



Draft Weaverville Community Plan

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INTRODUCTION

How this Plan was Developed

The Weaverville Community Plan was prepared by private planning consultants hired by Trinity County, Mintier Harnish, in consultation with community members and coordination with the Countywide General Plan. This Community Plan will be referred to as “the Plan” throughout the course of this document. County staff and their consultants facilitated three community workshops to identify community assets, issues, and opportunities; create a vision for the community; and affirm community goals and policies. The Planning Commission reviewed the Plan and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors who adopted the Plan as a part of the General Plan.

Purpose of the Plan

This Plan has several purposes. First and foremost, it is intended to reflect and document residents’ vision for the future and their expectations for growth and change in the community. Plan preparation enabled residents to meet and discuss the community assets, issues, and opportunities and then work with the County to develop a plan to address its future. The Plan describes existing community population characteristics, resources, facilities, utilities, infrastructure, land uses, and zoning to provide context for the vision, goals, and policies. Once adopted, the Plan, in concert with the General Plan, will guide decisions about future growth and change in the community.

What is Included in the Plan

This Community Plan includes several components. First, it describes the community history to provide some background and context to existing conditions. Second, it describes the existing community conditions, including population characteristics, natural resources, environmental hazards, land use, zoning, utilities and infrastructure, and parks and open space. Finally, the Plan includes a community vision for the future and goals and policies (in addition to the General Plan goals and policies) to achieve that vision.

Relationship to the General Plan

The General Plan is the Countywide plan for future growth, development, and resource preservation. The General Plan includes a countywide vision and guiding principles; goals, policies, and implementation programs; and land use and circulation diagrams, all of which apply countywide, including to communities with community plans. This community plan includes a community vision and additional goals and policies, and land use and circulation maps, specific to this community. This Plan compliments and is in addition to the General Plan goals and policies that affect the community. The community Plan is included in, and part of, the General Plan.

Relationship to the Zoning Code

The Zoning Code is a key regulatory tool used by the County, among other things, to implement the General Plan. As such, it will also help implement the Community Plan by including zoning provisions consistent with the community land use plan. Once the General Plan and Community Plan are adopted, the County will update the Zoning Code and map to reflect the countywide and community land use maps.

Relationship to Other County Documents

State law requires that all County plans, policies, and regulations be consistent with the General Plan. Since the Community Plan is adopted as a part of the General Plan, all future County documents and future County document revisions must be consistent with the community Plan.

BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY HISTORY

Weaverville is an unincorporated community located in northeastern Trinity County. It is located approximately seven miles north of Douglas City and eight miles east of Junction City at the junction of State Route (SR) 299 and SR 3. It sits at an elevation of 2,051 feet.

Plan Area

Weaverville is both the County seat and the most populated community in Trinity County. While Weaverville is not an incorporated city, it does include the Weaverville Census-Designated Place (CDP) as well as some sparsely populated areas surrounding the Weaverville CDP boundary. For the purpose of this Community Plan, the Weaverville Plan Area consists of Weaverville CDP and 22 additional blocks (see Figure 1 below). Each of these blocks are located within Census Tract 2 in Trinity County, including blocks 1008, 1037-1043, 1045-1048, 1050-1051, 1082, 1092-1094, 1097, 1100-1101, and 1141. The Weaverville Plan Area covers approximately 28 square miles (about 17,907 acres).

Community History

For hundreds and thousands of years, Trinity County, including the area that is known today as Weaverville, was home to the Wintu Native American tribe, also known as the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation. In the late 1820s and early 1830s, Euro-American trappers, traders, and explorers ventured to the area and eventually discovered gold in the late 1840s. This led to Weaverville being founded as a gold mining town in the summer of 1850 by John Weaver, who built a cabin on the site of the modern-day courthouse.

Weaverville became a center of civic activity with one of the first post offices, courthouse, published newspaper, elementary school, and high school in the county. At the time, Weaverville was the county seat of a larger region consisting of not only Trinity County, but also Del Norte, Humboldt, and Klamath Counties. Once these counties were established, Weaverville remained as the county seat for Trinity County. In 1852, tensions between the native population and Euro-American settlers led to the Bridge Gulch Massacre, where several hundred Wintu people were killed by the County sheriff, miners, and other townspeople from Weaverville. In the following decades, many members of the Wintu tribe were displaced from Trinity County and settled in reservations in other areas of northern California.

Another battle, named the Tong War, was also fought in Weaverville in 1854 between two factions of Chinese-American immigrants; 26 people lost their lives. In 1859, a fire destroyed 50 buildings in Weaverville, including most of its Chinatown, leading to the creation of the town fire department. Most mining operations ceased after World War I, with various other industries such as ranching and logging, taking their place. SR 299 was routed through Weaverville's Main Street in the 1930s. By the 1970s, the town's economy transitioned to focus on nearby recreational opportunities.

Today, Weaverville is a major employment center for government, lumber, public utilities, agriculture, educational, and medical services. Some key employers located in Weaverville include Trinity Public Utilities District, Trinity River Lumber Company, Trinity Hospital, the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the County. Weaverville also has an active historic district along Main Street (refer to the "Existing Zoning" section of this plan for more information about allowed developments within this historic district). In 2020, Weaverville had an estimated employed population of approximately 1,327. Of this total, 419 (31 percent) are employed in management and business, 321 (24 percent) in service occupations, 235 (17 percent) in sales, 101 (7 percent) in natural resources and construction, and 251 (19 percent) in production, transportation, and material moving. Out of all employed residents, approximately 73 percent work in Weaverville.

Weaverville residents enjoy living in close proximity to nature and nearby recreational activities. The remote nature of both the community and surrounding county is a draw for locals who appreciate Weaverville's way of life as well as visitors who come to see the area's abundant forests and sweeping views. Weaverville is centrally located in a manner which allows residents and visitors alike to access the best recreation and raw nature Trinity has to offer with very short

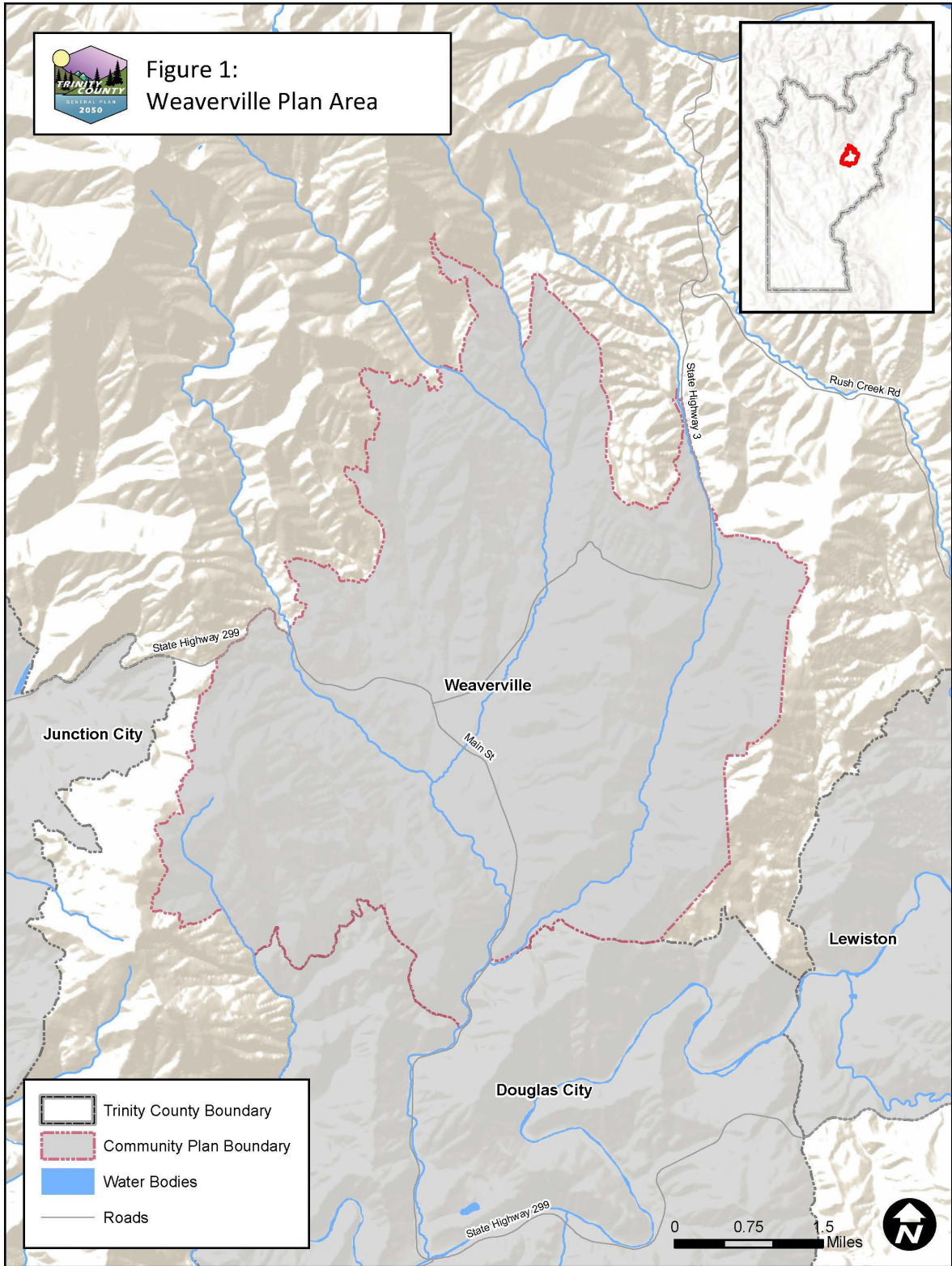


travel times and with limited to no fees for entry to community and national forest for day use and camping . Additionally, approximately half of the Wintu tribe’s 1,000 members still live near their ancestral lands in Trinity and Shasta Counties.

Weaverville Community Plan

The Weaverville Community Plan was adopted in 1990 and amended in 1997 to include land use map revisions. The planning area covers approximately 20 square miles (about 12,800 acres) of which approximately 46 percent were Federally managed at the time of the Plan’s adoption. The 1990 Plan prioritizes:

- Retaining the rural character of Weaverville;
- Encouraging economic growth by incorporating parking development in the Old Town area, upgrading existing Commercial Zones to higher use zones, and allowing growth for additional wood processing facilities in the community;
- Preserving historic and cultural resources by encouraging development in the historic district
- Preserving the community’s high level of environmental quality by encouraging new development near already developed areas;
- Improving community circulation with roadway improvements, improved highway capacity, and increasing safe bike and pedestrian facilities all in coordination with land use planning; and,
- Protecting natural resources for wildlife, resource production, and recreation.



Map Date: January 25, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



Demographics

Population

As of the 2020 census, the Weaverville Plan Area had a population of 3,727, which was approximately 23 percent of the total county population. While the population of Weaverville has increased by approximately 9 percent since the adoption of the 1990 Weaverville Community Plan¹, the percentage of the total county population that lived in Weaverville has fluctuated slightly since then. This indicates that while Weaverville continues to be a major employment and civic center of the county, other communities in the county are growing at similar or higher rates.

TABLE 1 POPULATION OVER TIME Weaverville Community Plan Area 1989 - 2020					
1989		2010		2020	
Population (1990 Weaverville Community Plan)	Percent of Total County Population	Population (US Census)	Percent of Total County Population	Population (US Census)	Percent of Total County Population
3,412	24.0	3,662	26.6	3,727	23.1

Sources: 1990 Weaverville Community Plan; U.S. Census Bureau, Total Population (Table P1), 2010 and 2020

Age

Weaverville has a higher proportion of residents aged 35 to 44 years and 65 to 74 years compared to other age groups within the Plan Area. The proportion of total women versus total men living in Weaverville is almost equal, however, certain age groups have distinct differences in the female versus male population count.

¹ It should be noted that the boundaries of Weaverville Community Plan Area differ slightly between the 1990 Community Plan and this updated Community Plan.

**TABLE 2
SEX BY AGE FOR SELECTED AGE CATEGORIES**

Weaverville Community Plan Area
2020

Age	Male	Percent of Total Population	Female	Percent of Total Population	Total	Percent
Under 5 years	94	2.5	106	2.8	200	5.4
5 to 9 years	90	2.4	108	2.9	198	5.3
10 to 14 years	130	3.5	125	3.4	255	6.8
15 to 19 years	132	3.5	101	2.7	233	6.3
20 to 24 years	70	1.9	59	1.6	129	3.5
25 to 34 years	210	5.6	197	5.3	407	10.9
35 to 44 years	263	7.1	241	6.5	504	13.5
45 to 54 years	212	5.7	199	5.3	411	11.0
55 to 59 years	128	3.4	125	3.4	253	6.8
60 to 64 years	131	3.5	174	4.7	305	8.2
65 to 74 years	254	6.8	275	7.4	529	14.2
75 to 84 years	116	3.1	117	3.1	233	6.3
85 years and over	31	0.8	39	1.0	70	1.9
Total	1,861	49.9	1,866	50.1	3,727	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Sex by Age for Selected Age Categories (Table P12), 2020

Race and Ethnicity

A majority of Weaverville Plan Area residents identify as “white alone” (not Hispanic or Latino) at approximately 93 percent of all residents. The next largest racial/ethnic groups are “two or more races” and “Hispanic or Latino”, each of which make up approximately seven percent of residents. The “American Indian and Alaska Native alone” group makes up approximately three percent of residents, and all other racial groups make up two percent or less of all residents.

**TABLE 3
RACE AND ETHNICITY**

Weaverville Community Plan Area
2020

Race and Ethnicity	Total	Percent of Total
Not Hispanic or Latino:	3463	92.9
White alone	2962	79.5
Black or African American alone	22	0.6
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	116	3.1
Asian alone	62	1.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	5	0.1
Some Other Race alone	19	0.5
Two or More Races	277	7.4
Hispanic or Latino:	264	7.1
Total	3,727	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race (Table P5), 2020



NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Similar to many other areas of the county, Weaverville has a centuries-long history of economic dependence on natural resource production activities, primarily in the form of mineral extraction and timber harvesting. In recent decades, however, the importance of natural resources to the community has expanded to include wildlife habitat protection and recreational developments.

Biological Resources

Weaverville’s urban center is surrounded by hardwood forests, conifer forests, and shrubland. These various vegetation communities support a high abundance of wildlife species, including nesting areas for many bird species, and food sources for birds and mammals. Habitats in these communities are also suitable for special status species.

Within the Weaverville Community Area boundary, several forested areas have been harvested. In addition, Trinity River Lumber Company operates a lumber yard and timber production facility in the southeastern area of Weaverville. This sawmill has been operated by various companies since 1947. Today, the sawmill produces various lengths of two-inch by four-inch wood products made from Douglas Fir and White Fir. (See the “Parks and Open Space” section for more information on recreational resources in Weaverville).

