

Open Space Committee Final Report

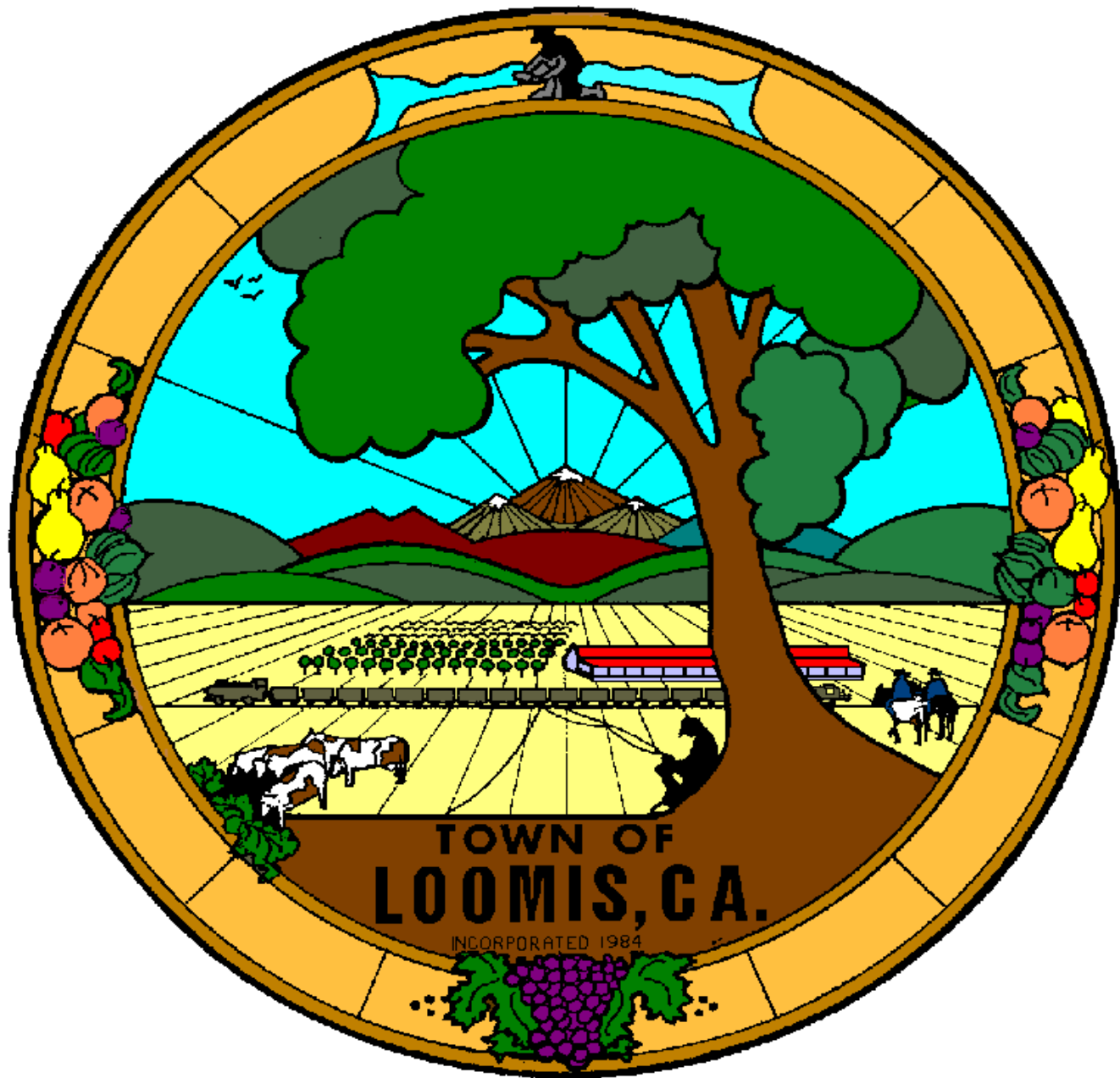
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LOOMIS, CA.**

INCORPORATED 1984

General Recommendations

- **Strengthen Town Policies For Open Space and their Implementation**
- **Fund Open Space Preservation on a Sustainable Basis**
- **Educate and Involve Residents and Businesses in Preserving Open Space**
- **Promote Placer Land Trust Partnership**
- **Preserve Special Properties**

