

Plumas County General Plan Public Review Draft Housing Element 7th Cycle 2024-2029



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Plumas County Board of Supervisors
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SCHEDULE

- ▶ 30-day public comment *public review draft 7th cycle 2024-2029 Housing Element*
 - starting June 27, 2025 - and ending July 28, 2025
- ▶ 10 business days to incorporate public comments
 - July 28, 2025 through August 8, 2025
- ▶ Submit *initial HCD draft 7th cycle 2024-2029 Housing Element* to HCD for 90-day review
 - August 11, 2025
- ▶ Receive HCD comments on *initial HCD draft*
 - circa November 2025
- ▶ Review and revise/submit back to HCD for 60-day review
 - circa November and December 2025, continuing into January 2026
- ▶ Board of Supervisors adopts Element and County submits to HCD for 60-day review
 - circa February 2026
- ▶ Obtain compliance letter from HCD that *Adopted 7th cycle 2024-2029 Housing Element* meets State Housing Element Law
 - circa April 2026

PURPOSE / STATE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ The Plumas County 2024-2029 Housing Element (7th cycle planning period beginning June 30, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029) is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the Plumas County General Plan and provides a comprehensive assessment and framework to address existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the unincorporated area of Plumas County and provides clear policy direction for decision making.
- ▶ State law (Government Code Sections 65580 through 65589) mandates the content to include:
 - an analysis of existing and projected housing needs;
 - an inventory of resources and constraints that are relevant to meeting the needs;
 - a statement of the County's goals and policies relative to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) needs;
 - quantified objectives to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing; and
 - programs that set forth actions to address existing and projected housing needs.

2024-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT DRAFT VISION

“Adequate supply of safe and livable housing types with opportunities for individual choices that accommodate all socioeconomic segments of the unincorporated County area, leading to housing possibilities that meet the needs, protect the environment, and are consistent with a jobs-housing balance based on future population and economic conditions.”

GOALS, POLICIES, PROGRAMS

- ▶ Goal H 1 - Accommodate the County's RHNA
- ▶ Goal H 2 - Provide Affordable, Attainable Housing for All
- ▶ Goal H 3 - Maintain, Rehabilitate, and Replace Existing Housing Stock
- ▶ Goal H 4 - Meet Special Housing Needs
- ▶ Goal H 5 - Lower Barriers to Fair Housing and Prevent Housing Discrimination
- ▶ Goal H 6 - Support Housing Resources and Opportunities
- ▶ Goal H 7 - Ensure Citizen Participation and Plumas County 2035 General Plan Consistency

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING

- ▶ AB 686 (2018), also known as the Housing Discrimination: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Act, mandates that public agencies proactively address housing disparities related to factors such as race, national origin, color, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religion, and other protected characteristics.
- ▶ “Affirmatively furthering fair housing” means (Government Code Section 8899.50(a)(1)) taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.
- ▶ The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all of a public agency’s activities and programs relating to housing and community development.
- ▶ According to HCD, when housing choice and access are limited because of someone’s race, sexual orientation, disability status, or other protected characteristics, there are far-reaching impacts on their lives. These impacts include access to job opportunities, access to quality education, and impacts to mental and physical health.
- ▶ Therefore, Plumas County must ensure that the 2024-2029 7th Cycle Housing Element policies and programs promote fair housing while refraining from actions that undermine this objective.
- ▶ Pursuant to HCD AFFH Guidance (April 2021 Update), the Assessment of Fair Housing addresses enforcement and outreach capacity, segregation and integration, disparities in access to opportunity, disproportionate housing needs including displacement, and concentrated areas of poverty, and affluence across racial/ethnic groups.

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA)

- ▶ The Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) is mandated by the State of California (Government Code Section 65584) and requires regions to address housing issues and needs based on future growth projections for the area.
- ▶ HCD acts as the County Council of Governments and allocates the regional housing needs numbers for Plumas County.

Income Category	Percent	2024-2029 RHNA
Extremely Low (below 30 percent of AMI)	6%	9
Very Low (31-50 percent of AMI)	19%	29
Low (51-80 percent of AMI)	15%	24
Moderate (81-120 percent of AMI)	19%	29
Above Moderate (above 120 percent of AMI)	41%	63
Total	100%	154

(AMI) - Area Median Income

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

2025 HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS

HCD annually publishes annual income limits, by income category and household size.

