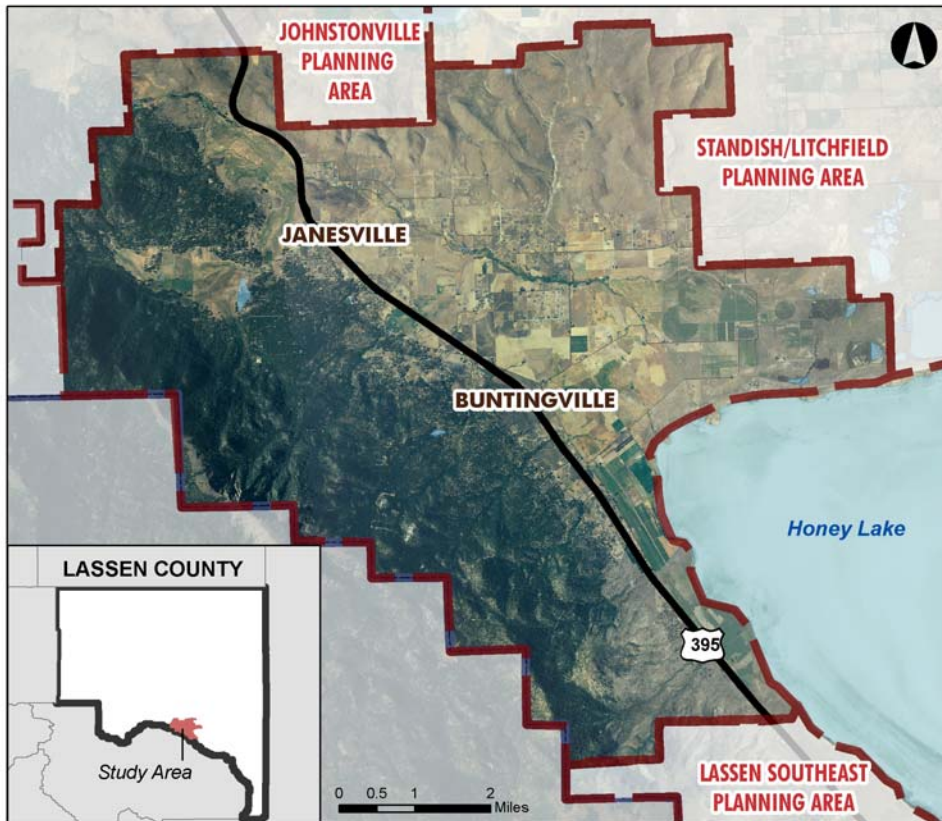


JANESVILLE PLANNING AREA

PLANNING AREA AT A GLANCE



KEY FACTS AND FIGURES:

Population

- In 2000, the planning area was home to approximately 3,103 residents.

AREA TRENDS AND ISSUES:

Community Character

- Residents value the rural character of the community and have expressed a desire for a more coordinated pattern of development in and around Janesville.
- Some investment in commercial uses has occurred along Main Street in recent years and the concept of establishing pedestrian amenities along the corridor has been discussed.

Growth and Development

- Division of agricultural lands along Sunnyside Road and Sears Road east of US Highway 395 has occurred for rural residential development, fragmenting agricultural lands and creating conflicts between residents and agricultural operations.

Sources:

2000 US Census data

Location and Communities

The Janesville Planning Area encompasses over 60 square miles along US Highway 395. The Plumas National Forest wraps the western boundary of the planning area. The southeastern edge of the planning area borders Honey Lake.

JANESVILLE

Janesville is the largest unincorporated community in the planning area and has become a popular residential area due to its close proximity to Susanville and its attractive natural setting. Fort Janesville was built in 1860 for protection from a pending Indian attack that never materialized. The Fort site is now a California Historic Landmark.



AREA TRENDS AND ISSUES:

Fire Protection

- The area's scenic setting has attracted significant residential growth to Janesville's western half. Heavy timber around homes and have created challenges for fire protection.
- Narrow, unimproved roadways, many with single points of access mean emergency vehicles cannot access many residences.

Circulation and Access

- Opportunities to improve the connectivity of roadways west of US Highway 395 need to be explored, although previous attempts have proved challenging in areas of established residential development.

Land Use Characteristics

- Agriculture is the predominant uses in the planning area, occupying 11,470 acres or 30 percent of the planning area. Agricultural lands are concentrated east of US Highway 395. While agricultural lands are somewhat fragmented in places, the area generally bounded by Standish Buntingville Road, Sunnyside Road, and Honey Lake consists of predominantly contiguous agricultural tracts.
- The Janesville and Buntingville communities and their environs are generally encircled by public lands, including portions of the Plumas National Forest along the western boundary of the planning area. Public lands occupy 13,610 acres or 35 percent of the planning area.
- Rural residential development occupies over 23 percent (8,867 acres) within the planning area. Much of this development is concentrated in wooded areas west of US Highway 395 and East of US Highway 395 with residential lots most concentrated along Sunnyside Road, Sears Road, and Standish Buntingville Road.
- Several small scale commercial uses, including a hardware store and convenience store exist along Main Street, serving local residents. These uses occupy approximately 57 acres.
- The Janesville Elementary School is also a prominent feature along Main Street.

Area Services

- **Schools**—The Janesville School is a one-school district, serving approximately 450 students between kindergarten and grade 8.
- **Fire protection** in the Janesville Planning Area is provided by the Janesville Fire Protection District.
- **Water and Wastewater**—properties in the Janesville Planning Area utilize private wells for water supplies and individual septic systems for wastewater disposal. Unique geologic characteristics in the area west of US Highway 395 have caused interference between water and sewer systems. As a result, the creation of a community system has been discussed.

RELATED PLANNING DOCUMENTS:

- Janesville General Plan Amendments (1993)
- Lassen County Community Action Plans (1999)