

# The Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (FORTAG)

Relationship to  
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District  
and  
Monterey County lands on former Fort Ord

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“Outdoor enthusiasts ... mountain bikers, road bikers, hikers, bird watchers ... most of the time, we’re going **close to home** because we just got off work and its four o’clock and we want to get a quick trail run in, or something like that.”

Luther Propst

Final speaker, Fort Ord Colloquium, December 12-13, 2013

# The heart of former Fort Ord





# Ocean view from former Fort Ord





# Salinas Valley view from former Fort Ord





# Former Fort Ord includes part of the Salinas River itself





# Open space 'close to home' on former Fort Ord

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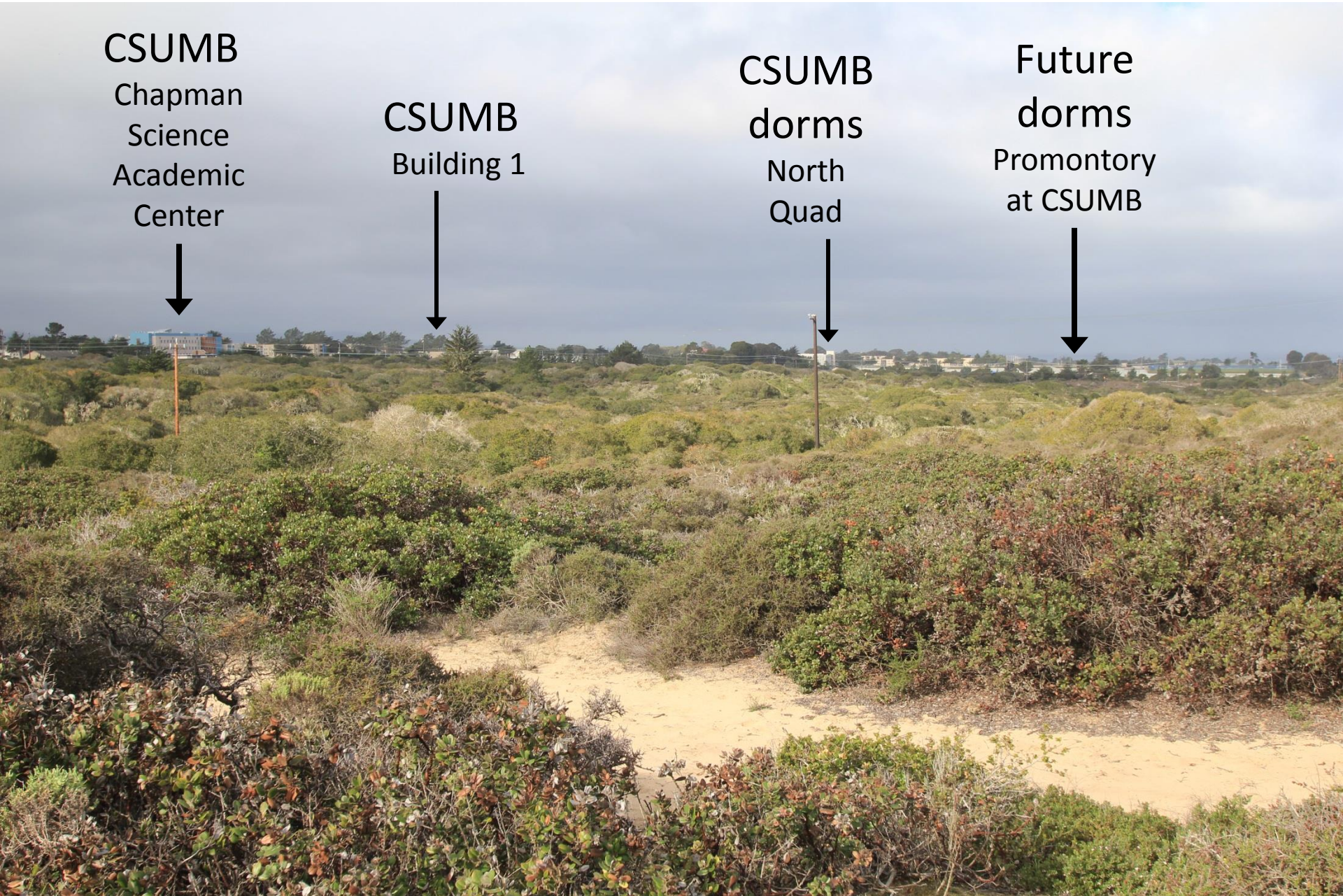
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# Wildlife on former Fort Ord





People drive from home to get to open space on former Fort Ord





# Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway and Coastal Rec Trail

(Comparison with other bikeways. Regional view.)