Mineral Resources

Weaverville’s gold mining past is a major reason for the community’s prominence as a population center. However, Weaverville and the greater Trinity County are no longer considered to be rich in mineral resources. There are no mining or gravel operations in Weaverville as of 2024, with the closest mining operations being conducted in Junction City. While mineral extraction was once a highly profitable industry in the county during the gold rush, timber production has since surpassed mining as the most profitable natural resource-based industry in the area.

Energy Resources

There are no energy resources generated in Weaverville. See “Utilities, Facilities, and Infrastructure” section for more information on the sources of electricity used in Weaverville.

Cultural and Historic Resources

Weaverville Historic District

The Weaverville Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places on October 14, 1971. The District is centered along four blocks in Weaverville and has over 35 marked historic buildings in an 11-acre area. The District showcases the unique architectural styles of the Northern California Gold Rush towns of the 19th century. Wood two-story residences, a wooden church, a brick commercial building and lodge hall, some with spiraling iron staircases, a Chinese tamped earth structure, and a brick Chinese Temple, Joss House, are among the District’s attractions. Chapter 17.29C of the Trinity County Zoning Code provides additional protections to all districts and sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places and other sites of historic significance in Weaverville through the “Special Treatment Area” (STA) overlay zone. The Overlay zone provides for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of sites and structures with architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage.

Joss House, known as “The Temple Among The Trees Beneath The Clouds,” is considered its own Historical Park with its significant historical status as the oldest continuously used Chinese Temple in California. Artifacts on display in the Joss House showcase the role Chinese immigrants played in early California, including art objects, pictures, mining tools,

and weapons used in the Tong War of 1854. The temple, which sits in a park with reflecting pools with fish and plant life, was built in 1874 as a replacement for one that previously burned down. The temple became part of the California State Park System in 1956.

The Jake Jackson Museum-History Park and Research Center is the local county museum located at 780 Main Street in central Weaverville. Managed by the County Historical Society, it features artifacts and exhibits about the history of Trinity County, and previously housed the community’s jail. Next to the museum is a steam operated Paymaster Stamp mill that demonstrates the process used to extract gold from raw ore brought in from miners. Also featured at the museum are local artifacts such as the Ditch Tender Cabin, the Carriage Barn, the Davis Blacksmith Shop, and the Denny Sawmill.

TABLE 4 HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN WEAVERVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT	
Weaverville Community Plan Area	
Building	Year Built
Whitmore House	1895
Trinity Congregational Church	1891
Reverend A.T. Jackson House	1893
Mar Guoy House	1896
Pacific Brewery	1855
Old Fire House	1900s
Comstock & Martin Building	1854
Shaving Saloon	1854
New York Hotel	1854
Edgcombe and Magnolia Buildings	1856
Anderson Building	1855
Clifford Building (Native Sons Hall)	1855
Hocker Store	1855
Condon’s Salon & Empire Hotel	1861
Bandstand	1901
Hocker Building/Courthouse	1856
J.S. McCain and Company	1852
D.M Eder and Rhodes & Company	1854
Tinnin Building	1856
Buck & Cole Building	1856
R.A. Fagg Building	1854
A. Solomon Building	1856
F.W. Blake Building	1856
Joss House	1850
J.J. “Jake” Jackson Museum Complex	1968

Source: *NoeHill Travels in California, National Register #71000209: Weaverville Historic District, 2023.*

Weaverville Fire Museum

The Weaverville Fire Protection District (FPD) operates the Weaverville Firefighter Museum out of the Weaverville Historic Fire Station, which was originally constructed in 1906. The museum has free admission Monday through Friday and showcases the history of the Weaverville FPD as well as former equipment used over the past century.



Highland Arts Center

The Highland Arts Center is operated by the non-profit Snyder-Highland Foundation. The Center provides an exhibition and gallery space to showcase local and visiting artists and serves local, regional, and interregional needs.

Lee Ranch House Folks Art Visitor Center

The Trinity County Arts Council restored this historical house, also known as the Sam Lee House, to be used for a variety of community art purposes. It is used as a gallery space, an arts event space, and currently hosts retail businesses.

Young Family Ranch

The Young Family Ranch is a historic homestead located at 260 Oregon Street in Weaverville. The ranch, which includes a historic house, historic barn, heritage fruit trees, vegetable gardens, a wetland, and a stream, has been in the Young family since 1889. Today, the ranch hosts a number of educational events and workshops throughout the year and is used as temporary housing for workers, making the ranch an important community space.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

This section describes the existing conditions related to environmental hazards including geological and seismic hazards, flood and dam failure hazards, wildfire hazards, hazardous materials, and aviation hazards in the Weaverville Plan Area.

Geological and Seismic Hazards

Although no recent seismic events have occurred in Trinity County, Weaverville is located in an area with moderate earthquake shake potential (40 to 80 percent), which has the potential for injury or loss of life and severe damage to critical facilities and property (see Figure 2). Weaverville has low landslide susceptibility.

Flood and Dam Failure

As shown in Figure 3, portions of Weaverville are located within a 100-year FEMA floodway, including areas along Weaver Creek, East Weaver Creek, West Weaver Creek, and the many unnamed creeks that run through the community. Some portions of the community south of Main Street/SR 299 are located within a 500-year FEMA floodway. The eastern area of the community is protected by a levee, which is located north of Main Street/SR 299 and east of Levee Road. This levee includes embankments along East Weaver Creek.

Weaverville is not within a California Office of Emergency Services Dam Inundation Zone.

Wildfire Hazards

As shown in Figure 4, Weaverville is located within a high to very high fire hazard severity zone. Although no large, historic wildfires have occurred within central Weaverville, other adjacent areas of Trinity County have experienced large and destructive wildfires that have become more recent in the last several decades due to fire suppression and climate change. Historically, fires occurred on a much more frequent basis throughout the county, particularly in grassland and oak woodland areas. Fires have occurred in the western portion of the community in 2001, 2006, and 2014; these occurred in the forested areas north of SR 299, which include some residences. However, many other areas of Weaverville have not had a fire in over 100 years, resulting in an increased risk of wildfire to the community. This creates a very high wildfire risk to buildings in Weaverville; populated areas in Weaverville have, on average, greater risk than 99 percent of communities in the US. The highest areas of wildfire risk are the residential areas surrounding the central commercial area of the community.

Hazardous Materials

Hazardous material or waste spills do not occur frequently in Weaverville, averaging less than one incident per year over the past ten years according to reports filed with Cal OES (see Table 5 below). Most incidents occur on roadways due to a transportation accident and typically involve petroleum type substances, such as diesel or gasoline spills. However, some releases occur from fixed-site sources as a result of vandalism to utility infrastructure or illegal hazardous waste dumping. Some of these incidents impacted nearby waterways, although none required evacuations. Based on the frequency of past incidents and ongoing use of SR 299 and SR 3 for transportation of hazardous materials, it is likely that spills will continue to occur annually in Weaverville. Hazardous materials and hazardous waste concerns are fully identified and analyzed in the Trinity County Hazardous Materials Area Plan (TCHMAP).

**TABLE 5
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL REPORTS
Weaverville Community Plan Area
2006 - 2023**

Incident Date	Control Number	Spilled Substance	Incident Cause	Spill Site	Waterway Impacted	Evacuation
01/12/2006	06-0308	Petroleum – 100 gallons of diesel	Traffic accident involving tractor trailer rig	Road	No	No
01/12/2006	06-0303	Petroleum – 40 gallons of diesel fuel	Traffic accident involving big rig	Road	No	No
06/02/2008	08-3926	Petroleum – 100 gallons of diesel	Traffic collision	Road	No	No
09/10/2008	08-6640	Petroleum – 50 gallons of diesel fuel	Overtuned big rig	Road	No	No
08/17/2010	10-4923	Unknown – foam from plastic culvert pipes	Plastic culvert pipes from construction site found in creek	Waterways	Weaver Creek	No
05/31/2013	13-3300	Petroleum – 10 to 15 gallons of di-electric oil	Vandalism to a pole topped transformer	Other - ground	No	No
12/05/2013	13-7454	Petroleum - motor Oil	Traffic collision	Road	No	No
01/31/2015	15-0601	Unknown - Pink Slime	Unknown – pink slime coming out of faucets	Residential potable water faucets	Contaminated sewer and water supply	No
11/09/2016	16-6802	Chemical – 2 gallons of epoxy resin	Illegal hazardous waste dump	Other	No	No
04/28/2018	18-2773	Petroleum – 5 gallons of fuel	Traffic collision	Road	East Weaver Creek	No
07/07/2018	18-4486	Petroleum – asphalt oil	Overtuned tanker truck	Road	No	No
10/11/2021	21-5632	Petroleum – 7,100 gallons of bio-diesel	Overtuned big rig	Road	No	No



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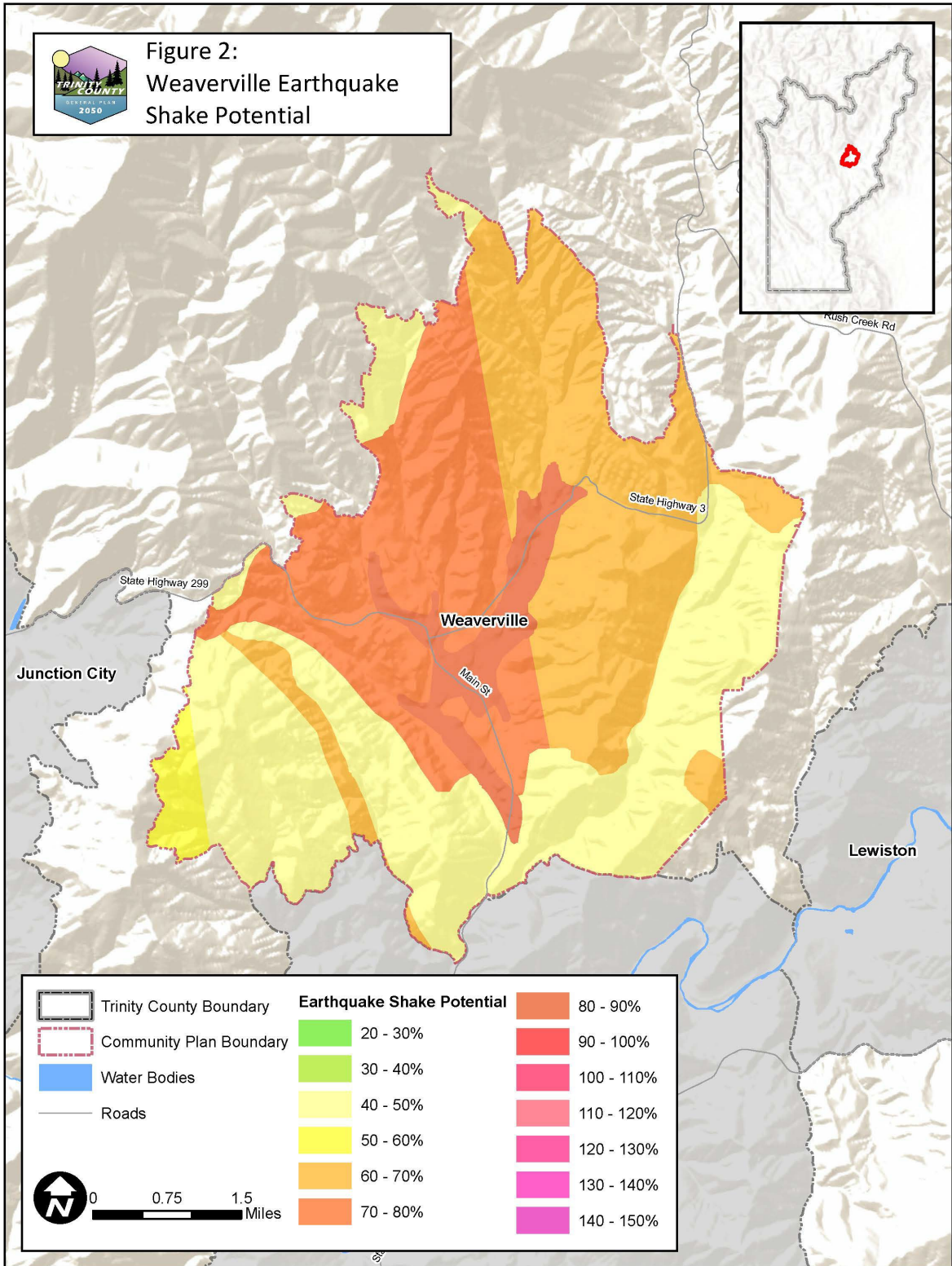
Incident Date	Control Number	Spilled Substance	Incident Cause	Spill Site	Waterway Impacted	Evacuation
01/24/2022	22-0477	Petroleum – 1 gallon motor oil	Abandoned, leaky 300-gallon tote	Merchant/Business	No	No
12/30/2022	22-7618	Petroleum – unknown substance	Substance rose out of ground and spilled into drainage run-off	Waterways	Garden Gulch Creek, Trinity River. Drinking water impacted.	No

Source: Cal OES Spill Reporting Database, 2024

Aviation Hazards

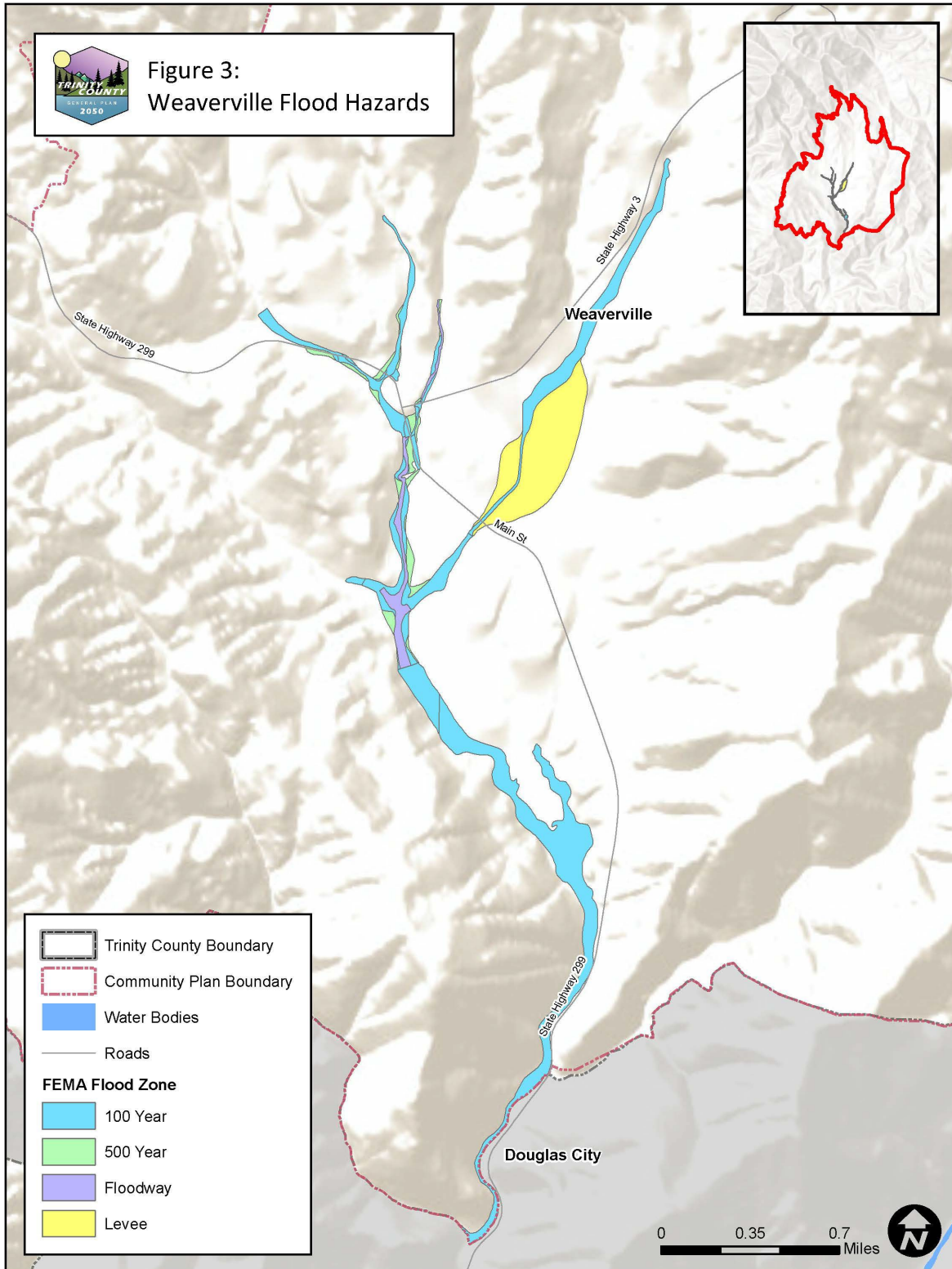
The Weaverville Airport is located at the northern edge of Weaverville and is a general aviation facility classified as a community recreation airport. The airport does not have a control tower and is unattended. The airport is bounded by SR 3 to the east, the community of Weaverville to the south, the Weaverville landfill to the west, and a residential neighborhood to the north. The facility includes a single 50-foot wide by 3,380-foot-long runway surfaced with asphalt. The runway is single-directional due to topographic constraints, runway gradient, and obstructions in the approach and departure zones. Planes must both take off to and land from the south. Occasionally, flights have taken off to the north and sometimes resulted in accidents due to pilot error. Improvements at the airport have been limited due to the severe constraints from surrounding topography and existing development. Routine maintenance and upkeep are performed but expansion activities are not expected. The Weaverville Airport averages 105 aircraft operations per week. Two aviation accidents have occurred at the Weaverville Airport since 2000.

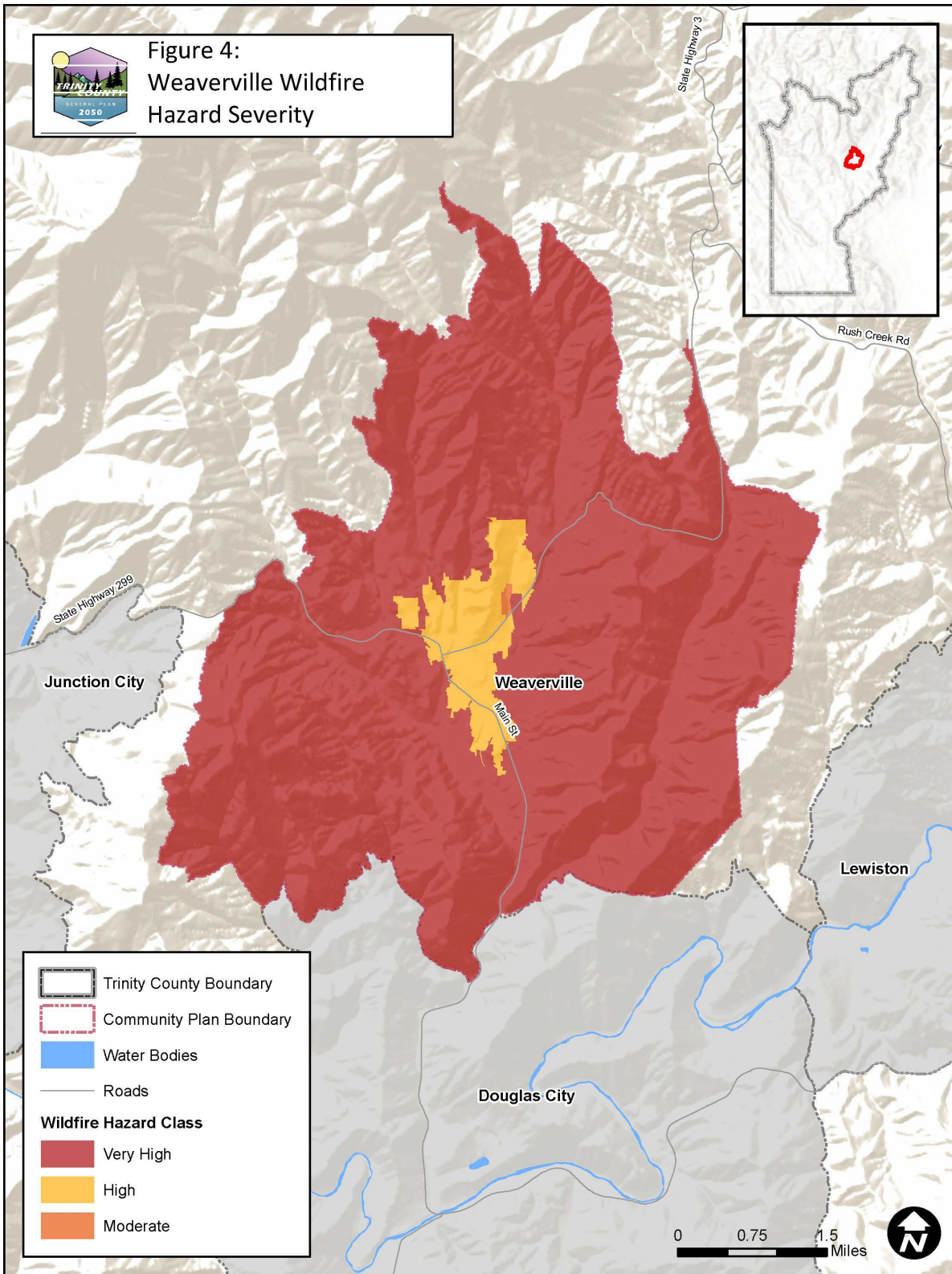
 **Figure 2:**
Weaverville Earthquake
Shake Potential



Map Date: January 29, 2024

Source: United States Geological Survey





Map Date: January 26, 2024

Source: CALFIRE



LAND USE AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Weaverville is considered to be the most urban of all of the communities in Trinity County, despite its rural nature. This distinction carries with it many of the problems associated with urban areas, including utility capacities, circulation problems, and land use conflicts. The following sections cover historical growth patterns, existing land use, existing zoning, and existing General Plan land use designations of Weaverville.

Historical Growth Patterns

While Trinity County was one of the original counties in the state of California, none of the settlements within the county, including Weaverville, have incorporated. This is generally due to the community not meeting certain LAFCo requirements, lacking financial feasibility, lacking political will in the community, and lacking high rates of urbanization and density. As a result, historic growth in Weaverville is difficult to measure precisely, due to a lack of data within a consistent community boundary over time. However, information gathered from a variety of sources, shown in Table 6 below, show that the community’s overall population has increased since it was settled by gold rush miners. In the latter half of the 19th century, Weaverville had a population of around 1,000 to 1,350 people, which primarily consisted of white and Chinese miners. During World War I, Weaverville’s population dropped dramatically to around 500 residents as a result of the war. From 1980 to 2020, the population has fluctuated slightly but remained relatively steady between around 3,400 to 3,700 residents.

TABLE 6 HISTORIC POPULATION Weaverville Community Plan Area 1854 - 2020		
Year	Community Boundary	Population
1854 ¹	Unknown	+/- 1,000
1880 ¹	Unknown	1,353
1915 ¹	Unknown	500
1980 ¹	Unknown	3,500
1990 ²	Weaverville 1990 Community Plan Area	3,412
2010 ³	Weaverville 2024 Community Plan Area	3,662
2020 ³	Weaverville 2024 Community Plan Area	3,727

Sources: ¹Trinity County Historical Society, 1981; ²1990 Weaverville Community Plan; and ³2010 and 2020 U.S. Census Table P1

Existing Land Use

This section describes the existing land uses and their distribution within the Weaverville Plan Area. The existing land uses discussed in this section are based on data from the Trinity County Assessor’s Office and the Trinity County Resource Conservation District. The existing land uses discussed in this section do not correspond to land use designations identified in the Existing General Plan, which are discussed in the Existing General Plan Land Use Designations section below.

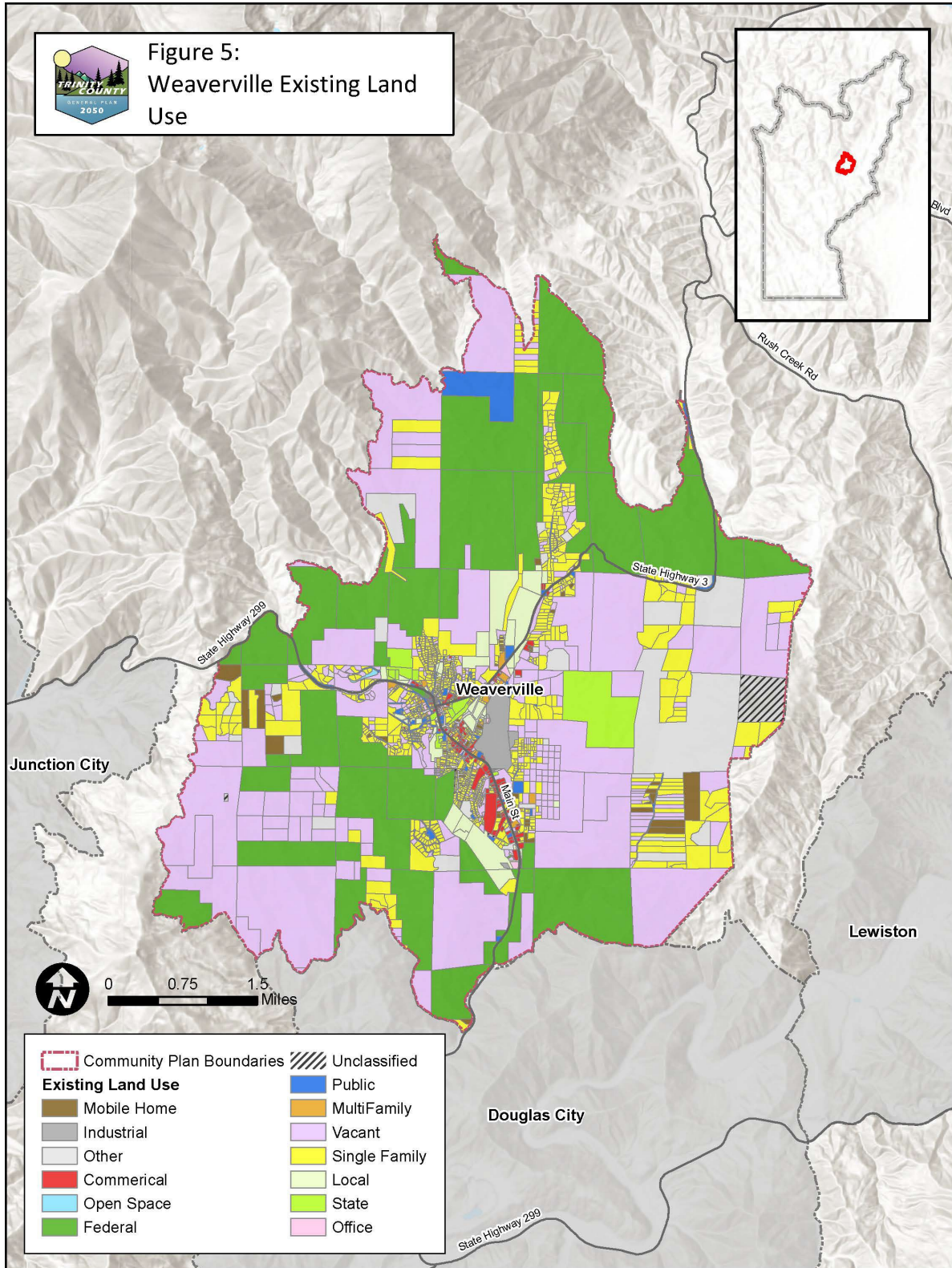
Table 7 summarizes the number of parcels, acreage, and percentage of total land cover for each of these land use categories in the Weaverville Plan Area. The largest land use category is “Vacant,” consisting of approximately 36 percent of the total land within the Plan Area, followed by “Federal” which accounts for 34 percent of land. “Single Family” land uses make up approximately 13 percent of total land in the Area. It should be noted that a combined 36

