The Open Space designation provides for the preservation of environmentally sensitive, aesthetic, and cultural resources, including undeveloped land, watercourses, geological and biological resources, and undeveloped coastal areas.

The Public Institutional designation covers public and institutional uses, including educational institutions, public agencies, and public service facilities, such as police stations, fire departments, and small community centers and parks.

The Recreational designation includes parks, playgrounds, recreation areas, and related land uses, such as golf courses, tennis courts, and community centers. Community projects may also be considered for open space.