## FORTAG bikeway - proposed

### Bikeways

- Class 0 - Proposed
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- Class I - Proposed
- Class I
- Class II
- Class III
- Non-paved

### Trails and bikeways

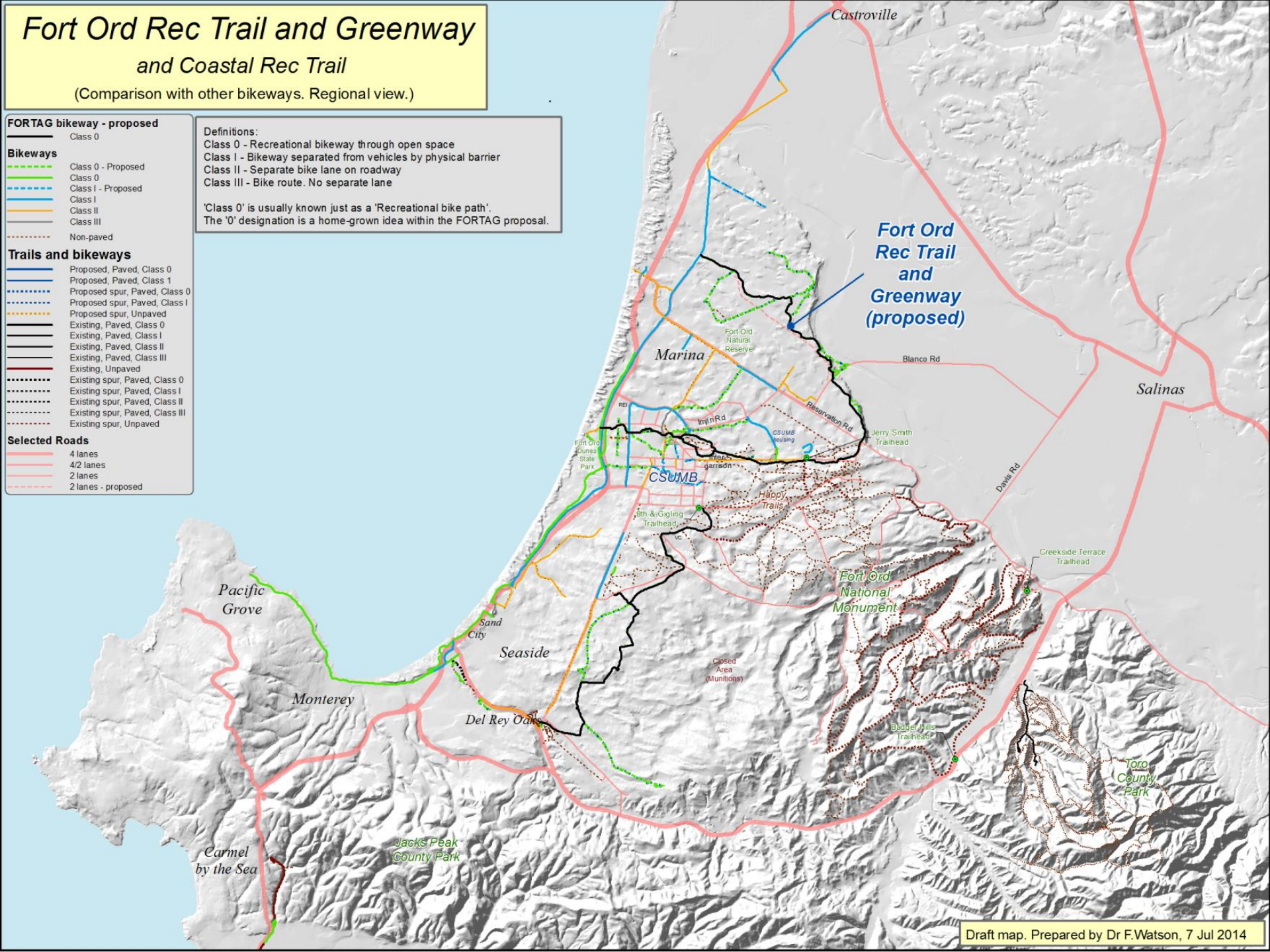
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### Selected Roads

- 4 lanes
- 4/2 lanes
- 2 lanes
- 2 lanes - proposed

Definitions:  
 Class 0 - Recreational bikeway through open space  
 Class I - Bikeway separated from vehicles by physical barrier  
 Class II - Separate bike lane on roadway  
 Class III - Bike route. No separate lane

'Class 0' is usually known just as a 'Recreational bike path'.  
 The '0' designation is a home-grown idea within the FORTAG proposal.