Border of Rocklin and SW Loomis along Sierra College Boulevard



Town Policies

- **General Plan and Zoning changes**
 - ◆ Hire consultants to draft language
- **Set up systems to enforce policies**
 - ◆ Resolution of January 2006
 - ◆ Open Space Committee or Commission
 - ◆ Design Review Board
 - ◆ Interim - “Green Sheets”
 - ◆ OSC and Planning Commission resolve conflicts with other Town policies

2006 Open Space Resolution

Town advise Proponents it will consider:



1. How project preserves **open space** and **rural character** in project, surroundings, and the Town generally.

2. How projects **dedicate land** for open space instead of simply paying mitigation fees.

Fund Open Space Sustainably

- **Open Space funding is not discretionary**
- **Need to fund:**
 - ◆ **Purchase of properties, conservation and public easements**
 - ◆ **Development of trails (bicycle, equestrian and pedestrian)**
 - ◆ **Wildlife habitat and corridors**
 - ◆ **Planning documents**
 - ◆ **Education and outreach**
 - ◆ **Long-term maintenance**
- **Not just development impact fees**
- **Need to ID projects to pursue for grants**



Educate and Involve Residents and Businesses

- **Early notification of public on projects before Planning Commission review**
- **Education & Training needed of public of how and when to get involved**
- **Training of developers on Town policies**

- **Collaborate with rural networks**
- **Events (3-9-06 Forum, Earth Day)**



Promote Placer Land Trust (PLT) Partnership

- **PLT offers Tools for Town to use in preserving Open Space**
- **Set up PLT Loomis Basin Account**
- **Solicited donations from businesses**
- **Extend MOU beyond 6-30-07**

Preserve Special Properties

- **Creek Greenways a Priority**
- **Expanded List of Special Properties**
- **Intersections, Entry Points and Roadways**
- **Projects Pursued**
 - ◆ **Brace Road Nature Reserve**
 - ◆ **Indian Creek Golf Course**



Special Properties

- **Montserrat**
- **Dry Creek Greenway**
- **Lands behind Raley's**
- **So. Of I-80 @ Horseshoe**
- **Shadowbrook**
- **Doring/Trimm Biz Park**
- **Borman (Wells/Barton)**
- **Heritage Park**
- **Cordova (Rocklin/Barton)**
- **KOA on Taylor Rd.**
- **Homewood, Brace Rd.**
- **Indian Creek Golf Course**
- **Alice's Fruit Stand ("The Orchard")**
- **3989 Del Mar + area**
- **4561 Laird Rd**
- **4561 Laird Rd (Ferguson)**
- **6002 Brace Rd**
- **Cook Property**

Intersections

- **Rocklin Road and Barton Road**
- **Barton Road and Wells Avenue**
- **Laird, Brace and Horseshoe Bar Roads**
- **Sierra College Boulevard and King Road**
- **Barton Road and Brace Road**
- **Brace Road and Sierra College Boulevard.**
- **Sierra College Boulevard and Taylor Road**

Entry Points

- **Northeast end of Taylor Road at Town boundary**
- **I-80 at Horseshoe Bar Road (Caltrans cloverleaf)**
- **Horseshoe Bar Road at Town boundary near Secret Ravine Creek**
- **West end of Taylor Road at Town boundary**
- **King Road at Taylor Road**
- **Taylor Road at Sierra College Boulevard**
- **King Road at Sierra College Boulevard**
- **Rocklin Road at Town boundary**

Rural Roadways

- Increased setback
- Keep trees and native vegetation
- No solid fencing, berm, curb, gutter, sidewalk
- Wide shoulder with meandering rural paths (for people, horses and bicycles)
 - Rocklin Road
 - Barton Road
 - Wells Avenue
 - Laird Road
 - Brace Road
 - Horseshoe Bar Road
 - King Road
 - Taylor Road
 - Del Mar Road

Immediate Next Steps

- Continue OSC-2 until new OSC formed
- Appoint a Council liaison to OSC
- Extend Placer Land Trust MOU beyond 6-30-07



Within 6 months

- **Council adopt the 5 General Recommendations of Executive Summary**
- **Implement Recommendations bolded on pages 4-5 of Report**
- **Changes to Zoning Ordinance**

We have a choice



or:

