



Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan



Public Meetings February 2013

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- ▶ Why are we here?
- ▶ To present the work of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and to receive your comments, suggestions, and feedback on the draft plan maps
- ▶ Who is the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee?
 - ▶ Comprised of members from; (2) Parks, Tree & Rec. Advisory Board, (1) Ranch Advisory Committee, (1) Planning Commission, (1) City Council member, (1) Laramie Bike Network & (5) citizens at large
 - ▶ Appointed by the City Council
- ▶ What is the charge of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
 - ▶ To assist with the completion of a Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan for the City and all City owned property
 - ▶ This group represents the public and helps provide guidance to staff in making decisions related to the draft plan
 - ▶ Act as a citizen representative and advocate for the community (i.e. not staff)



Why develop a Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan?

- ▶ Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (1982)
 - ▶ 30 years old = Major changes in the community
- ▶ 1982 – 2007 other reports completed
 - ▶ Laramie Greenbelt Plan 1992
 - ▶ Laramie Land Use Element (Laramie Comp. Plan) 1995
 - ▶ Laramie Bicycle Facility Master Plan 1998
- ▶ Laramie Comprehensive Plan (2007)
 - ▶ Plan recommended that a Parks & Recreation Master Plan be developed
 - ▶ Why? The most commented items centered on Parks, Recreation, Trails and Natural Areas

Provides elected officials, public, staff, and developers a decision making tool and policy guidance related to the future development of Parks, Trails and Recreation areas



Parks, Trails, and Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Accomplishments

- ▶ Reviewed the basics of park planning; understanding how a plan is developed and how regulation & policy are developed from the plan
- ▶ Reviewed all applicable documents: Comp. Plan, UDC, 82' Parks & Recreation Plan, Bike master plan, greenbelt plan
- ▶ Overview of all parks, recreation, trails and natural areas that exist within the city's parks and recreation system
- ▶ Defined/discussed, and approved park service areas
- ▶ Held stakeholder group meetings
- ▶ Developed a public scientific survey that was prepared and administered by WYSAC
- ▶ Reviewed population analyses from census data
- ▶ Developed parks need & deficiency analysis
- ▶ Developed parks, trails and recreation area classifications and standards
- ▶ Developed the parks, trails and recreation area maps based upon the park service areas, population trends, geographic analysis and the classification standards



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- ▶ Park Service Areas:
 - ▶ Based upon service area barriers such as major roads, the railroads, the Laramie River, etc. which inhibit access to parks and recreation facilities
 - ▶ Twenty five (25) individual park service areas are recommended within the master plan
 - ▶ Parks Classification Standards:
 - ▶ Based upon NRPA national standards, that were modified and adapted to specifically meet Laramie and its needs
 - ▶ Community Parks (Washington & LaBonte)
 - ▶ One (1) mile service area
 - ▶ 3-5 acres per 1,000 people/20 to 50 acres in size
 - ▶ Neighborhood Parks (Undine & Kiwanis)
 - ▶ One half (1/2) mile service area
 - ▶ 3 acres per 1,000 people/5 to 10 acres in size
 - ▶ Playlots (O'Dell Mini Park)
 - ▶ One quarter (1/4) mile service area
 - ▶ 14,000 square feet (1/3 of an acre) per 1,000 people
 - ▶ Other Sites:
 - ▶ School parks (Jr. and Sr. High, UW campus)
 - ▶ Recreation Areas (Aragon Softball Complex, Little League Complex)
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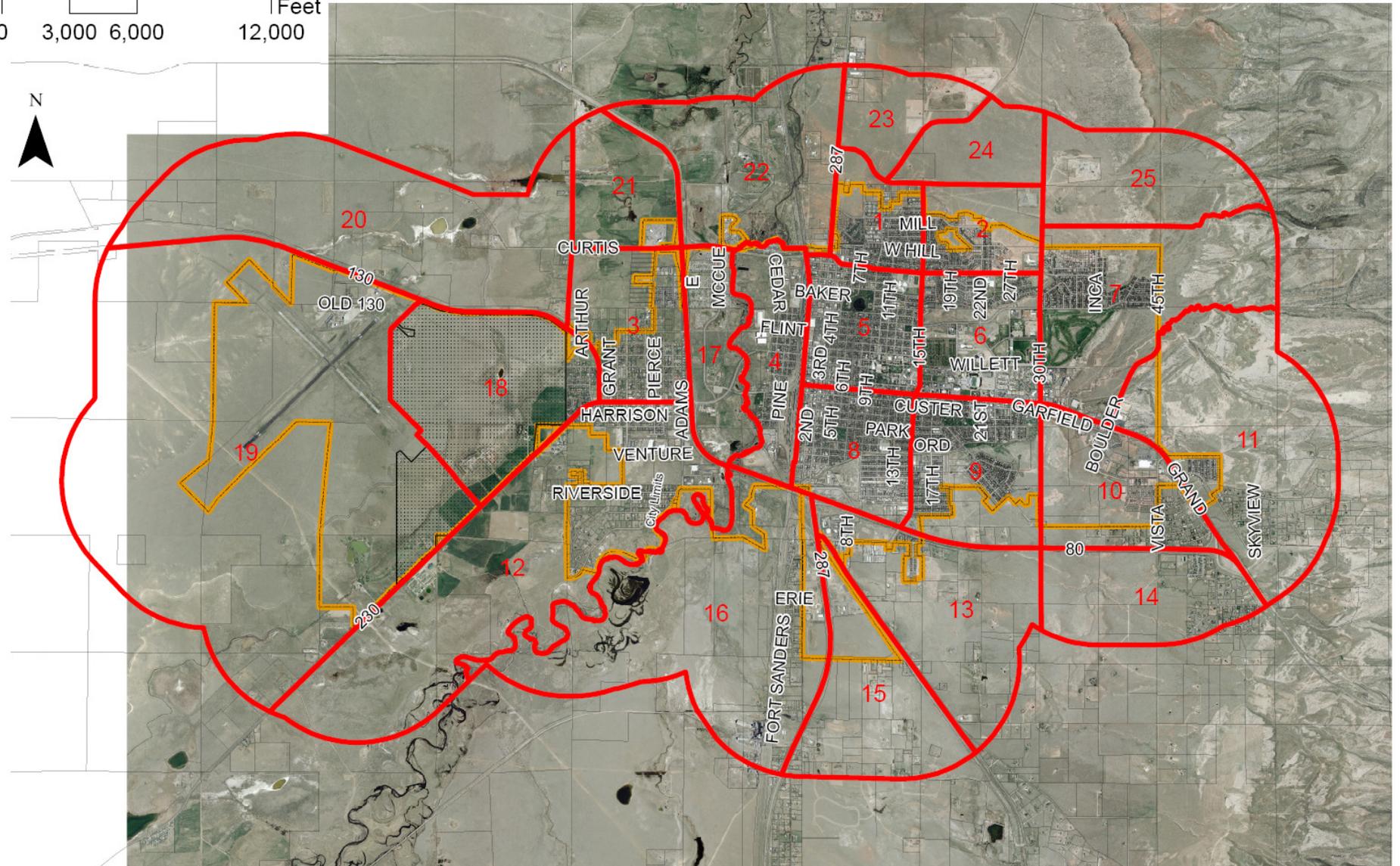
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- ▶ Natural Resource Areas:
 - ▶ Typically lands that are set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics, cultural resource, or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community
- ▶ Trails, Bikes and Pedestrians:
 - ▶ Three types of trails and bike/pedestrian routes established:
 - ▶ Bike Lanes: (9th Street and 30th Street, 22nd Street)
 - ▶ Bike lanes are on road marked lanes, typically on local or collector streets to permit safe travel by bicycles
 - ▶ Standard: consistent and continuous painting of lanes, bike boxes, sweeping and snow removal as necessary
 - ▶ Shared Use Paths: (Laramie River Greenbelt Trail)
 - ▶ Shared use paths are bike routes that are physically separated from motorized traffic by an open space or barrier, either within or outside of the road right or way
 - ▶ Standard: eleven (11) feet wide concrete, separated from roadway
 - ▶ Other Bike Routes:
 - ▶ In-Park Pedestrian Paths (Washington & LaBonte Parks)
 - ▶ Rural trails (compacted gravel or single track trail)
 - ▶ Mid block paths (sidewalk connections within neighborhoods)

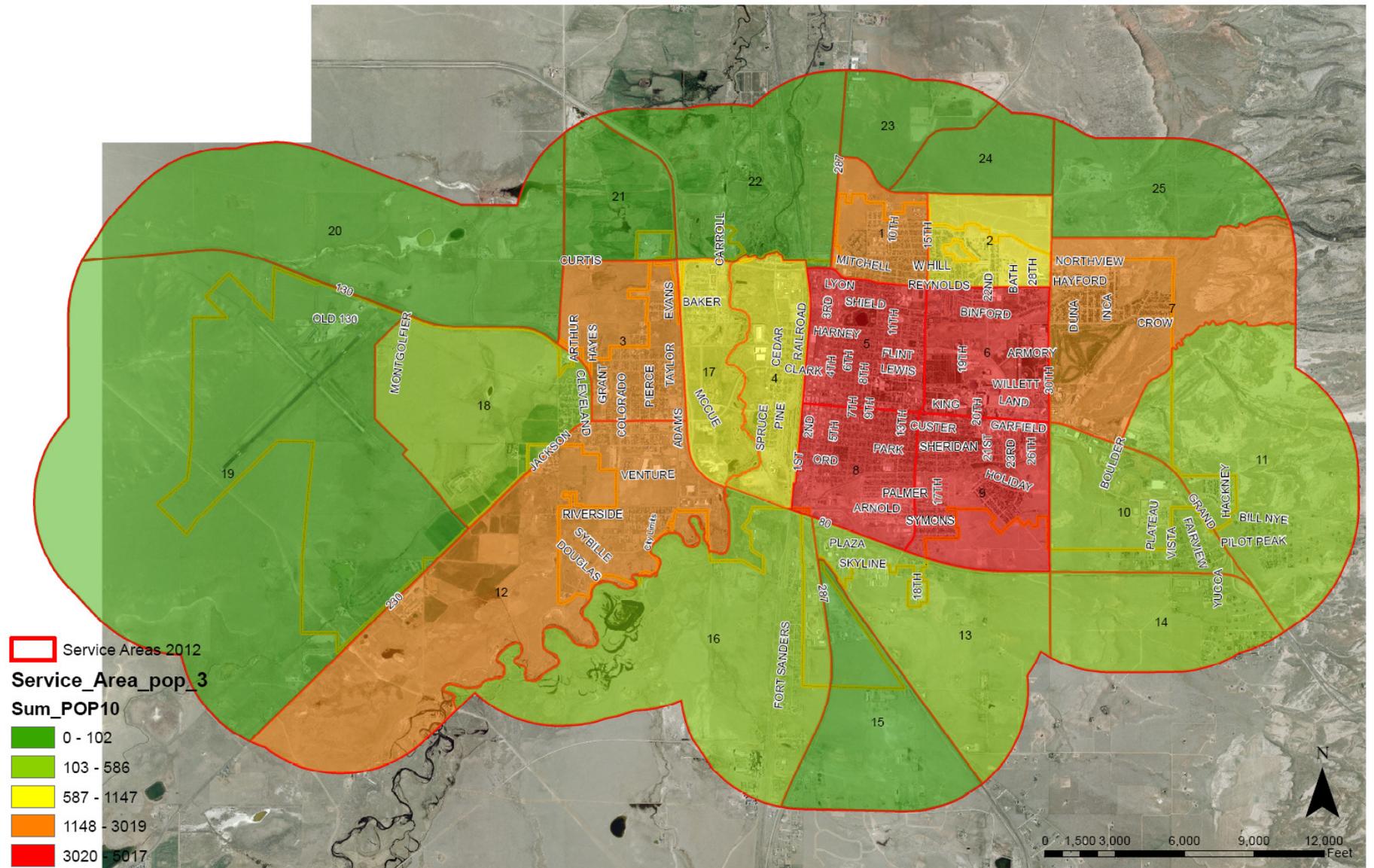


Park Service Areas

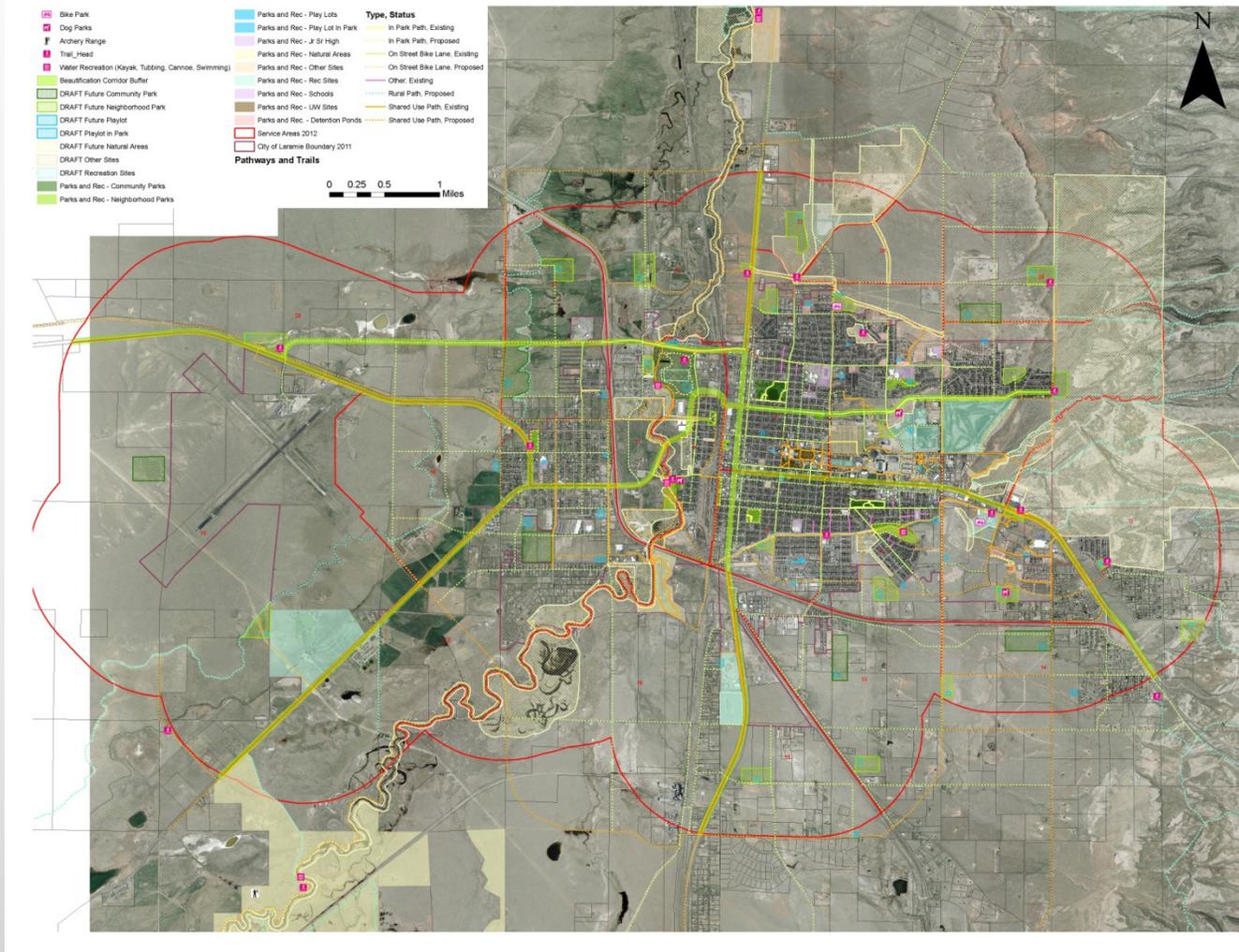
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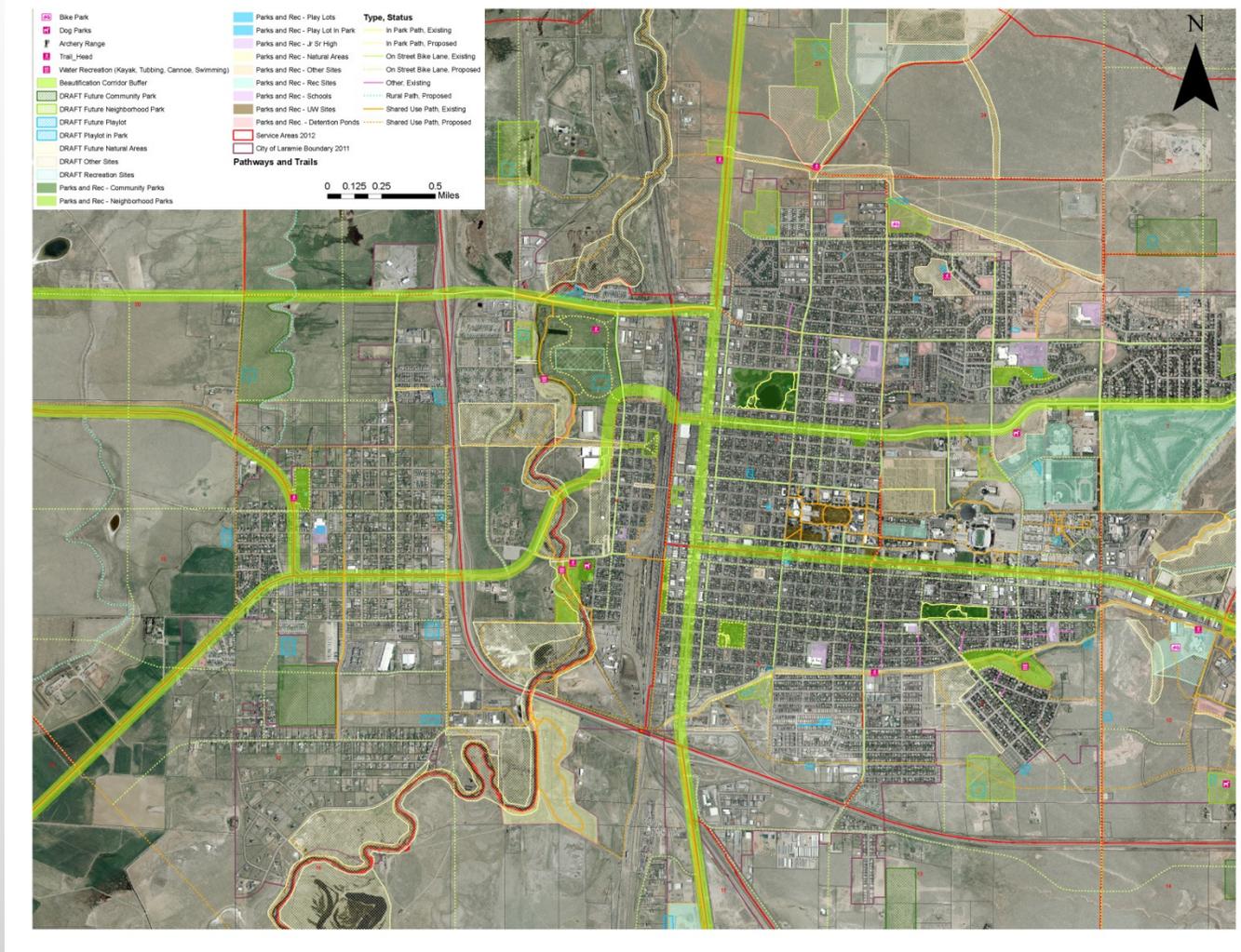
