, shade structure, bench, or similar small facilities designed for passive enjoyment.
- » **Active Use Park.** A developed public area used for active or organized recreation (e.g., soccer fields, playgrounds, equestrian arenas, golf courses).
- » **Passive Park.** A public area of predominantly undisturbed or restored natural land ~~containing no principle structures~~, with little disturbance to topography and vegetation, that provides passive recreational activities (e.g., walking/jogging, photography wildlife viewing, picnicking, biking, other non-motorized uses).
- » **Community Park.** Land with full public access intended to provide recreation opportunities beyond those supplied by neighborhood parks. Community parks are larger in scale than neighborhood parks but smaller than regional parks. Community parks are owned by the Town and offer a range of developed amenities including play structures (tot lots), sport fields, walking paths, and picnicking facilities along with open space.
- » **Neighborhood Park.** Parkland intended to serve the recreation needs of people living or working within one-half mile radius of the park.



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- » **Conservation Area.** A public or private area protected in order to maintain or improve sensitive or highly valued resources and functions including natural, scenic, ecological, historic, agricultural, hydrological, or geological resources. Secondary uses may be accommodated in conservation areas (e.g., passive recreational uses) provided they do not impact the primary uses for which the area is protected.
- » **Regional Park.** A park typically 150-500 acres in size focusing on activities and natural features not included in most other types of parks and often based on a specific scenic or recreational opportunity. Regional parks offer a variety of improvements including sport fields, tot lots, equestrian facilities, and more.
- » **Tot Lot.** A small area devoted to children's play.
- » **Trail.** A public access corridor providing non-motorized access between points of interest such as Passive Parks, Recreation Parks, schools, and the Town Center. Trails can include: unpaved walking paths, paved bikeways, equestrian paths, short sidewalk segments between portions of trails, railroad corridors, and publicly accessible utility corridors.



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# DECISION POINT

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- » **Are there any additional edits to park definitions?**
  - If yes: PlaceWorks will incorporate, then done.
  - If no: Done.



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# GOALS, POLICIES, AND MEASURES

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- » **PlaceWorks to share Element on screen**
- » **Sent to committee members prior to meeting**



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# DECISION POINT

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» **Did the Committee decide on any changes to goals, policies or programs?**

- If yes: Incorporate, then done.
- If no: Done.



