

Wilseyville Vision Statement

Wilseyville was mistakenly not identified as a community in the previous general plan. An agreement with the Board of Supervisors exists that allows Wilseyville to be added during this general plan update.

Wilseyville has long been a sibling with West Point. Many institutions which serve one serve the other. Our community, however, has had a long and independent history which began during the Gold Rush period when miners sought fortune working the Middle and Licking Forks of the Mokelumne River. Little of those early days remain except as historic sites. The foundation of Wilseyville as we know it today began between 1942 and 1945 with American Forest Products Inc. building their lumber mill and with the construction of the Wilseyville Camp by the company to provide housing for mill workers.

The old mill site is presently owned by the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD). The Wilseyville Camp, the Wilseyville Store and the CCWD holdings form the center of the community. Wilseyville is a community consisting of ranches, sparsely populated lands, and long-established subdivisions, various agricultural pursuits, timber lands and large public land holdings. This combination makes for a pleasant living environment which we wish to retain into the future.

Limited public sewer and water is available to serve the community. It is concentrated in the Wilseyville Camp.

Small scale and scattered residential growth should continue to occur within the flatter land areas in the community. Beyond this relatively level area within the town centre, the remainder of the community consists of rugged lands with limited development potential.

Our vision is for the creation of some public service space, small commercial and some light industrial within the town centre while maintaining the history of the area. In addition, limited residential development in the few areas that could support new homes would also be an objective for the next 20 years.

Primary Land Uses within Town Centre

In no specific order

Commercial (C)	Office/Business Park (O)	Residential Rural (RR)
Industrial (I) -LIGHT	Public Service (PS)	Community Center- Historic (CCH)
Residential Low Density (RL)	Commercial- Recreation (CR)	Parks & Recreation (PR)

Guiding Principles for the Wilseyville Area

- The community encourages landowners and developers to consider the preservation of the many historical sites in the Wilseyville area. Additionally, designating some of these parcels as “community center Historic” will help obtain grants for said preservation.
- Designating a spot and erecting a building in the town centre for community events would fulfill an essential social need for the community.
- Expanding and encouraging small business in the form of office space, small retail, or light industrial in the town centre will add jobs and shopping options for Wilseyville families.
- Promoting the accessibility and appearance of local public amenities, such as Schaad’s Lake and Camp Lodestar, will encourage tourism and local social architecture.
- Wilseyville supports the physical location of the regions wastewater treatment and solid waste processing facilities. These facilities have impacted the quality of the local environment (i.e. roads).
- Because of topographic challenges, broadband internet communications are limited. However, encouraging the development of a capable telecommunication infrastructure within the town centre will increase motivation for business, public services, and telecommuters to place additional value on the area.
- Wilseyville would like to see an effort to improve some of the core roads in and around the town centre.
- An effort needs to be made to re-establish a health clinic as health services are a minimum of 45 minutes away for residents. Creating public service and commercial office space within the town centre is critical.
- Seeking out the needs of current emergency service providers will help Wilseyville adequately plan for the future as it relates to response time and coverage.
- Wilseyville supports the continuance of a balanced multi-income level housing community.
- Wilseyville needs to be progressive encouraging creation of support and recreational facilities assisting children and seniors.
- Ideally all new development within town centre would adhere to the historical architectural aesthetics of Wilseyville’s past.
- Wilseyville will continue to promote and support the development of a regional park and open space.
- Wilseyville will continue the development of a community plan by utilizing the Wilseyville Community Planning Committee (WCPC).