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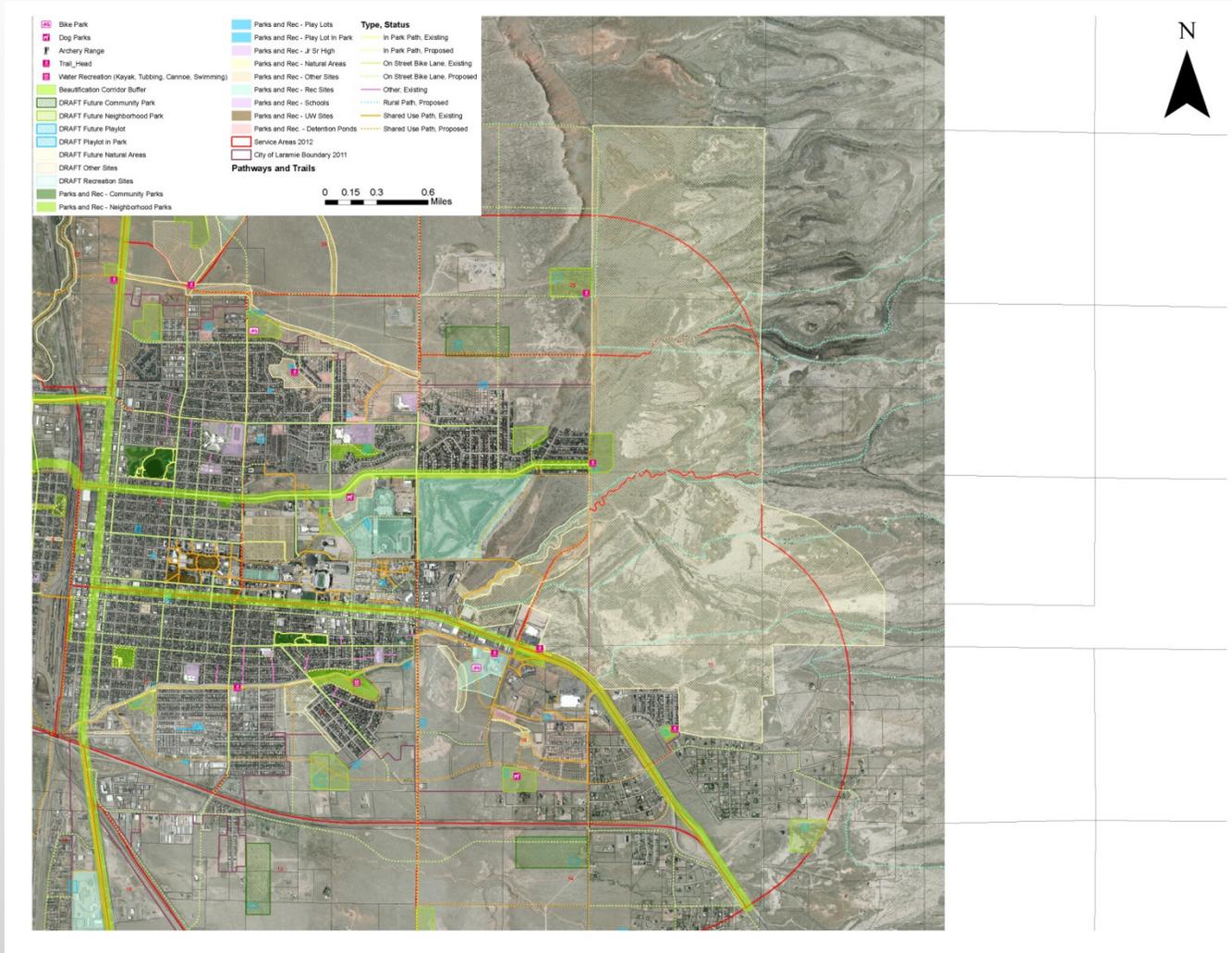
Existing and Proposed Parks, Trails, and Recreation areas (all of Laramie)