The income limits are based on an area median income (AMI).

In 2025, the Plumas County AMI is \$95,300 (for a family of four).

- ▶ Extremely Low Income below 30 percent of area median income (AMI) (\$0 - \$32,150)
- ▶ Very Low Income 31-50 percent of AMI (\$32,151 - \$47,650)
- ▶ Low Income 51-80 percent of AMI (\$47,651 - \$76,250)
- ▶ Moderate Income 81-120 percent of AMI (\$76,251 - \$114,350)
- ▶ Above Moderate Income Above 120 percent of AMI (\$114,351 or more)

2023 INCOME TRENDS

8,055 TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

- ▶ In an effort to determine an approximate number of extremely low-income households, the County looked at households earning \$24,999 or less, and the County determined there were approximately 1,327 extremely low-income households (16.5%)
- ▶ The largest income group earned an annual household income between \$50,000 to \$74,999 (19%) - categorized as “Low Income”
- ▶ Those earning between \$35,000 - \$49,999 (13%) - categorized at “Very Low Income”
- ▶ Most households (3,972 or 49%) earn between \$50,000 and \$149,999 annually.
- ▶ 6% of households earn \$150,000 - \$199,999
- ▶ 9% of households earn \$200,000+

VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LAND INVENTORY COUNTY HAS SUFFICIENT STIES

- ▶ Vacant higher density “M-R” zoned sites that have the realistic development potential to allow the construction of approximately:
 - 96 units affordable to lower income households (including extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households), which is sufficient to accommodate the lower income RHNA of 62 units; and
- ▶ Vacant lower density “7-R,” “2-R,” “3-R,” and “S-1” zoned sites that have the realistic development potential to allow the construction of approximately:
 - 124 units affordable to moderate- and above moderate-income households, which is sufficient to accommodate the moderate- and above moderate-income RHNA of 92 units.

VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LAND INVENTORY STRATEGY

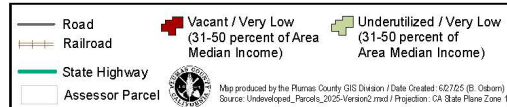
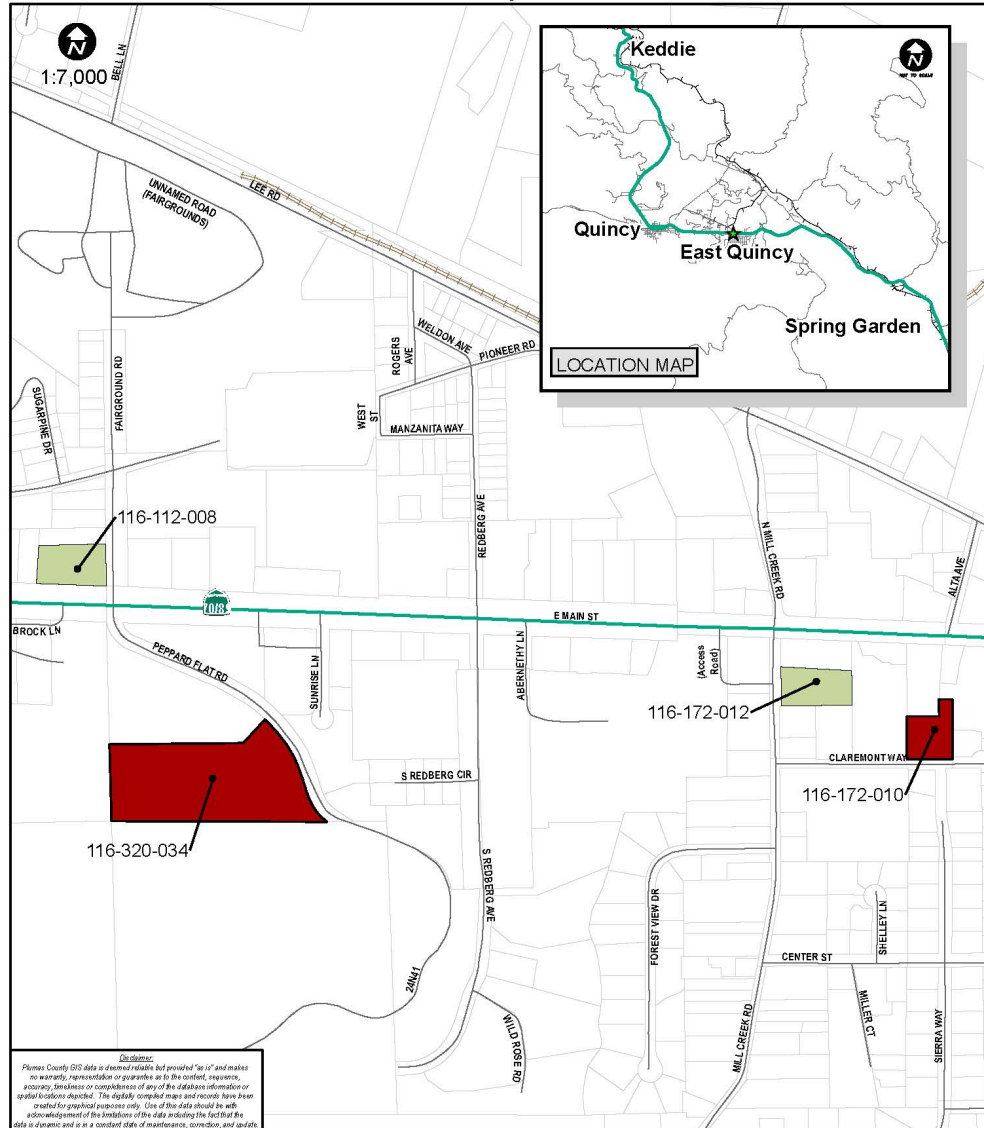
- ✓ Vacant sites that are zoned by right for residential development to accommodate all income categories, and
- ✓ Underutilized sites that are capable of being developed at a higher density and zoned by right for residential development to accommodate extremely low-, very low-, and low-income categories.

Income Category	7 th Cycle 2024-2029 RHNA	Realistic Capacity Vacant Residentially Zoned Sites	Realistic Capacity Underutilized Residentially Zoned Sites	Accessory Dwelling Units	Total RHNA Accommodation	RHNA Surplus
Very Low	38	44	28	21	93	55
Low	24	52	24	0	76	52
Moderate	29	40	0	0	40	11
Above Moderate	63	84	0	0	84	21
Total	154	220	52	21	293	139

VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LAND ZONED "M-R"

EAST QUINCY / 95971

MAP 1 - Very Low Income



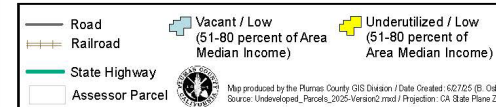
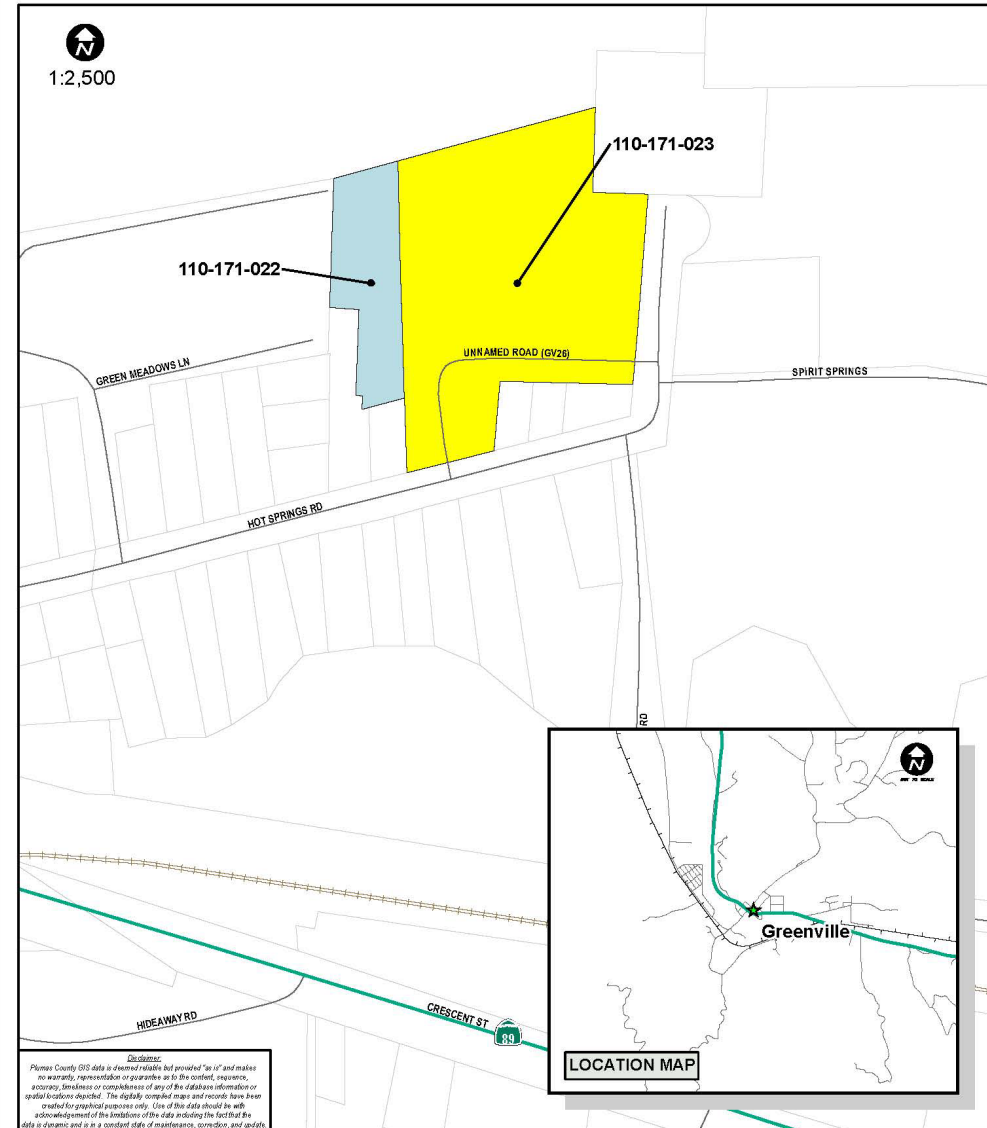
VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LAND FOR VERY LOW INCOME CATEGORY WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER/POWER) ADEQUATE FOR DEVELOPMENT

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VACANT AND UNDERUTILIZED LAND ZONED "M-R"

GREENVILLE / 95947

MAP 3 - Low Income



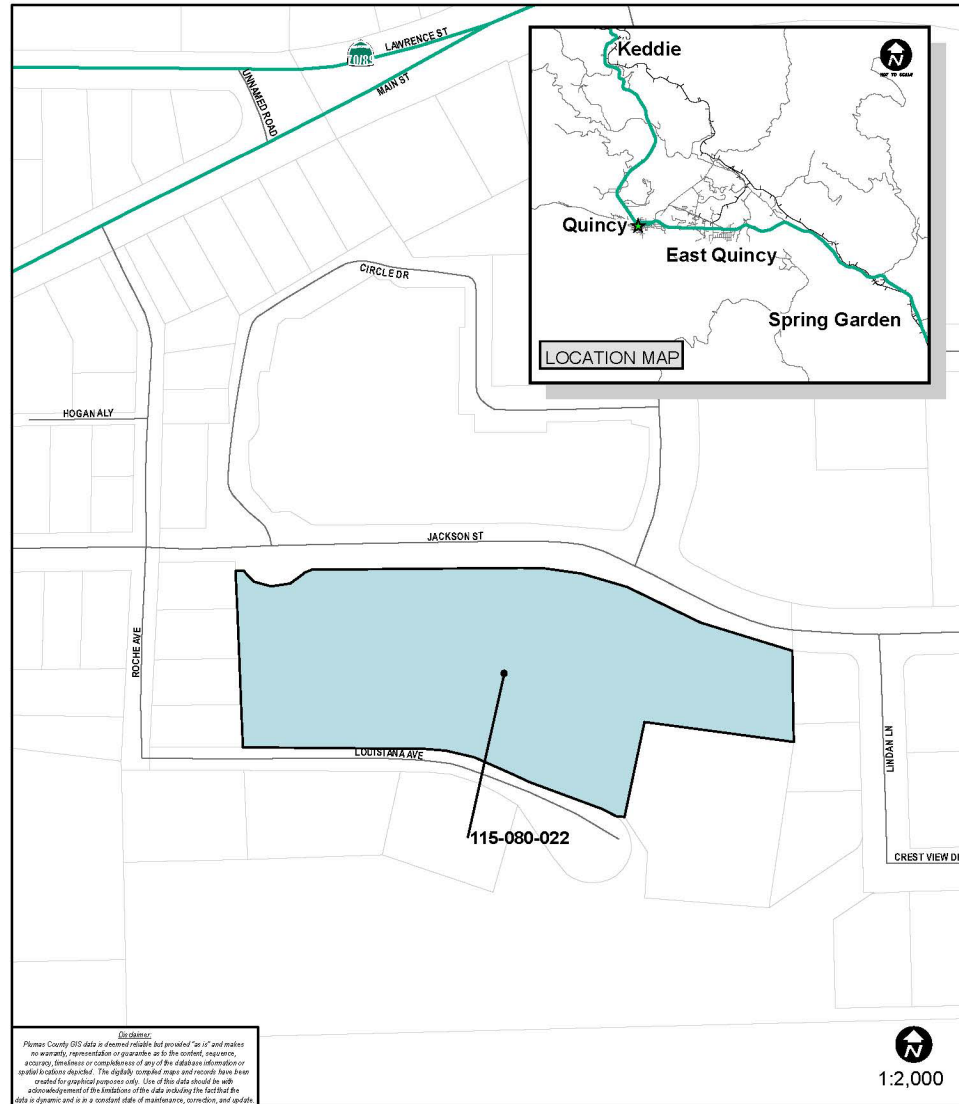
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VACANT LAND ZONED "M-R"

QUINCY / 95971

MAP 2 - Low Income



- Road
- Railroad
- State Highway
- Assessor Parcel
- Vacant / Low (51-80 percent of Area Median Income)



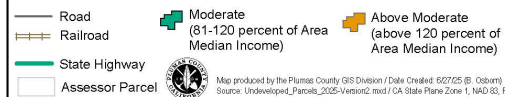
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VACANT LAND FOR LOW INCOME CATEGORY
WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER/
POWER) ADEQUATE FOR DEVELOPMENT

GRIZZLY RANCH - VACANT LAND ZONED "S-1"