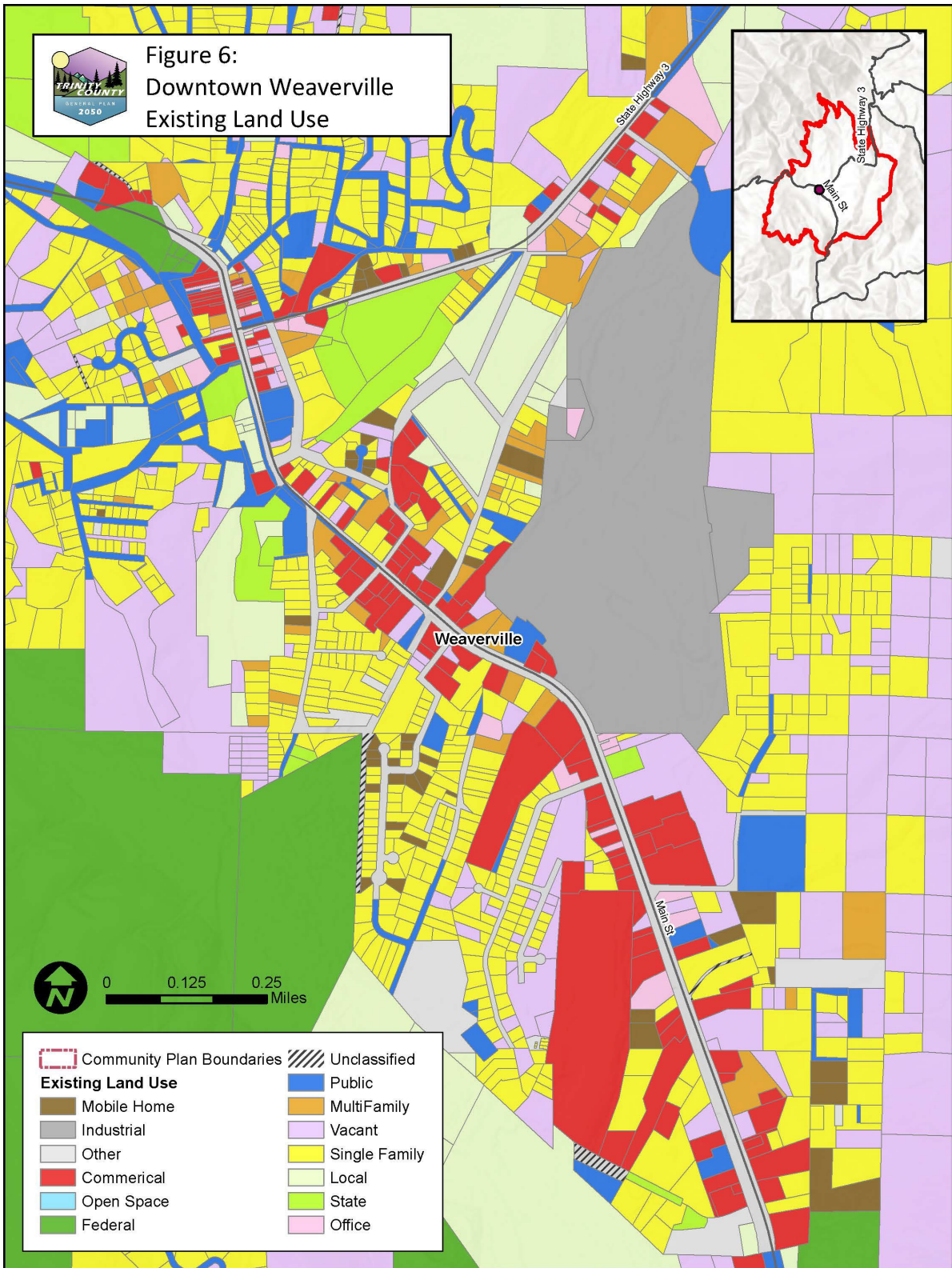
percent of the land within the Plan Area is denoted as a Federal or State land use. Figures 5 and 6 show these existing land uses in the Weaverville Plan Area.

TABLE 7 EXISTING LAND USES Weaverville Community Plan Area 2023			
Existing Land Use	Parcels	Acres	Percentage of Land in Weaverville Plan Area
Vacant	383	6,475.5	36.3%
Federal	48	6,001.1	33.7%
Single Family	1,226	2,320.4	13.0%
Other	39	1,159.9	6.5%
Local	64	466.9	2.6%
Public	139	325.4	1.8%
State	21	365.0	2.1%
Mobile Home	74	222.9	1.3%
Unclassified	11	143.1	0.8%
Industrial	6	145.4	0.8%
Commercial	140	130.5	0.7%
Multifamily	62	50.8	0.3%
Office	38	21.9	0.1%
Open Space	1	5.4	>0.1%
Total	2,252	17,834.3	99.6%²

Source: Trinity County Community Development Department, 2023

² Total existing land use area does not add up to 100 percent as roadways are not counted in this metric.





Map Date: January 24, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



Single Family

Currently, 2,320 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the single family residential land use code, accounting for approximately 13 percent of the Plan Area. Single family is the third most common land use classification and the most common of the residential land use classifications. Single family residential includes parcels that have single family homes, or single family homes mixed with mobile homes.

Multifamily

Currently, 51 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the multifamily land use code, accounting for less than one percent of the Plan Area. Multifamily residential is the least common of the residential land use classifications and includes parcels with duplexes, triplexes, and other multifamily residential building types.

Mobile Home

Currently, 223 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the mobile home land use code and accounts for one percent of the Plan Area. The mobile home classification includes parcels with mobile homes on owner lands, mobile homes in parks, and other types of mobile homes.

Office

Currently, 22 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the office land use code. While this accounts for less than one percent of the Plan Area, the 22 acres of office land in Weaverville accounts for approximately 67 percent of all office land use in the county. The office classification includes parcels with office buildings.

Commercial

Currently, 131 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the commercial land use code and account for less than one percent of the Plan Area. Commercial uses include parcels with commercial buildings, retail buildings, and commercial buildings with minor improvements.

Industrial

Currently, 145 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the industrial land use code and account for less than one percent of the Plan Area. Industrial uses include parcels with operating industrial buildings.

Public

Currently, 325 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the public land use code and account for approximately two percent of the Plan Area. The public land use code classification includes parcels with cemeteries, plottages, and roads.

Open Space

The open space classification is the least common land use code classification in the Weaverville Plan Area, accounting for less than 0.01 percent of the total land in the Plan Area. Only five acres are classified under the open space land use code. Uses on parcels classified as open space include common areas for subdivisions.

Local

Currently, 467 acres of land in the Weaverville Plan Area are owned by the local county government, accounting for approximately three percent of the total land cover. Land classified under the local land use code include parcels that are county-owned such as administrative offices, libraries, community centers, and volunteer fire departments.

State

The State government currently owns approximately 365 acres of land in the Weaverville Plan Area, accounting for approximately two percent of the total land area. Land classified under the local land use code include parcels that are owned and operated by the State of California.

Federal

Currently, 6,001 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Federal land use code and accounts for 34 percent of the Plan Area. The Federal classification is the second most common land use classification in the Plan Area, behind the Vacant land use code. Most of the parcels classified under the Federal land use code are forest and wilderness lands owned and managed by the USFS, however, this use code is applied to any Federally owned or operated parcel.

Other

Currently, 1,160 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified by the Assessor as other. Land classified as other accounts for seven percent of the total land area. "Other" includes parcels with only minor improvements (i.e., a parcel with a storage barn), parcels which were created as a result of changes to the tax rate area (TRA), and conservation areas.

Unclassified

There are 11 unclassified parcels (or 143 acres) in the Weaverville Plan Area, making up less than one percent of the Plan Area. A parcel is considered unclassified when there is no available data on how the land is used.

Vacant

The most common land use in the Weaverville Plan Area is classified as Vacant, accounting for over 6,475 acres, or 36 percent, of the Plan Area. Vacant parcels are ones that do not have an existing land use.

Existing Zoning

The Trinity County Zoning Ordinance divides the county into "zoning districts" and specifies the uses that are allowed by-right, conditionally allowed (i.e., uses that require Planning Commission approval prior to establishment), and prohibited within each zone. Trinity County has two types of zoning districts: base zones and overlay zones. Base zones apply both development and operational standards that each parcel within that particular zone shall comply with (i.e., height, minimum parcel area, setbacks). The most general and common categories of base zones include residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and open space/conservation. An overlay zone is a special zoning district that is placed over existing base zones to address a specific subject (e.g., folding, airport safety). Overlay zoning districts are intended to be applied only where special circumstances justify the modification of base zoning district regulations to achieve specific land use and design objectives.

The Weaverville Plan Area is covered by 18 of the County's 20 base zones, as well as two of the four overlay zones. Table 8 provides a summary of all the base zones and overlay zones in the Plan Area, including the total acreage zoned for each. Timberland Preserve accounts for the largest amount of total land in the Plan Area at 27 percent, followed by the Open Space zone at 23 percent. The Critical Water Resource Overlay Zone accounts for 38 percent of the land in the Plan Area. Figures 7, 8, and 9 show the existing base zones and overlay zones in the Weaverville Plan Area.



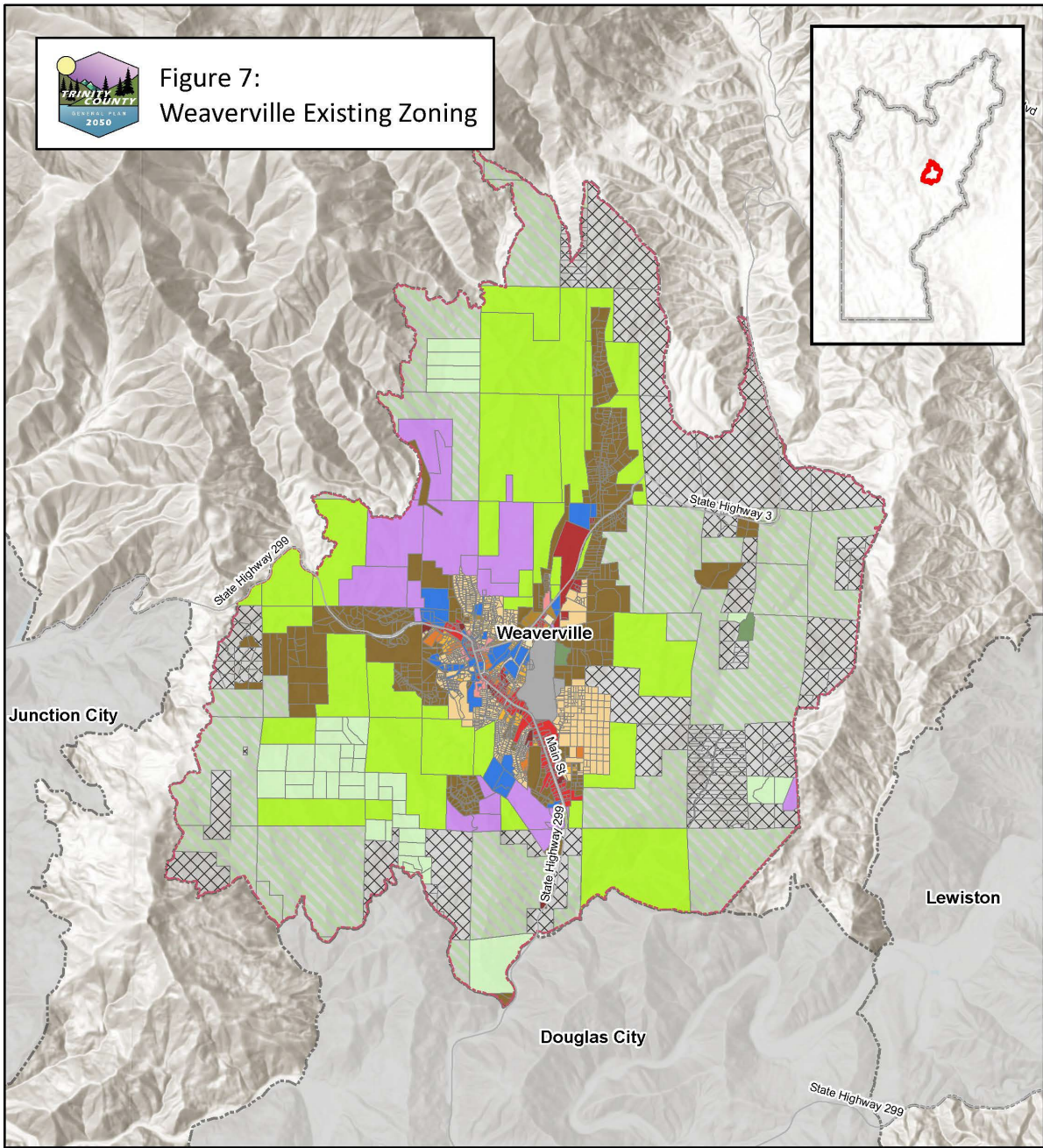
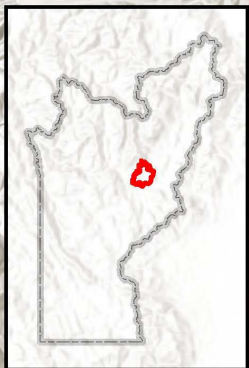
TABLE 8 EXISTING ZONING			
Weaverville Community Plan Area 2023			
Zoning District	Map Code	Acres	Percent of Land in Weaverville Plan Area
Base Zones			
Timberland Production Zone	TPZ	4,882.6	27.4
Open Space	OS	4,104.9	23.0
Unclassified	UNC	3,657.0	20.5
Rural-Residential	RR1, RR2.5, RR5, RR10, RR20	1,662.9	9.3
Specific Unit Development	SUD	1,127.5	6.3
Agriculture-Forest	AF, AF20, AF40, AF160	965.3	5.4
Single-Family Residential	R1, R1A	569.3	3.0
Public Facilities	PF	252.1	1.4
General Commercial	C2	153.5	0.9
Industrial/Manufacturing	I	137.3	0.8
Heavy Commercial	C3	102.9	0.6
Multiple Family	R3	49.3	0.3
Duplex Residential	R2	48.6	0.3
Agricultural	A, A10	34.0	0.2
Residential-Office	RO	30.8	0.2
Retail Commercial	C1	27.4	0.2
Highway Commercial	HC	21.5	0.1
Mobile Home	MHP	7.4	<0.1
Overlay Zones			
Critical Water Resource	CWR	6,769	37.8
Mobile Home Standards	MHS	2,112.9	11.8
Architectural Review And Preservation Overlay: Special Treatment	ST	152	<0.1
Flood Hazard Overlay	FHO	63	<0.1
Special Building Site	SP Building	10.7	<0.1
Total		17,834.3	99.6³

Source: Trinity County Community Development Department, 2023

³ Total existing zoning area does not add up to 100 percent as roadways are not counted in this metric.



Figure 7:
Weaverville Existing Zoning

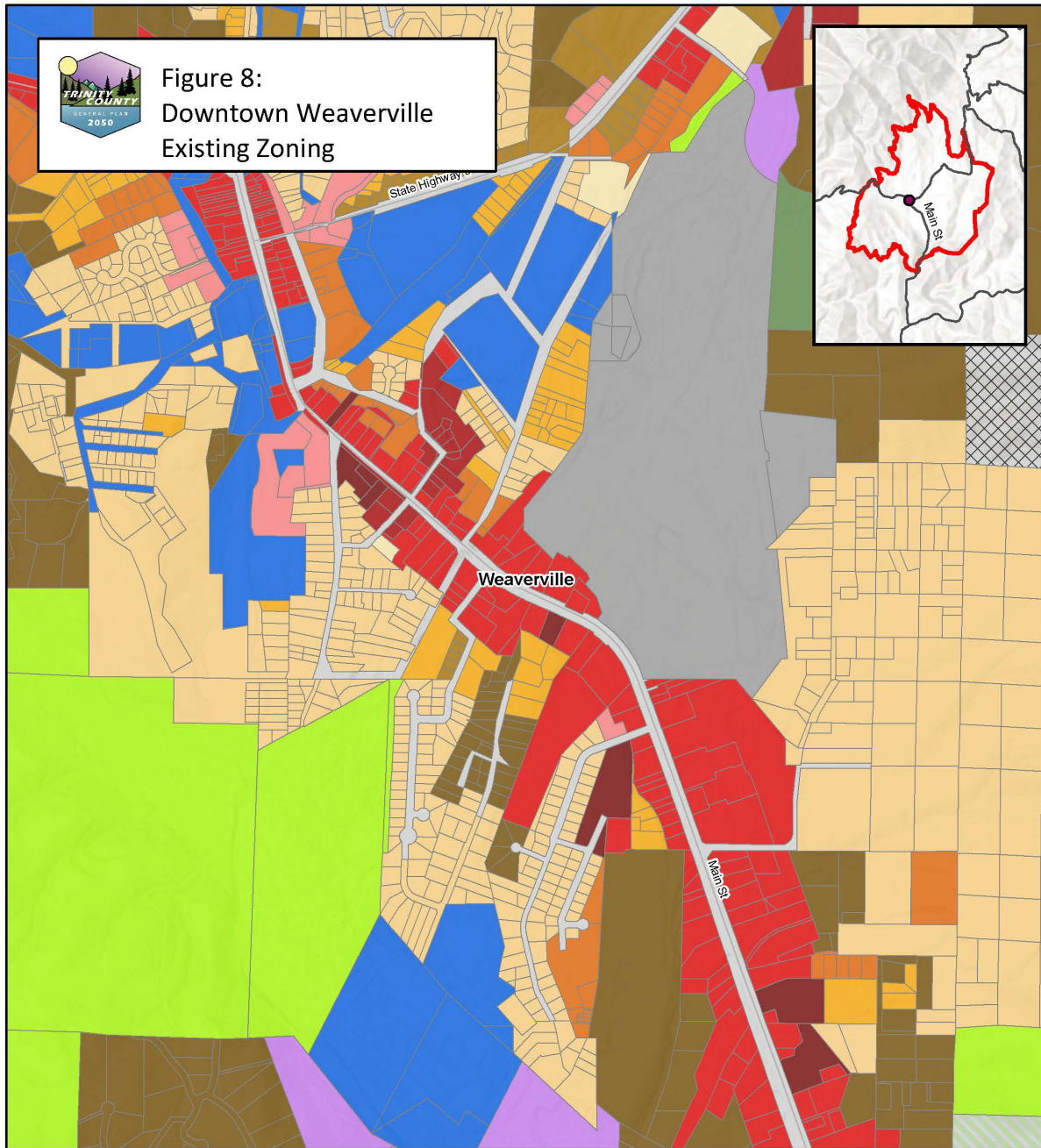



Community Plan Boundaries	Rural Residential	Flood Hazard	Duplex Residential
Existing Zoning	Public Facilities	Industrial/Manufacturing	Multiple Family Residential
Mobile Home Park	Specific Unit Development	Agriculture - Forestry	Highway Commercial
Residential - Office	Heavy Commercial	Agricultural Preserve	Timberland Preserve
Open Space	General Commercial	Unclassified	Agriculture
Mining	Retail Commercial	Single Family Residential	



Map Date: January 28, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



 **Figure 8:**
Downtown Weaverville
Existing Zoning

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| Community Plan Boundaries | Rural Residential | Flood Hazard | Duplex Residential |
| Existing Zoning | Public Facilities | Industrial/Manufacturing | Multiple Family Residential |
| Mobile Home Park | Specific Unit Development | Agriculture - Forestry | Highway Commercial |
| Residential - Office | Heavy Commercial | Agricultural Preserve | Timberland Preserve |
| Open Space | General Commercial | Unclassified | Agriculture |
| Mining | Retail Commercial | Single Family Residential | |

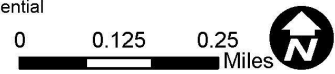
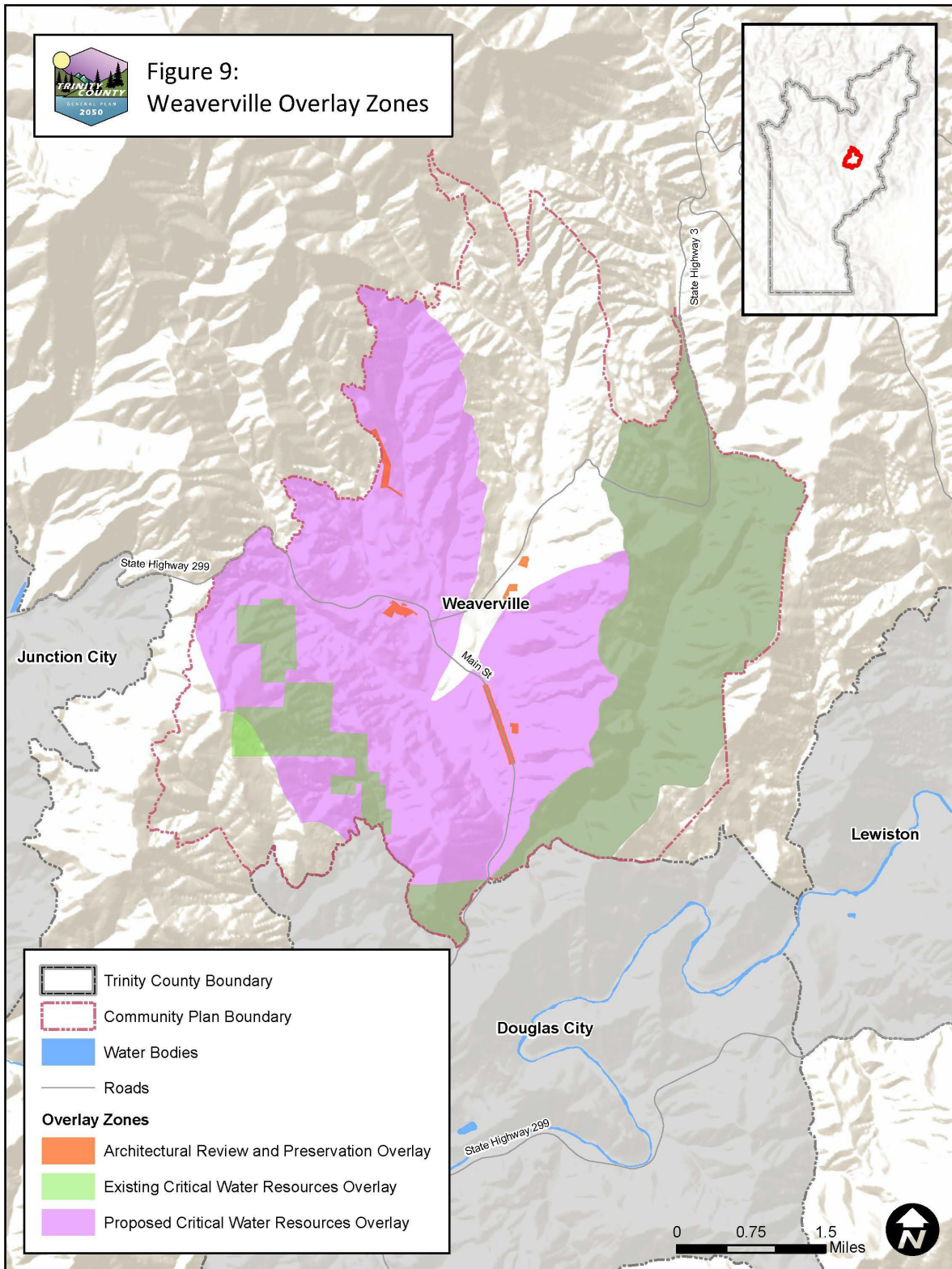
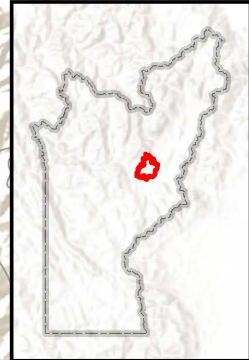




Figure 9:
Weaverville Overlay Zones



Map Date: January 27, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



Below is a description of each zoning district and overlay zone, their general purposes, and general areas they cover.

Base Zones

Agricultural (A, A10)

Currently, 34 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the agricultural zoning district, accounting for less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Agricultural zoning district is meant for parcels used for general agricultural uses.

Agricultural-Forest (AF, AF20, AF40, AF160)

Currently, 965 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the agricultural-forest zoning district, accounting for approximately five percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Agriculture-Forestry zoning district is to identify and set development standards for lands suitable for forestry management, but which are not zoned Timberland Production Zone.

Timberland Production Zone (TPZ)

The Timberland Production zone is the most common zoning district by land area in Weaverville. Currently, 4,883 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under this zoning district, accounting for approximately 27 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Timberland Production Zone is intended to provide for timberland zoning and restrictions for a minimum of 10 years.

Rural Residential (RR, RR2.5, RR5, RR10, RR20)

Currently, 1,663 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the rural-residential zoning district, accounting for approximately nine percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Rural Residential zoning district is meant to provide areas where low density single-family dwellings are allowed in addition to regulated agricultural uses on the same parcel.

Single-Family Residential (R-1, R-1A)

Currently, 569 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the single-family residential zoning district, accounting for approximately three percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Single-Family Residential zoning district is meant to provide for single-family dwellings on individual parcels.

Duplex Residential (R-2)

Currently, 49 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the duplex residential zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Duplex Residential zoning district is to provide for two single-family structures or duplexes on a single parcel.

Multiple Family Residential (R-3)

Currently, 49 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the multiple family residential zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Multiple Family zoning district is to provide for multiple family sites in areas that have services and facilities available to serve such uses.

Residential-Office (RO)

Currently, 31 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the residential-office zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Residential-Office zoning district is to provide locations where office and residential land uses can be sited together on a given parcel or independent of each other

Mobile Home (MHP)

Currently, seven acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the mobile home zoning district, accounting for approximately less than 0.01 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Mobile Home zoning district is meant to provide suitable sites for the placement of mobile homes as permanent residences both within mobile home parks and on individual parcels.

Retail Commercial (C-1)

Currently, 27 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the retail commercial zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Retail Commercial zoning district is to provide appropriate locations for the distribution and sale or rental, of goods or services of primarily a retail nature.

General Commercial (C-2)

Currently, 154 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the general commercial zoning district, accounting for approximately one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The General Commercial zoning district is meant to provide appropriate locations for intensive commercial activities.

Highway Commercial (HC)

Currently, 22 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the highway commercial zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Highway Commercial zoning district is to provide appropriate uses to meet the needs of the traveling public.

Heavy Commercial (C-3)

Currently, 103 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the heavy commercial zoning district, accounting for approximately less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Heavy Commercial zoning district is to provide appropriate sites for uses that do not generally need highly visible locations and for sites for more intensive commercial uses.

Industrial/Manufacturing (I)

Currently, 137 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the industrial/manufacturing zoning district, accounting for approximately one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Industrial/Manufacturing zoning district provides locations for manufacturing and industrial uses in a manner that is compatible with neighboring uses, and which protects the environment of the county.

Specific Unit Development (SUD)

Currently, 1,128 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the specific unit development zoning district, accounting for approximately six percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Specific Unit Development zoning district is meant for parcels with developments that, because of a mixture of building types, land uses, or parcel sizes, do not comply with the development standards established in the Zoning Ordinance.

Open Space (OS)

The Open Space zone is the second most common zoning district by land area in Weaverville. Currently, 4,105 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under this zoning district, accounting for approximately 23 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Open Space zoning district is intended to protect significant or critical wildlife habitat areas or areas which should not be developed due to public health and safety reasons.

Public Facilities (PF)

Currently, 252 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the public facilities zoning district, accounting for approximately one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Public Facilities zoning district is meant to provide for governmental, utility, educational, and other uses which are strongly vested with public or social importance.



Unclassified (UNC)

The Unclassified zone is the third most common zoning district by land area in Weaverville. Currently, 3,657 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under this zoning district, accounting for approximately 21 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Unclassified zoning district is meant for areas of the county not currently classified into any of the other existing zoning districts.

Overlay Zones

Critical Water Resource Overlay Zone (CWR)

Currently, 6,769 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Critical Water Resource Overlay zone, accounting for approximately 38 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Critical Water Resource Overlay zone is meant to prevent development that may have a detrimental impact on water resources such as extractions of ground and/or surface waters which would be beyond the capacity of the resource, or by contamination of ground or surface waters.

Mobile Home Standards (MHS)

Currently, 2,113 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Mobile Home Standards Overlay zone, accounting for approximately 12 percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Mobile Home Standards Overlay zone is meant to provide suitable sites for the placement of mobile homes as permanent residences both within mobile home parks and on individual parcels. This Overlay zone can be used as an independent zone or overlay zone.

Architectural Review and Preservation Overlay (ST)

Currently, 152 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Architectural Review And Preservation Overlay zone, accounting for less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Architectural Review And Preservation Overlay zone is intended to provide for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of sites with architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, and/or social significance, including all parcels and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Flood Hazard Overlay Zone (FHO)

Currently, 63 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Flood Hazard Overlay zone, accounting for less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The Flood Hazard Overlay zone is intended to provide additional regulations to the base zones of parcels that are designated on the FEMA flood insurance rate maps.

Special Building Site (SP Building)

Currently, 11 acres in the Weaverville Plan Area are classified under the Special Building Site Overlay zone, accounting for less than one percent of the total land area in the Plan Area. The purpose of the Special Building Sites zoning district is to provide flexibility and development for varied parcel sizes in the county area.

Existing General Plan Land Use Designations

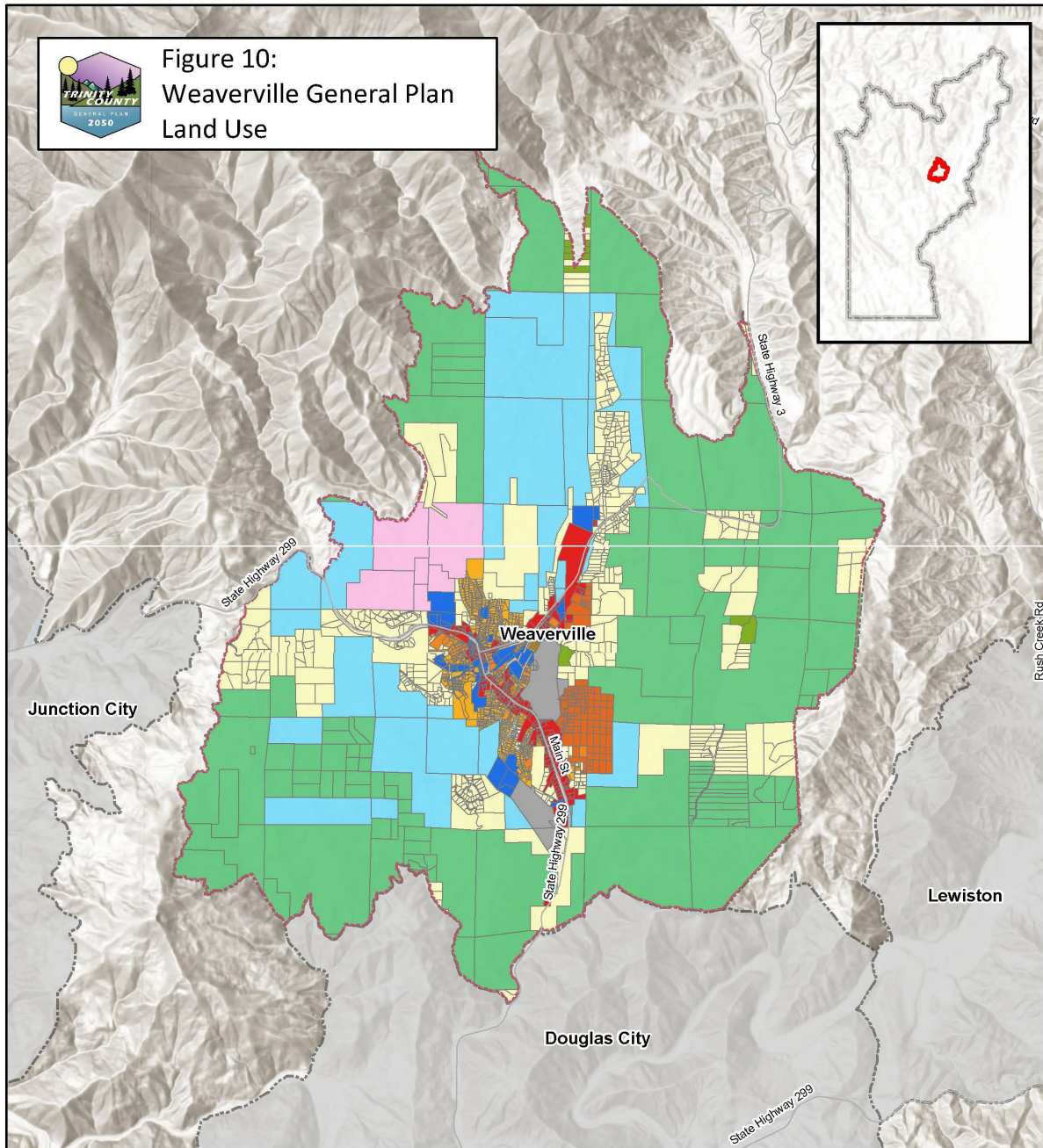
The existing Trinity County General Plan Land Use Element was last updated in June 1989. This Element has 17 land use designations, which generally fall into the categories of residential, commercial, industrial, open space, public facilities, and resource areas. Table 9 below summarizes the acreage and percentage of land cover for each General Plan land use designation within the Plan Area. The Natural Resource General Plan Land Use Designation (RE) accounts for the largest percentage of land at 51 percent. This demonstrates the importance the 1989 Land Use Element placed on the preservation of natural resources within the County. This is followed by Open Space (OS) and Rural Residential (RR), which account for approximately 19 and 18 percent of the total land in the Plan Area, respectively. All other General

Plan land use designations account for three percent or less of the total land in the Plan Area. Figures 10 and 11 map these existing General Plan land use designations.


TABLE 9 EXISTING GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATIONS Weaverville Community Plan Area 2023		
Land Use Designation	Acres	Percentage of Land in Weaverville Plan Area
Natural Resource (RE)	9,147.8	51.3
Open Space (OS)	3,368.8	18.9
Rural Residential (RR)	3,150.0	17.7
Community Expansion (CE)	562.9	3.2
Commercial (C)	343.5	1.9
Single Family Residential – High Density (SF-H)	319.9	1.8
Single Family Residential – Low Density (SF-L)	269.5	1.5
Public Facilities (PF)	252.1	1.4
Industrial (I)	240.0	1.3
Agriculture (A)	73.6	0.4
Multi-Family Residential – High Density (MF-H)	52.9	0.3
Multi-Family Residential – Medium Density (MF-M)	50.0	0.3
Mobile Home Park (MHP)	3.3	>0.1
Total	17,834.3	99.6⁴

Source: Trinity County Community Development Department, 2023

⁴ Total existing General Plan land use designation area does not add up to 100 percent as roadways are not counted in this metric.

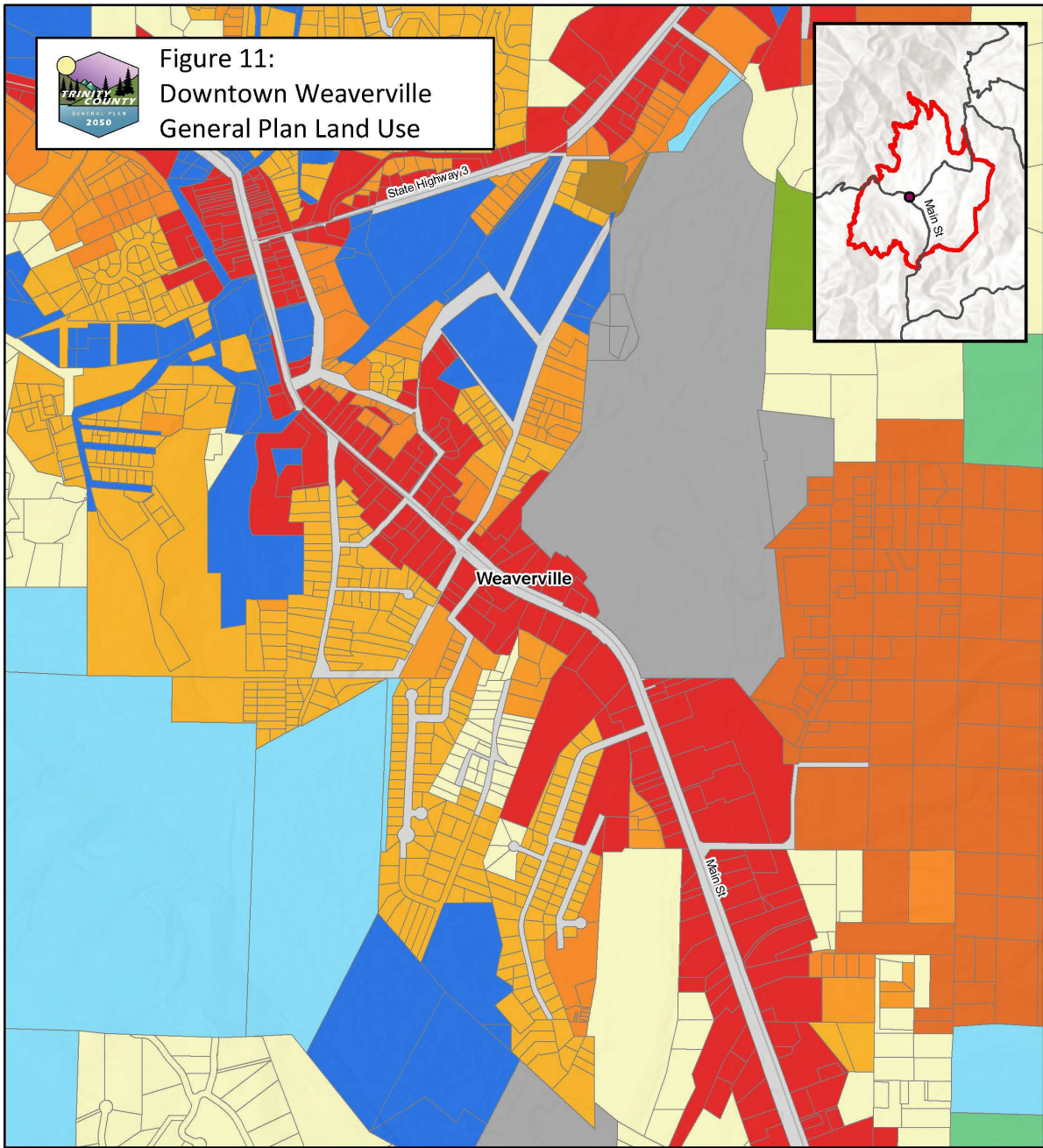



 **Figure 10:**
Weaverville General Plan
Land Use

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|  Community Plan Boundaries |  Community Residential (CR) |  Open Space (OS) |  Single-Family, High (SF-H) |
| Existing General Plan Land Use |  Industrial (I) |  Public Facilities (PF) |  Single-Family, Low (SF-L) |
|  Agriculture (A) |  Multi-Family, High (MF-H) |  Resource (RE) |  Single-Family, Medium (SF-M) |
|  Commercial (C) |  Multi-Family, Medium (MF-M) |  Rural Residential (RR) |  Village (V) |
|  Community Expansion (CE) |  Mobile Home Park |  Rural Residential, Low (RR-L) | |

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Figure 11:
Downtown Weaverville
General Plan Land Use

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| Community Plan Boundaries | Community Residential (CR) | Open Space (OS) | Single-Family, High (SF-H) |
| Existing General Plan Land Use | Industrial (I) | Public Facilities (PF) | Single-Family, Low (SF-L) |
| Agriculture (A) | Multi-Family, High (MF-H) | Resource (RE) | Single-Family, Medium (SF-M) |
| Commercial (C) | Multi-Family, Medium (MF-M) | Rural Residential (RR) | Village (V) |
| Community Expansion (CE) | Mobile Home Park | Rural Residential, Low (RR-L) | |

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Map Date: January 24, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



UTILITIES, FACILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Compared to other parts of Trinity County, Weaverville has a higher concentration and wider range of utilities, public and educational facilities, and infrastructure. In part, this is due to the community’s role as the County seat, therefore housing the headquarters for a majority of County buildings and agencies. The following sections cover the community service districts, fire protection district, utilities, public facilities, educational facilities, and circulation infrastructure in Weaverville.

Community Service Districts

Weaverville Community Services District

The Weaverville Community Services District (WCSD) is a publicly owned water agency located at 716 Main Street in Weaverville. WCSD provides water to the communities of Weaverville, Douglas City, and Union Hall. WCSD sources water from the East and West Weaver Creeks as well as from wells and springs. While WCSD is the primary water source for most residents, some residents use private wells to meet their water needs. Expanding the current system to individual parcels is evaluated on a case by case basis.

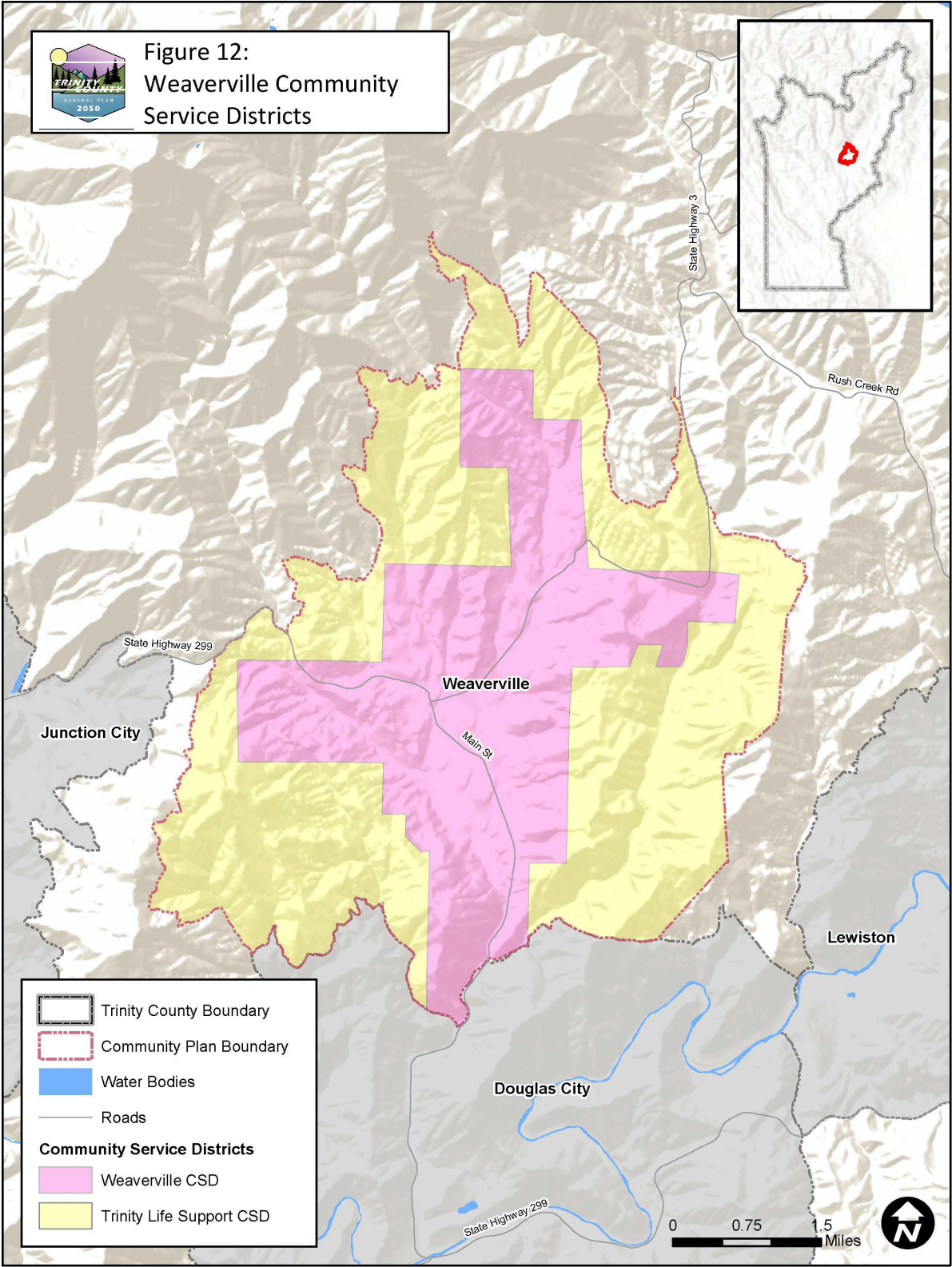
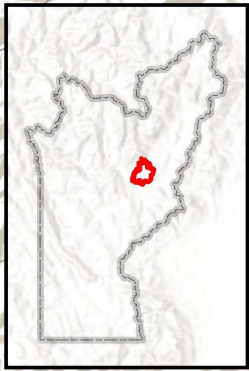
The WCSD serves an area of roughly 12 square miles. In 2001, the District served a population of 3,800 with 1,498 individual services. The District produced nearly 302 million gallons of treated water that year. Additional information on the water usage statistics of WCSD customers is not available and data is limited after 2001. In the past, WCSD had to limit additional hook ups to water services due to insufficient water sources available to support new services. In 1980, WCSD adopted a moratorium ordinance to prohibit additional hook ups due to major distributional and water supply issues. Subsequently, WCSD added two small water sources to the system and improved distribution capabilities to warrant the lifting of the moratorium in 1984 to allow new hook ups to water service. As of January 2024, WCSD is in the process of replacing their system’s water cistern.

Trinity Life Support Community Service District

Emergency services in Weaverville are under the purview of the Trinity Life Support Ambulance, which is operated by the Trinity Life Support Community Service District (TLSCSD). TLSCSD has two ambulances staffed 24/7, which are stationed in Hayfork and Weaverville. TLSCSD receives an average of 1,500 calls for service annually in its 2,100 square mile response area. TLSCSD offers emergency preparedness training, American Heart Association community and professional level courses, emergency medical technician training, emergency medical responder training, and public safety-first aid training.



Figure 12:
Weaverville Community
Service Districts



Map Date: January 27, 2024

Source: Trinity County, 2023



Fire Protection District

The Weaverville Fire Protection District (Weaverville FPD) provides fire protection to Weaverville. The level of service provided by the District is dependent upon the ability of the Weaverville Community Services District to provide an adequate supply of water for fire protection. Weaverville FPD has approximately 25 volunteers on its roster. The District has two fire stations: #1, located at 125 Bremer Street and #2 at 290 East Weaver Street, Weaverville. Weaverville FPD is very active in the community and responds to around 500 calls per year, a majority of which involve medical assistance and motor vehicle accidents. Weaverville FPD has five fire trucks and four utility vehicles in service. The District also operates the Weaverville Firefighter Museum out of the Weaverville Historic Fire Station, which was originally constructed in 1906. Figure 13 shows the Weaverville FPD’s response area. In addition to the two volunteer fire stations associated with Weaverville FPD, Cal Fire has one fire station, and the U.S. Forest Service has one ranger station located within the Weaverville Plan Area.

Other Districts

Weaverville Sanitary District

The Weaverville Sanitary District (WSD) was formed in 1956 to provide sanitary sewer services to Weaverville residents. The District covers approximately 1,935 acres, which includes central Weaverville. The District is responsible for the collection, conveyance, treatment, and disposal of the community’s wastewater. The wastewater treatment and disposal system are comprised of a gravity collection system, comminution, activated sludge secondary treatment, clarification, aerobic sludge digestion, and chlorine disinfection. The treatment plant is located at 630 Mountain View Street in Weaverville. The WSD maintains 50 miles of pipeline, one lift station, and one treatment plant. The Weaverville wastewater treatment plant is designed for a 500,000-gallon average daily flow; current average daily flow is approximately 300,000 gallons. Treated wastewater is discharged to percolation ponds located adjacent to Weaver Creek.

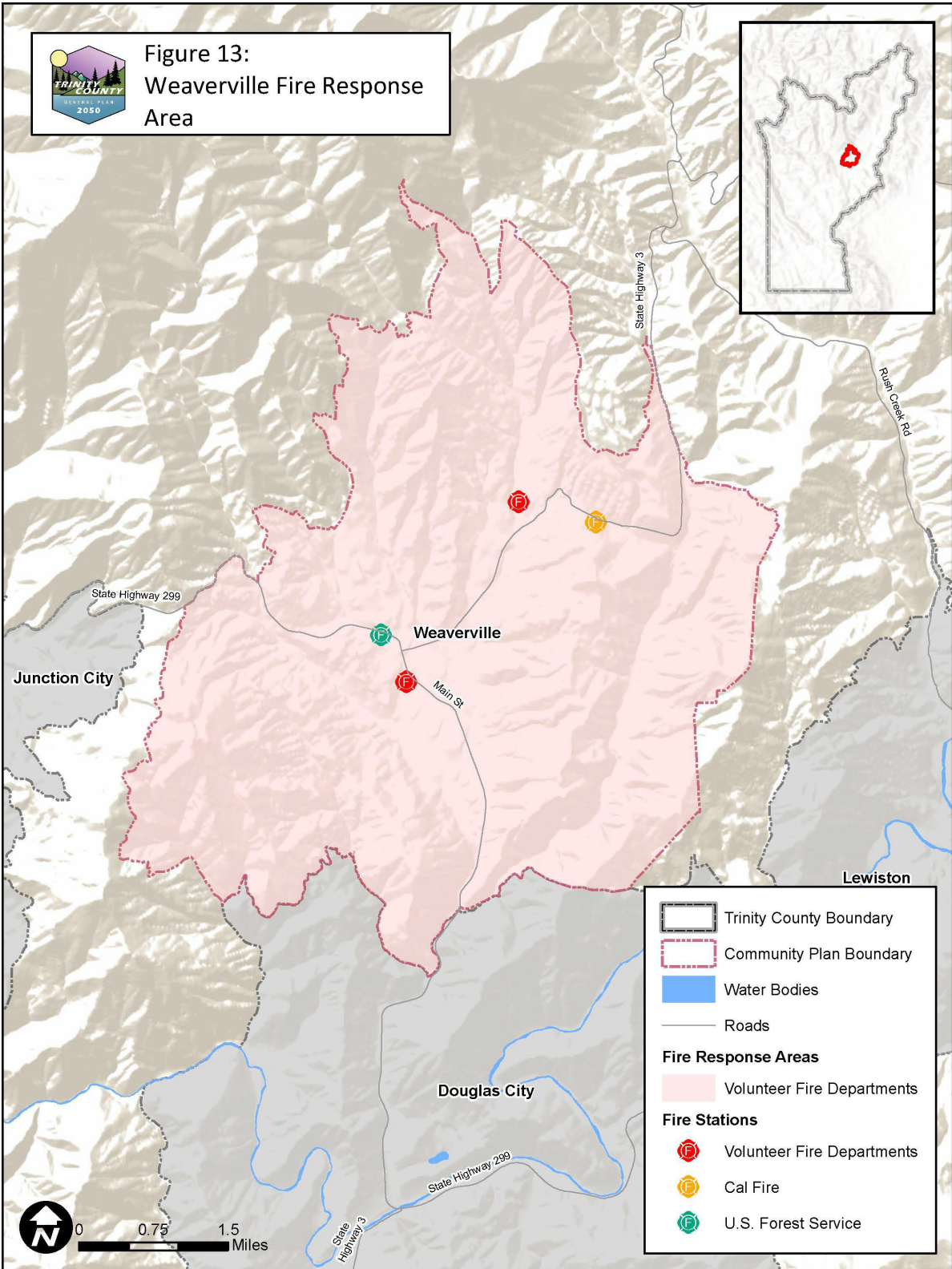
Most of the area served by the WSD is low-density residential with more concentrated residential and commercial areas located in downtown Weaverville. The District also contains areas designated as light industrial. Some of the more rural residential areas in northern Weaverville remain on septic tank systems. WSD provides approximately 1,300 existing wastewater service connections. Given the challenging terrain and sparse nature of the county, the expansion of the WSD to neighboring communities is not considered practical or a feasible endeavor. To account for the fact that many areas of the system are over 50 years old, the District reserves 10 percent of its annual budget for repairs and maintenance.

Weaverville Highway Lighting District

The Weaverville Highway Lighting District was formed in 1924. Trinity County Public Utility District operates and maintains the District’s streetlights.

Weaverville/Douglas City Parks and Recreation District

The Weaverville/Douglas City Parks and Recreation District serves both Weaverville and Douglas City with two parks, administration of programs for adults and children, and maintenance of associated camps and clinics. The two parks, Lee Fong Park and Lowden Park Pool, are both located in Weaverville. Adult programs include basketball, indoor soccer, table tennis, and volleyball. Youth programs include basketball and flag football. Camps and clinics are provided by the District for various sports and are structured around developing fundamental skills in co-ed youth flag football, co-ed youth soccer and co-ed youth volleyball. The District is currently seeking input on ways in which the community would like to expand and improve Lee Fong Park.



Map Date: January 25, 2024

Source: Trinity County RCD, CALFIRE



Utilities

Water

The Weaverville Community Services District supplies treated water to Weaverville residents. Please refer to “Weaverville Community Services District” section above for more information about the District and its services.

Sewer

The Weaverville Sanitary District supplies treated water to Weaverville residents. Please refer to “Weaverville Sanitary District” section above for more information about the District and its services.

Gas

There is no natural gas utility for Weaverville residents.

Electric Service

The Trinity Public Utilities District (TPUD) distributes electricity to Weaverville. TPUD is based in Weaverville and is the primary electrical utility for most of Trinity County’s land and population. TPUD’s area of service spans 2,200 square miles of the county, including Weaverville. The areas served by TPUD primarily include agricultural, commercial timber production, recreation areas, and rural residential uses with some light industrial and commercial uses. Weaverville’s use of a public utility for electricity is a rare model in California, with most residents of California purchasing electricity from large private, for-profit companies such as SoCalGas and PG&E. TPUD receives 100 percent of its power from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a much of which is supplied by the hydroelectric Trinity Dam. The District also provides street light operation and maintenance for the Highway Lighting District. There are no known or foreseeable constraints in the District’s ability to continue to provide reliable low cost electric utility service to the Weaverville area.

Public And Quasi-Public Facilities

Weaverville Main Library

The Trinity County Public Library System is based out of the Weaverville Main Library located at 351 Main Street in central Weaverville. The Main Library is the administrative and service headquarters of all the County libraries and has about half of the library system’s collection. The Weaverville Library branch provides public computers with free internet, Wi-Fi, and black and white printing. The Trinity County Public Library was established on November 9, 1916, and was based in a former blacksmith shop on Main Street. In 1992, the library moved to its current location after successfully funding construction of a new building with a State Library Bond Act monies granted in 1986. The Main Library also serves as the meeting location for county government meetings in its attached meeting room.

Places of Worship

Weaverville is home to eleven places of worship, all of which are churches. These are mainly found along SR 33 and SR 299 in central Weaverville.

Educational Facilities

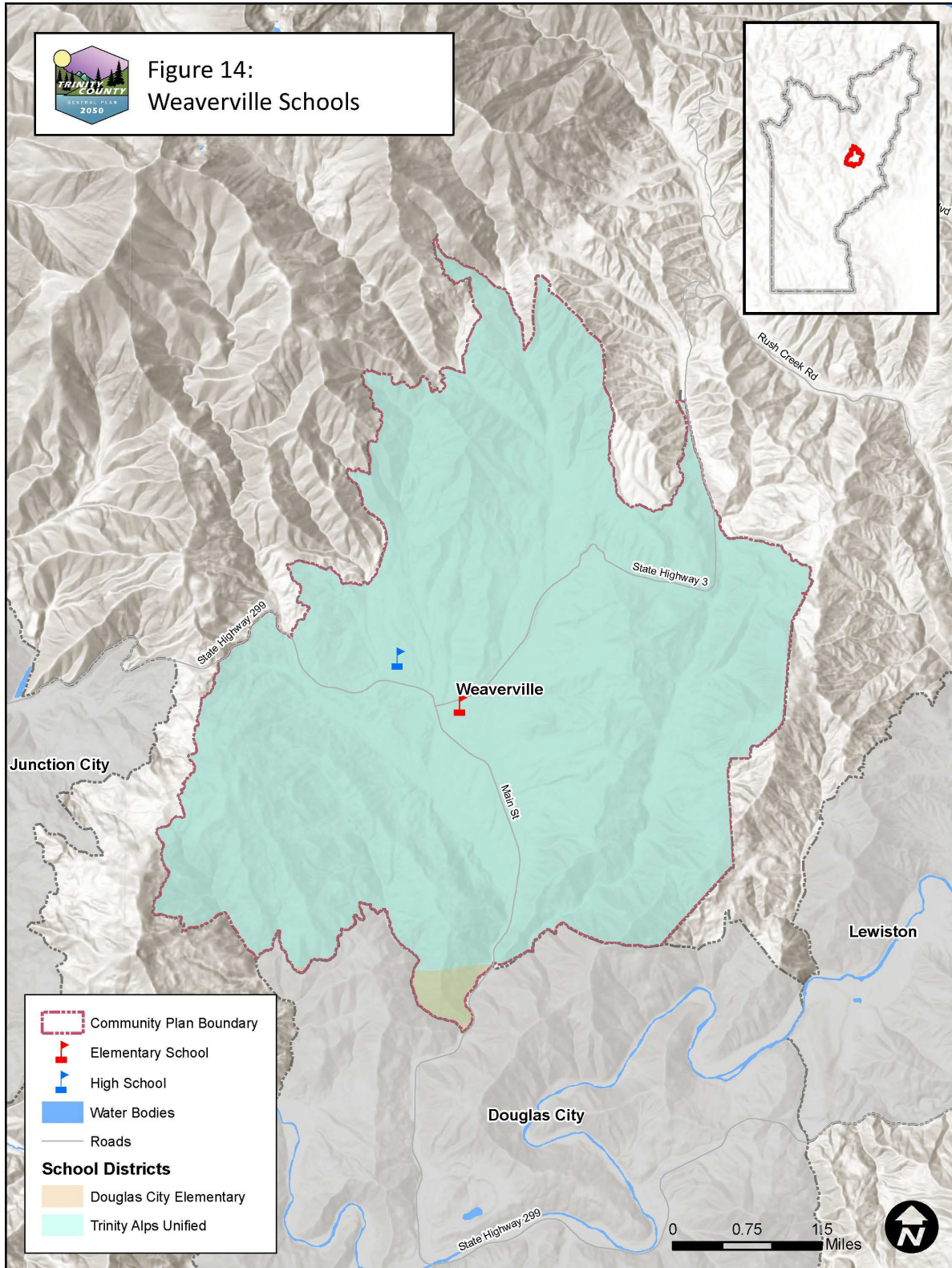
Public Schools

As shown in Figure 14, the Trinity Alps Unified School District (USD) operates one elementary school and one high school, both located in Weaverville. Trinity Alps USD is the largest school district in Trinity County with a total enrollment of 657 students and an attendance zone of approximately 1.1 million acres, which encompass all of northern Trinity County.

Weaverville Elementary is located at 31020 SR 3 in central Weaverville. As of the 2022-2023 school year, 333 students attended Weaverville Elementary. Weaverville Elementary's service area includes the entire town of Weaverville and remote wilderness north of the community. Trinity High School, located at 321 Victory Lane in eastern Weaverville, is the largest school in the county, with a total 2022-2023 school year enrollment of 316 students. Trinity High's service area includes all Northern Trinity County, excluding Salyer. The school is the designated secondary school for Weaverville Elementary and all six individual elementary school districts in northern Trinity. Trinity High has a wide assortment of agriculture education courses and building and construction courses, matching prominent local industries. The school offers ten Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 22 career technical education (CTE) courses. Trinity High School has a lower dropout rate (5.9 percent) compared to the statewide average (12.6 percent) as of the 2022-2023 school year. This is a dramatic turnaround from having a higher dropout rate (13.3 percent) than the state average during the 2018-2019 school year. Approximately a third of Trinity High students are chronically absent, a factor that is shared across all demographics at the school. As of 2020, Trinity Alps USD had a combined 100 employees among all of its schools and District staff, with a total of 53 teachers, 16 of whom teach at the elementary school and 19 teach at the high schools.

Tertiary Educational Institutions

Trinity County has a singular tertiary educational institution, Shasta College. Opened in 2008, Shasta College operates a satellite campus in Trinity County located at 30 Arbuckle Court in southern Weaverville. The Trinity Campus has two traditional classrooms, three interactive television classrooms, one computer lab, one assessment room, one office, and one counseling office. The Trinity Campus offers educational worksite courses and career technical education courses, including courses in welding and construction skills. Shasta College offers a wider variety of courses online which are available to Trinity County students.