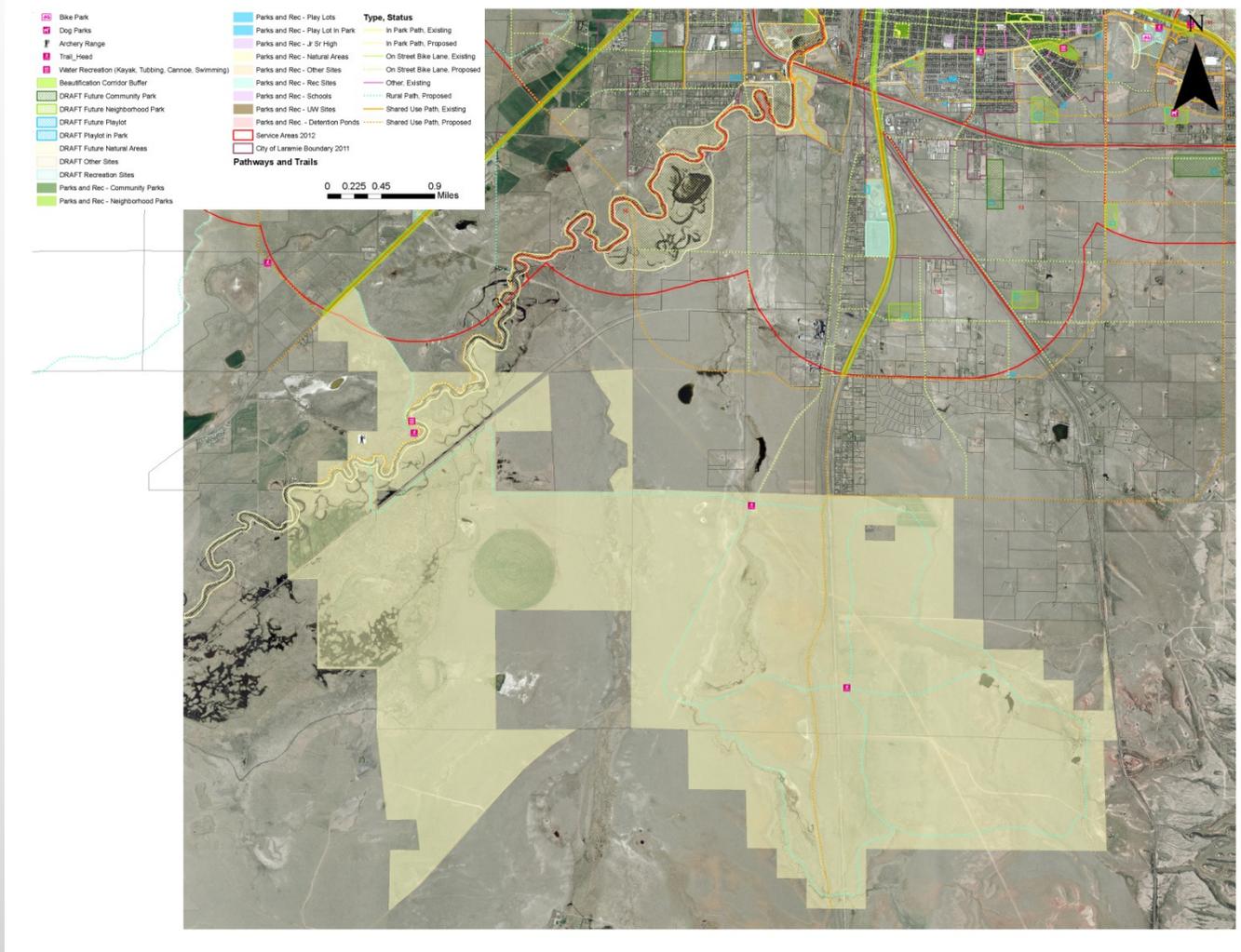
Existing and Proposed Parks, Trails, and Recreation areas (central core)



Existing and proposed Parks, Trails, and Recreation areas (east side)



Monolith Ranch



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- ▶ Please review the maps around the room and ask questions
- ▶ The Ad Hoc Committee members and staff members are here to receive your comments
- ▶ Fill out the comment sheets or go on-line at cityoflaramie.org/masterplan
- ▶ Place dots on maps that correspond to your written comments
- ▶ Thank you for your time and your consideration!