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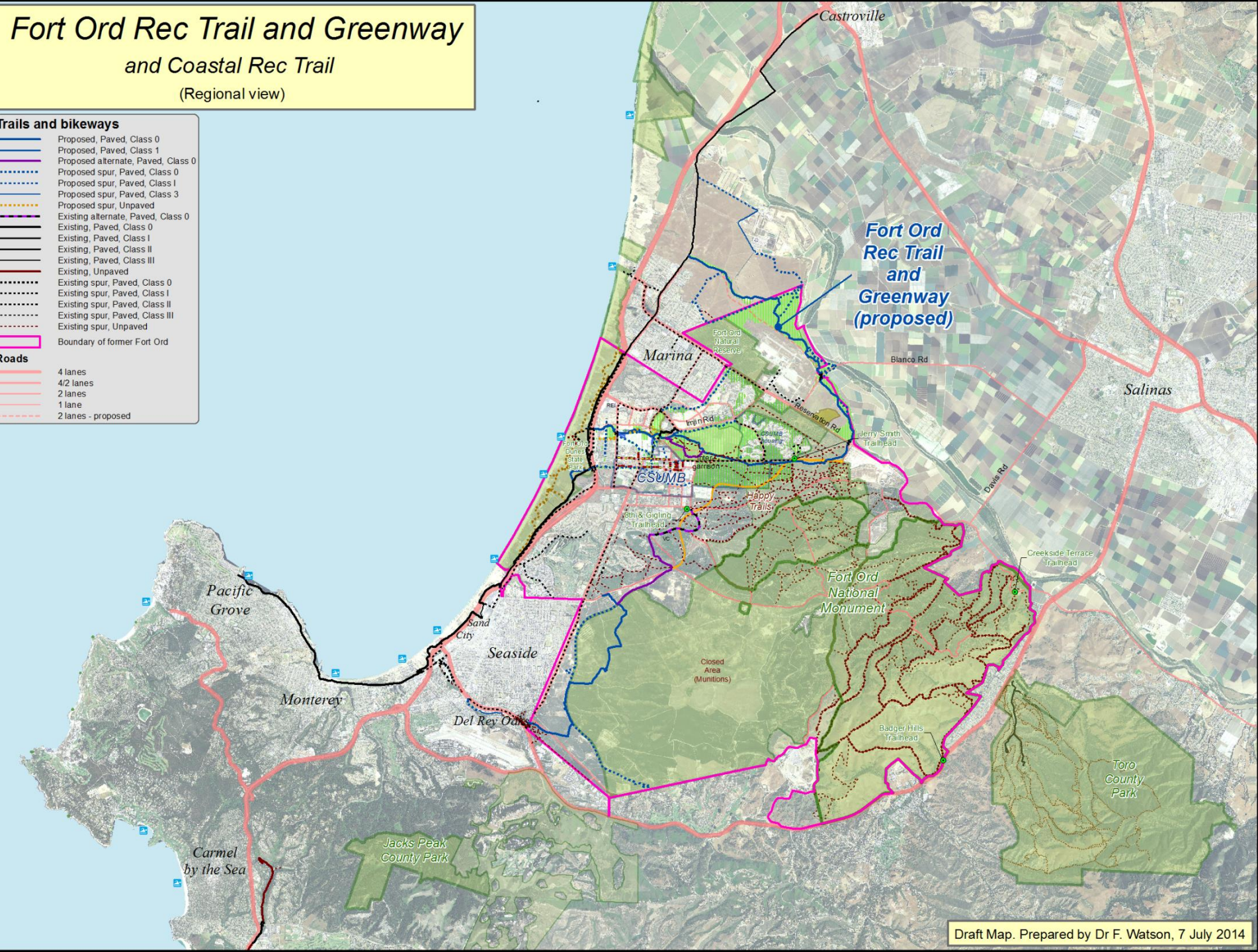
(Regional view)