Circulation Infrastructure

State Route (SR) 3 and SR 299 are the primary traffic routes in Weaverville and carry a majority of the traffic in and out of the community. These roadways serve local traffic as well as county and regional circulation patterns for goods movement and tourism. Between Weaverville and Douglas City, including within Weaverville, SR 3 and SR 299 merge with one lane in each direction for a total of two lanes. The speed limit lowers from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 45 mph within central Weaverville. These routes’ high traffic volume, as well as roadway conditions including sharp curves, limited passing opportunities, and low maintenance to roads in the wintertime can occasionally cause congestion issues in and around Weaverville.

As seen in Table 10, in 2019, SR 3 had an average annual daily traffic (AADT) of 3,450 within Weaverville and SR 299 had an AADT of 2,950 within Weaverville. The trend of decreased traffic between 2015 and 2019 that was observed for both SR 3 and SR 299 is expected to continue over the next several decades.

TABLE 10 HISTORIC AND EXISTING AVERAGE ANNUAL DAILY TRAFFIC Weaverville Community Plan Area 2023						
Segment	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average Annual Change, 2015-2019
State Route 3: Weaverville, North Jct. Rte. 299	3,750	3,750	3,850	3,350	3,450	-2.0%
State Route 299: Weaverville, West City Limits	3,450	3,450	3,400	2,900	2,950	-3.6%

Source: Trinity County Planning Department, Background Report, March 2023

All of the roads serving Weaverville are categorized as arterials, collectors, or local. The function of each of these roadways are as follows:

- **Arterials** serve through-traffic into and out of the Weaverville area. Arterial roads carry traffic long distances with minimum disruption, and access to adjacent properties is considered to be a secondary function. State Routes 3 and 299 currently function as arterials.
- **Collectors** serve neighborhood areas within the community. Collector roads convey traffic from local roads or traffic generators, such as a school or the hospital, to arterials. Forest Avenue, Garden Gulch Street, Mill Street, South Miner Street, Oregon Street, Washington Street, and Weaver Road function as Collectors.
- **Local roads** provide access to adjacent properties. Typically, such roads serve a limited number of residences.

Downtown Parking

Encouraging parking developments in the “Old Town,” or the Weaverville Historic District, was one of the key priorities in the 1990 Weaverville Community Plan. The goal was to encourage economic growth through the addition of parking spaces as well as upgrading existing Commercial zones to higher use zones. Downtown Weaverville has had limited parking since the early 1950’s when the State of California widened Main Street (SR 299) and eliminated diagonal parking.. A 1985 parking study determined that if SR 299 were expanded to add one lane in both directions along this stretch of Weaverville’s Main Street for a total of four lanes, approximately 110 parking spaces would be lost out of 358 parking spaces. Since the study was conducted, additional parking spaces have been created along South Miner Street and Forest Avenue, filling the community’s need for adequate parking spaces to accommodate businesses’ needs.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Paths

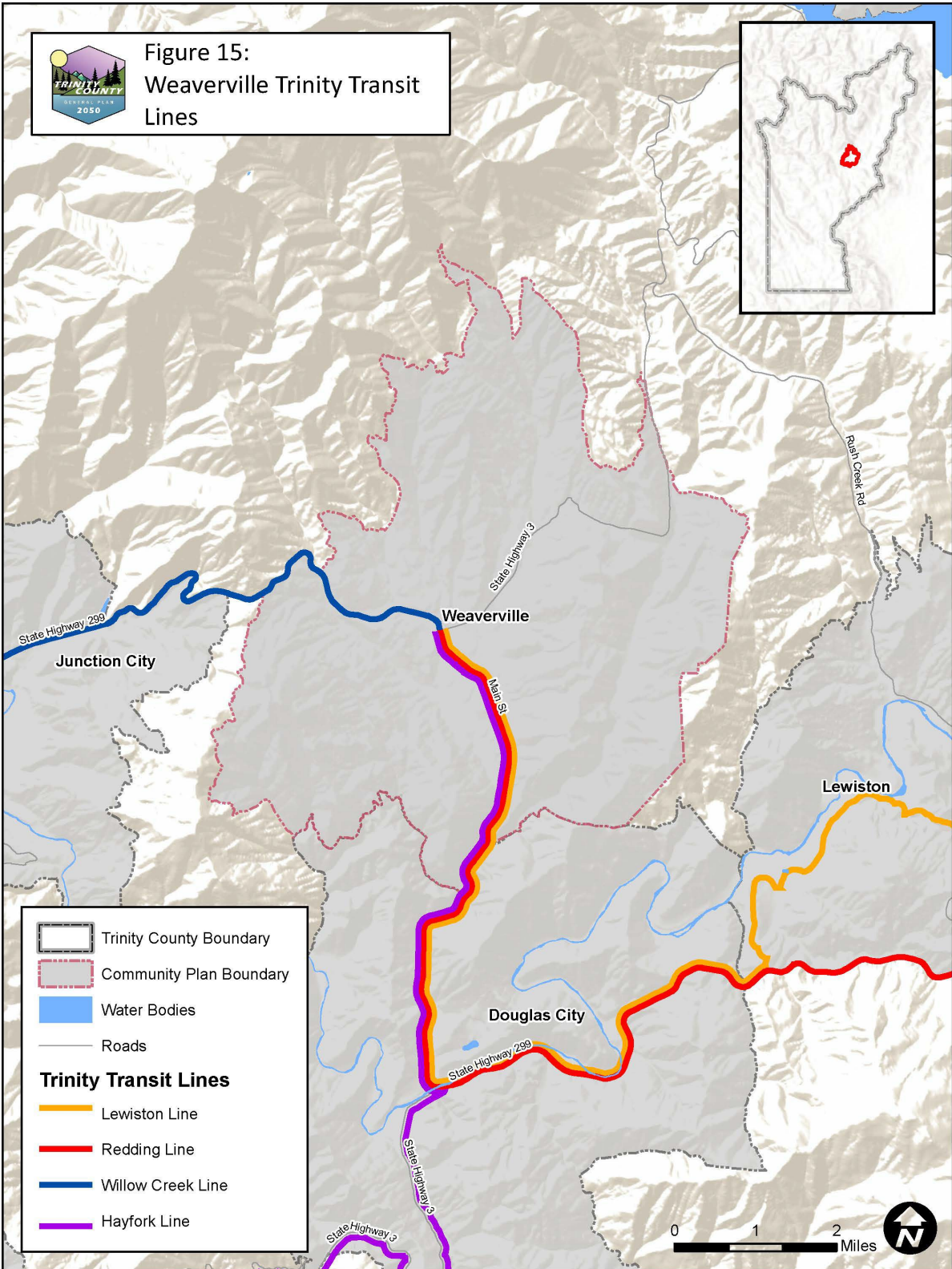
Weaverville has a limited system of sidewalks or pedestrian paths as well as on-street bicycle paths. Existing sidewalks are primarily found within the downtown commercial area, whereas bicycle paths are located along SR 299, SR 3, and



Lance Gulch Road. Outside of the downtown commercial area and major roadways, there are essentially no sidewalks and bike paths. However, there is a vast network of trails throughout the Plan Area (please refer to the “Parks and Open Space” section below for more information on trails). Approximately four percent of Weaverville commuters commute to work by bike, the highest percentage within the county. Approximately one percent of Weaverville commuters commute to work by walking.

Public Transit

Trinity Transit is operated by the Trinity County Department of Transportation which provides four bus routes with connections to Weaverville (see Figure 15). These bus routes reach as far as Redding, Hayfork, Lewiston and Willow Creek. The routes to Lewiston and Hayfork have varied hours of operation on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday, and generally have one round trip per day of operation in each direction. The routes to Redding and Willow Creek operates Monday through Friday and also has one round trip per day in each direction. All Trinity Transit buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts as well as bike racks. The transit system also offers a delivery service for packages to and from bus stops and/or specified drop off points.



Map Date: January 28, 2024

Source: Trinity County Department of Transportation



PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

This section describes the existing conditions related to parks and open space including an overview of existing parks, recreation facilities, and open space in the Weaverville Plan Area.

Lee Fong Park

Lee Fong Park, located off Main Street at 101 Lorenz Road in Weaverville, offers walking paths, covered picnic and BBQ areas, an 18-hole disc golf course and an amphitheater. The park is maintained by the Weaverville/Douglas City Parks and Recreation District. The park features a scenic creek, heirloom apple and pear trees, and views of the Trinity Alps. The park is also available for rental for private functions.

Lowden Park

Lowden Park is located at 230 Washington Street in central Weaverville, and offers a pool, a baseball field, a softball field, a playground, picnic area, recreation hall, horseshoe pits, a cook shack, a bike park, and a rodeo arena. The pool is maintained by the Weaverville/Douglas City Parks and Recreation District and offers swim lessons, aquatic conditioning camp, and a junior lifeguard program. All other facilities are managed by the Trinity County Department of Building and Grounds. Lowden Park's Bike Park, one of the most popular areas of the park, is a recently completed project with potential future expansions planned. The bike park has pump track, adventure trails, specific skill-building challenges including jumps, ramps, elevated tracks and switchbacks, and a slopestyle course. Additionally, technical riding features such as wallrides and wooden ramps with natural surface riding features are planned to add interesting challenges for beginners and intermediate riders.

The **Weaverville Community Garden** is located within Lowden Park and gives residents the opportunity to manage their own garden space at a low cost. Gardening spaces are eight feet by eight feet and are often used to host community events that teach residents how to garden as well as to promote health and nutrition to local families.

Weaverville Cemetery

Weaverville Cemetery is located at 100 Cemetery Drive in Weaverville. The cemetery is county owned and maintained by Trinity County General Services. Weaverville Cemetery has adequate space to allow for new burials.

Weaverville Community Forest

The Weaverville Community Forest is an award-winning partnership between the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Trinity County Resource Conservation District to manage 14,963 acres of federal lands for forest health objectives. For Weaverville and other surrounding communities, this unique Forest Stewardship model offers a way to recruit and sustain local involvement in the management of federal lands for local needs and desires by matching the resource needs of federal land managers with the skills of a locally run conservation district. The Weaverville Community Forest supports a variety of activities, including trails, firewood sales, fuels reduction projects, forest thinning, and logging. The goals of this partnership are to improve the visual and aesthetic qualities of the forest, increase fire resiliency, and improve forest health. The Weaverville Community Forest includes the Trinity Children's Forest and the Weaver Basin Trail System.

The *Weaver Basin Trail System* is a 60-mile multi-use trail system located within and around Weaverville for hiking, running, biking, and horseback riding. While a majority of the trail system is located on publicly owned lands, some portions of the trail system go into private parcels of land. Multiple loops and points of entry are available from different parts of Weaverville to create a customized and accessible experience for all hiking skill levels, from the easy

West Weaver Creek Trail located directly adjacent to the town center, to the very steep La Grange Ditch Trail, which rises over 500 feet from the East Branch of East Weaver Creek. The trail system also includes the 3.8 mile McKenzie Gulch Loop Trail, located in the central portion of Weaverville.

Trinity Alps Golf & Country Club

The Trinity Alps Golf & Country Club is a privately owned nine-hole course located in the southern portion of the community and primarily serves local and regional needs.

Open Space Land Ownership

A combined 38 percent of land the Weaverville Plan Area is owned or managed by a Federal, State, or local agencies, a majority of which is open space (for a description of all land use by level of government, please refer to the “Existing Land Use” section). These lands within and surrounding the town provide many opportunities for outdoor recreational pursuits. The following discussion highlights the various agencies that manage land within the Plan Area.

Federal Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) owns and manages 19 parcels of land for a total of 2,371 acres of land within the Plan Area. These parcels are located in the southern portion of the Plan Area. Approximately 89 percent of BLM land within Weaverville is a part of the Weaverville Community Forest (please refer to the “Weaverville Community Forest” section above for additional information on this open space resource). BLM co-manages the Weaverville Community Forest along with the U.S. Forest Service and the Trinity County Resource Conservation District. Recreational uses such as camping, hiking, biking, and other allowed uses on BLM land are allowed within the remaining 11 percent of BLM land in Weaverville.

Forest Service

The Forest Service owns and manages 25 parcels of land for a total of 3,629 acres of land within the Plan Area. These parcels are located in the northern portion of the Plan Area. Over 99 percent of Forest Service Land within Weaverville is a part of the Weaverville Community Forest (please refer to the “Weaverville Community Forest” section above for additional information on this open space resource). The Forest Service co-manages the Weaverville Community Forest along with BLM and the Trinity County Resource Conservation District. The remaining less than one percent of Forest Service land within Weaverville houses the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Weaverville Ranger Station which is located in the central portion of Weaverville.

State Agencies

California Department of Parks and Recreation

The California Department of Parks and Recreation owns and manages one parcel of land for a total of three acres within the Plan Area, which includes the Joss House. The Joss House State Historic Park is located in the center of Weaverville, within the Weaverville Historic District (please refer to the “Weaverville Historic District” section for additional information).

California State Lands Commission

The California State Lands Commission manages one parcel of land for a total of 280 acres within the Plan Area, which includes the Shasta Springs Trail. While this parcel is managed by the California State Lands Commission, it is owned by Sierra Pacific Industries.

The Shasta Springs Trail is an approximately eight mile hike and is a part of the Weaverville Basin Trail System (please refer to the “Weaverville Basin Trail System” section above for additional information).



Other Agencies

Approximately five acres of land are owned and managed by other State agencies, however these lands do not provide any recreational or historic resources to the community. These include the Weaverville Department of Motor Vehicles and the Caltrans Weaverville Maintenance Station.

State of California Owned Land

Approximately 78 acres of land are owned by the State of California but are managed by a local government agency. These include Weaverville Elementary School and Trinity High School, which are managed by the Trinity County Office of Education and include recreational opportunities for students, including playing fields, courts, and gymnasiums.

Trinity County

Trinity County owns and manages approximately 459 acres of land within Weaverville, which includes Lee Fong Park, Lowden Park, the Weaverville Community Garden, and the Weaverville Cemetery. Additional land owned by the County includes hospitals, the Trinity County Animal Shelter, the Health and Human Services department, and other municipal needs.

Note to readers: The following sections (Community Vision, Goals, Policies, and Implementation Programs) will be completed after the March/April community workshops, where County staff and their consultants will facilitate discussions with residents about their vision for the community, as well as goals for guiding future change. County staff and their consultants will use the results of these discussions, along with all of the previous resident input, to prepare both countywide General Plan and community plan goals and policies. The countywide goals and policies will work in tandem with the community plan goals and policies. The Draft Community Plans will then be presented and discussed at workshops held throughout the county for further public review.

COMMUNITY VISION

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GOALS AND POLICIES

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