Unincorporated Portola / 96122

Map 4 - Moderate and Above Moderate Income

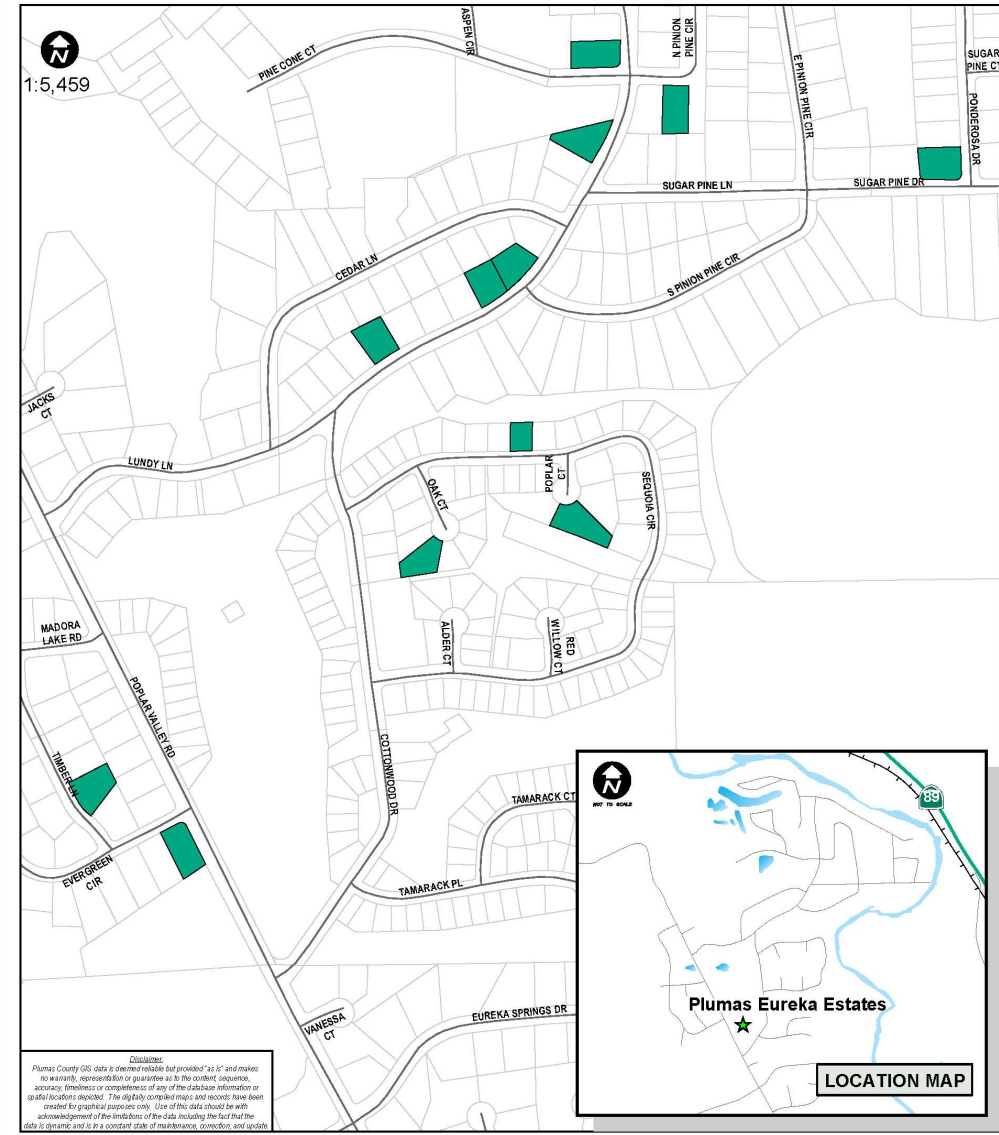


VACANT LAND FOR MODERATE AND ABOVE MODERATE INCOME CATEGORIES WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER/POWER) ADEQUATE FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH NO CONSTRAINTS

PLUMAS EUREKA ESTATES - VACANT LAND ZONED "7-R"