**Trails and bikeways**

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- Proposed alternate, Paved, Class 0
- Proposed spur, Paved, Class 0
- Proposed spur, Paved, Class I
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- Boundary of former Fort Ord

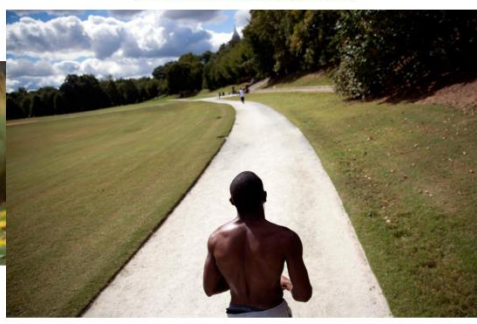
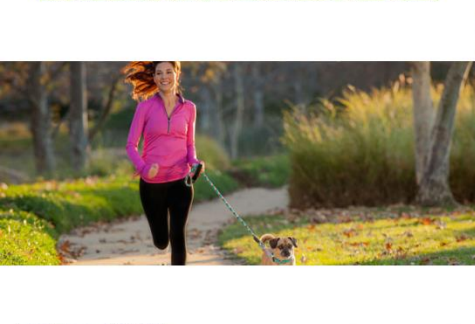
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- 1 lane
- 2 lanes - proposed





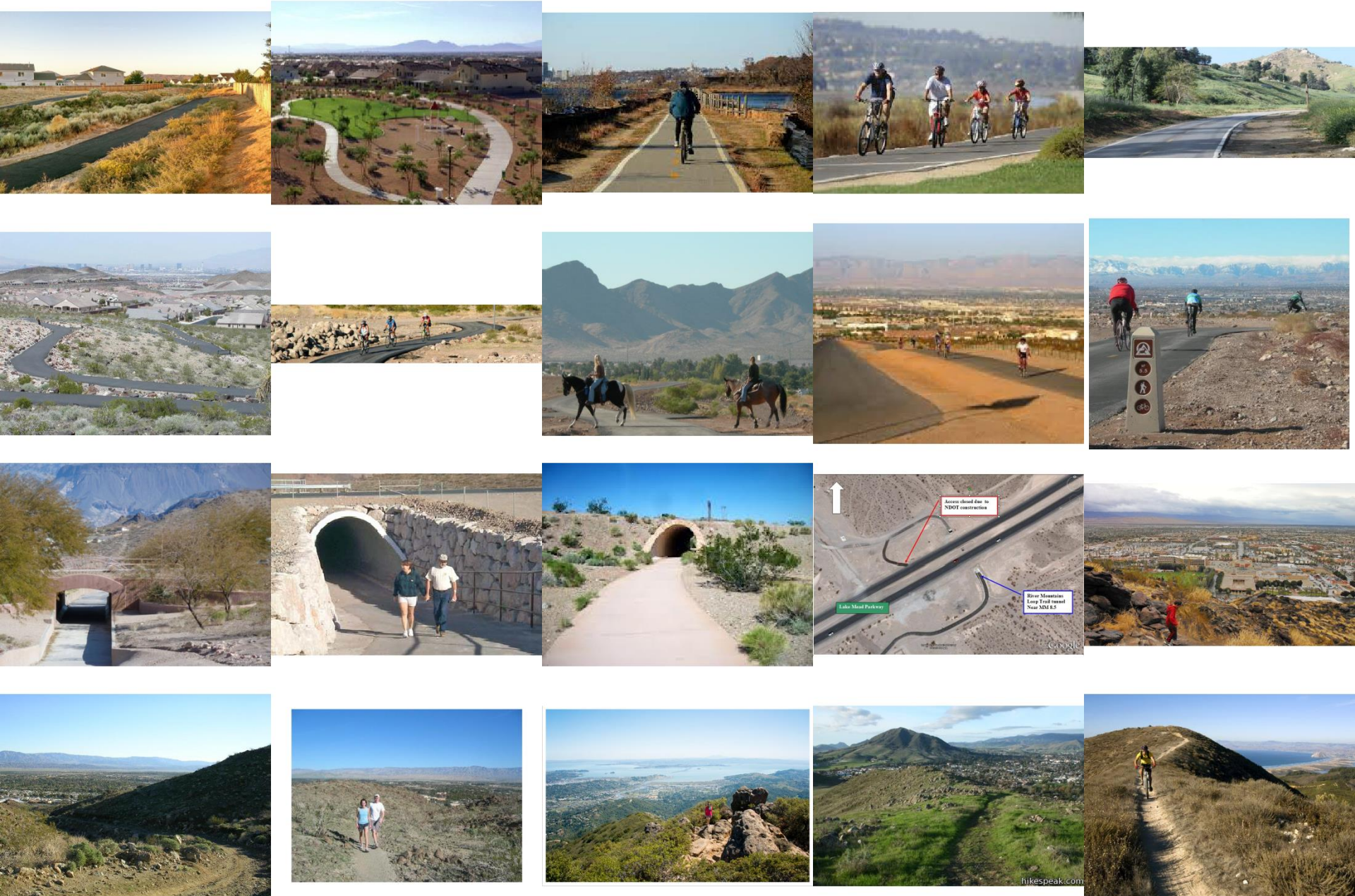
# What would the Trail look like? Some examples from around the nation