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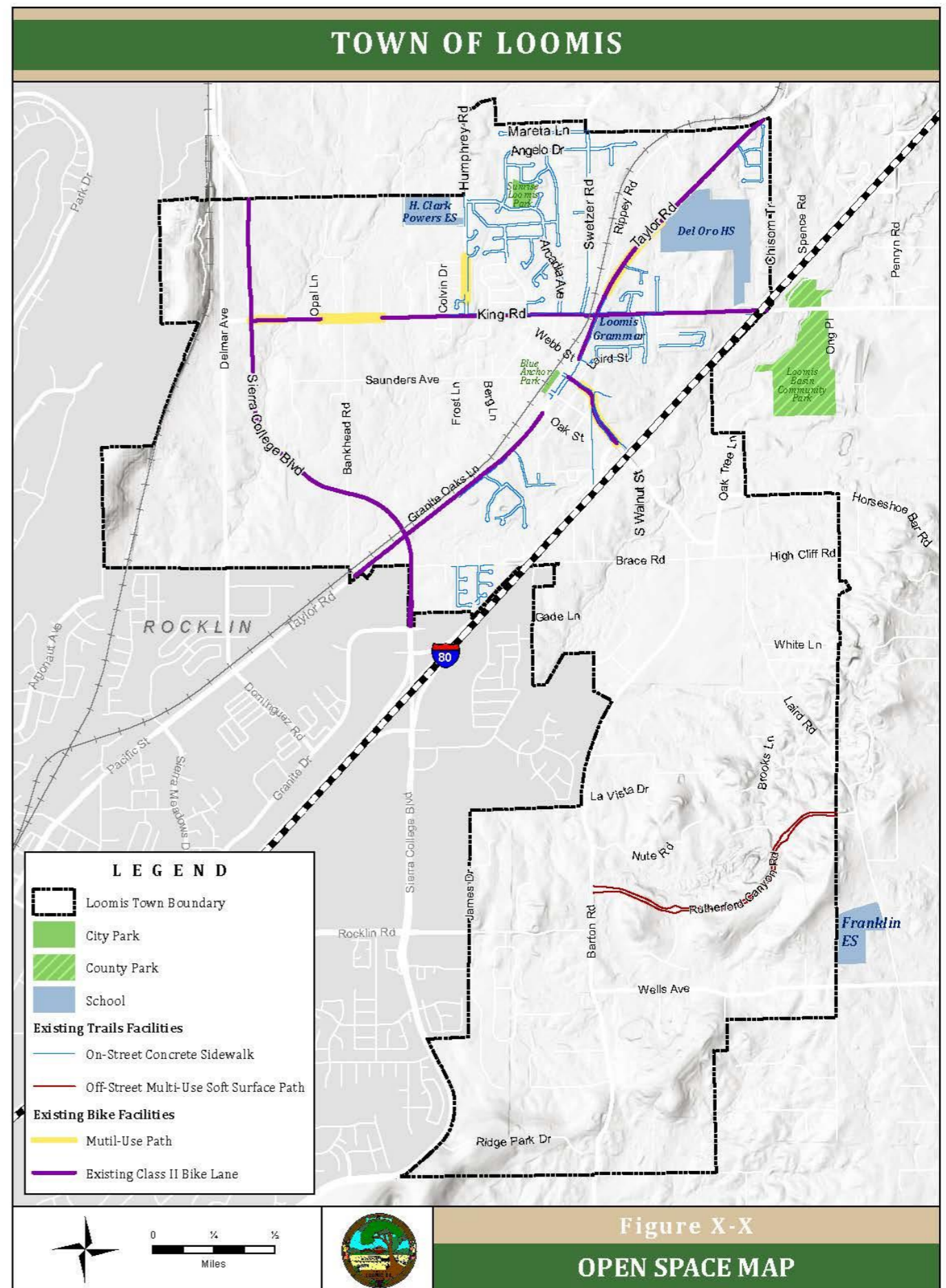
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# NEW PARK LOCATIONS

» Are there any specific locations that should be designated for future parks, open space, trails, or other related uses?



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# DECISION POINT

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» **Did the Committee identify any sites that should be designated Public Quasi Public (P) or Open Space & Conservation (OSC)?**

- If yes: Forward to Land Use Committee.
- If no: Done.



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# PARKLAND RATIO

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## » Parkland Ratio

- Established Ratio: 5 acres per 1,000 residents
- Current Park Acreage: ~7 acres (includes only Town-owned property)
- Current Population: 6,808
- Actual Existing Ratio: ~1 acres per 1,000 residents

## » Determine how to count other parks:

- Regional Parks (33 acres, full access)
- School Facilities (~39.2 acres, partial access and not guaranteed in long-term)

## » Consider perhaps:

- Distance to Parks Concept: Ensure all residents live within a certain distance of parks, trail, and/or open space
  - 0.25 to 0.5 miles = less than a 10-15 minute walk



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# DECISION POINT – PART 1

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- » **Should the Town count park facilities at schools identified in joint use agreements?**
  - If yes: Move onto next question.
  - If no: Done.
- » **What percent should the Town use to count park facilities at schools identified in joint use agreements?**
  - PlaceWorks to do live calculations of how percentage influences existing parkland ratio.
- » **Does the Committee want to include all types of parks and open space in one parkland ratio?**
  - If yes: Done.
  - If no: Move on to next question.





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# DECISION POINT – PART 2

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- » **Does the Committee want to keep the current parkland ratio (5:1,000)?**
  - If yes: Done.
  - If no: Move on to next question.
- » **Does the Committee want increase the parkland ratio?**
  - If yes: What ratio?
  - If no: Move onto next question.
- » **Does the Committee want to decrease the parkland ratio?**
  - If yes: What ratio?
  - If no: Consider alternatives, or removal of ratio altogether.
- » **Does the Committee want to implement a ‘distance to parks’ concept?**
  - If yes: What distance?
  - If no: Done.



# QUESTIONS?

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