Blairsden / 96103

Map 5 - Moderate Income

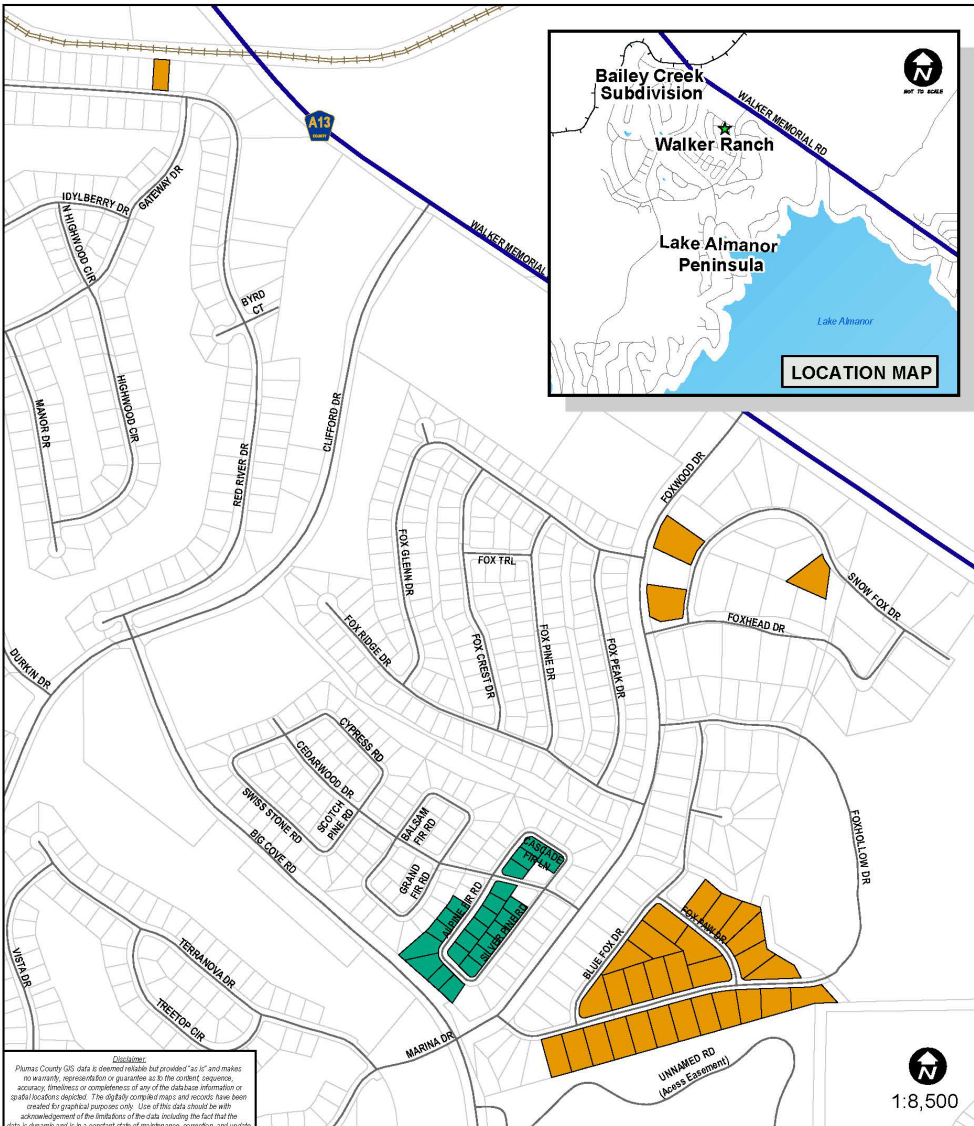


VACANT LAND FOR MODERATE INCOME CATEGORY WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER/POWER) ADEQUATE FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH NO CONSTRAINTS

WALKER RANCH - VACANT LAND ZONED "2-R" AND "3-R"