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# More examples – from drier areas



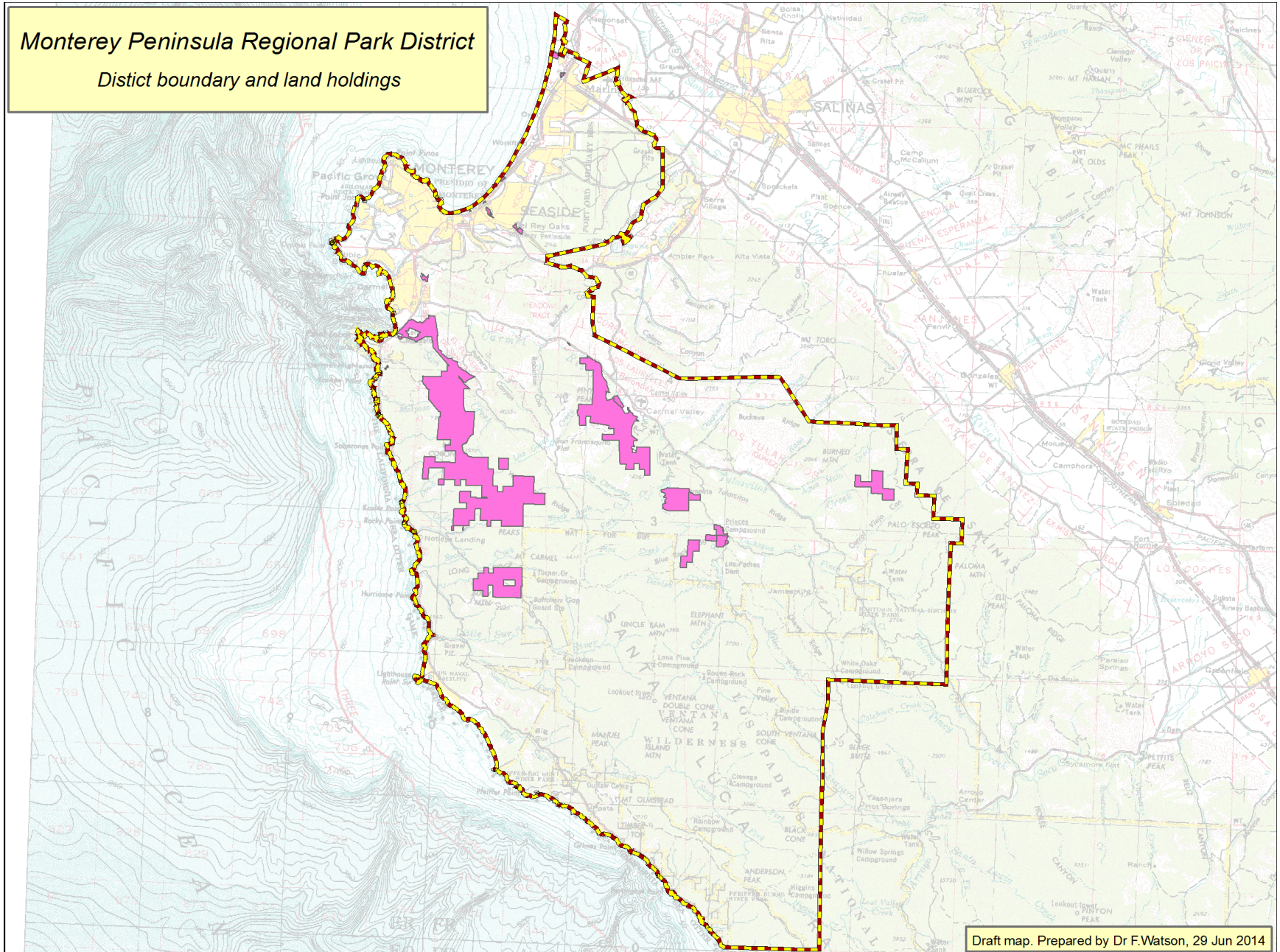
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# Regional Park District boundary and properties

## Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

*District boundary and land holdings*

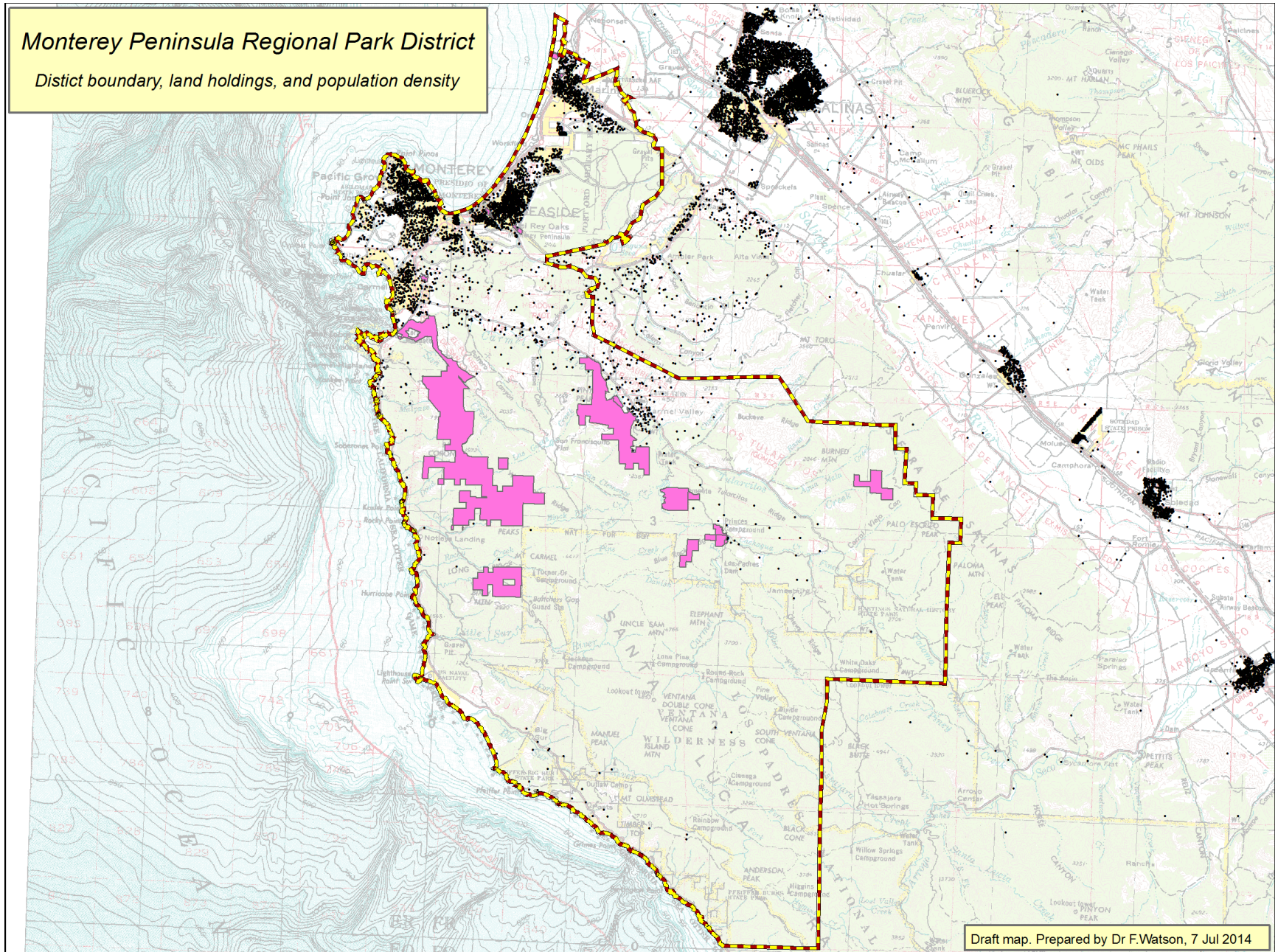




# Regional Park acreage is under-represented near population