Lake Almanor / 96137

Map 6 - Moderate and Above Moderate Income



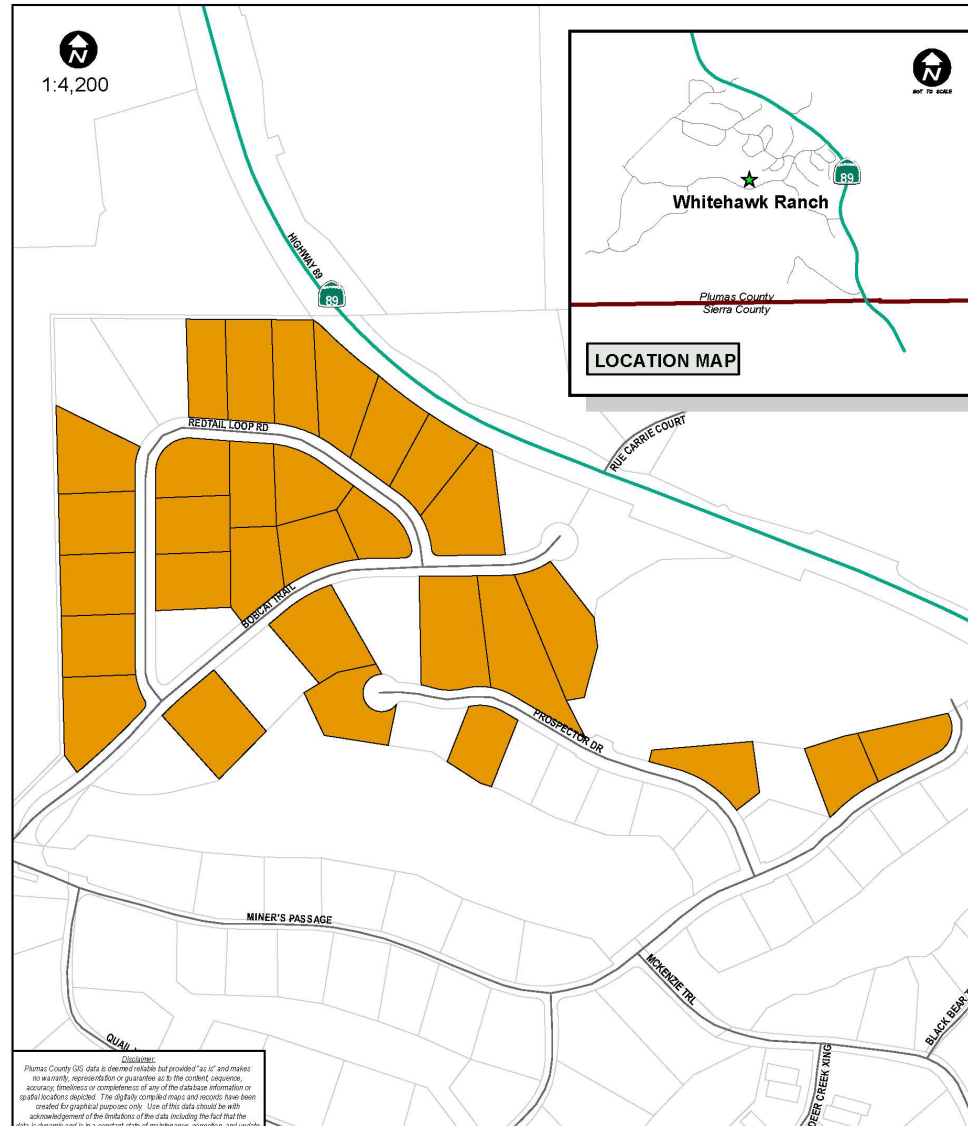
 Road
  Railroad
 Moderate (81-120 percent of Area Median Income)
  Above Moderate (above 120 percent of Area Median Income)

VACANT LAND FOR MODERATE AND ABOVE
MODERATE INCOME CATEGORIES WITH EXISTING
INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER/SEWER/POWER) ADEQUATE
FOR DEVELOPMENT WITH NO CONSTRAINTS

WHITEHAWK RANCH - VACANT LAND ZONED "S-1"

Clio / 96106

Map 7 - Above Moderate Income



 Road
  Railroad
  Above Moderate
 (above 120 percent of Area Median Income)

VACANT LAND FOR ABOVE MODERATE INCOME
CATEGORY WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE
(WATER/SEWER/POWER) ADEQUATE FOR
DEVELOPMENT WITH NO CONSTRAINTS

QUANTIFIED OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Based on the policies and program actions quantified objectives represent a reasonable expectation of the maximum number of housing units that will be developed (i.e., new construction), rehabilitated, or conserved/preserved and over the five-year planning period.
- ▶ The “New Construction” objective refers to the number of new units that potentially could be constructed using public and/or private sources over the planning period, given the locality’s land resources, constraints, and proposed programs.
- ▶ The “Rehabilitation” objective refers to the number of existing units expected to be rehabilitated during the planning period.
- ▶ The “Conservation/Preservation” objective refers to the preservation of the existing affordable housing stock throughout the planning period.

	Income Category					
	Extremely Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
New Construction	9	29	24	110	170	342
Rehabilitation	3	3	3	-	-	9
Conservation/Preservation	50	100	100	-	-	250
Total	59	136	131	29	63	601

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

JUNE 27 - JULY 28, 2025

To access the 2024-2029 Public Review Draft Housing Element and for more information, please visit the Plumas County Planning Department counter at 555 Main Street, Quincy, or on the website at:

<https://www.plumascounty.us/2629/Housing-Element>

To submit public comment, please contact:

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Plumas County Planning Commission Housing Element Update - July 17, 2025 Meeting

Outreach to housing stakeholders, with individual meetings, week of July 21st

Outreach to communities, with evening meetings, week of August 4th