centers within the Park District

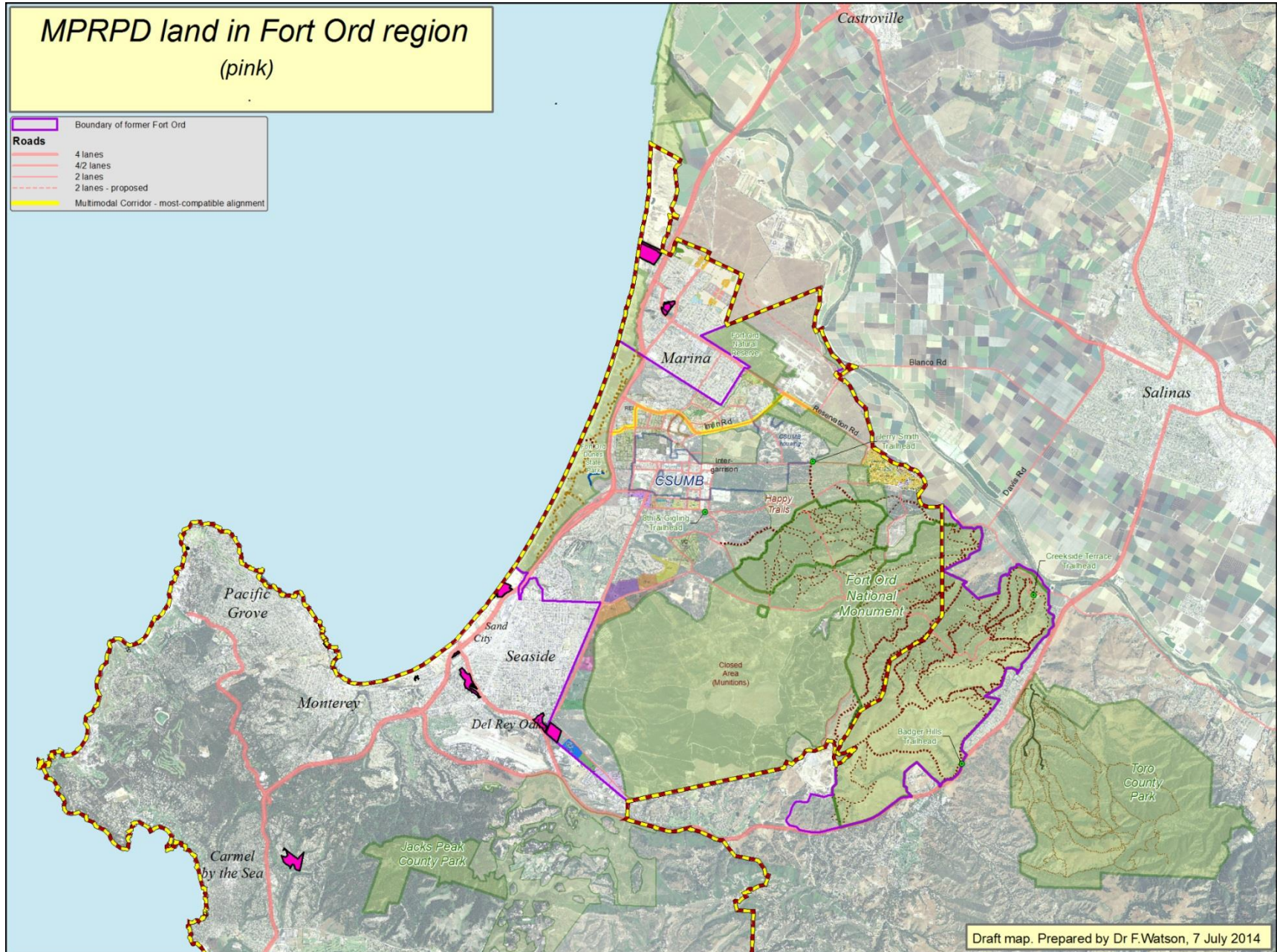
## Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

*Distict boundary, land holdings, and population density*



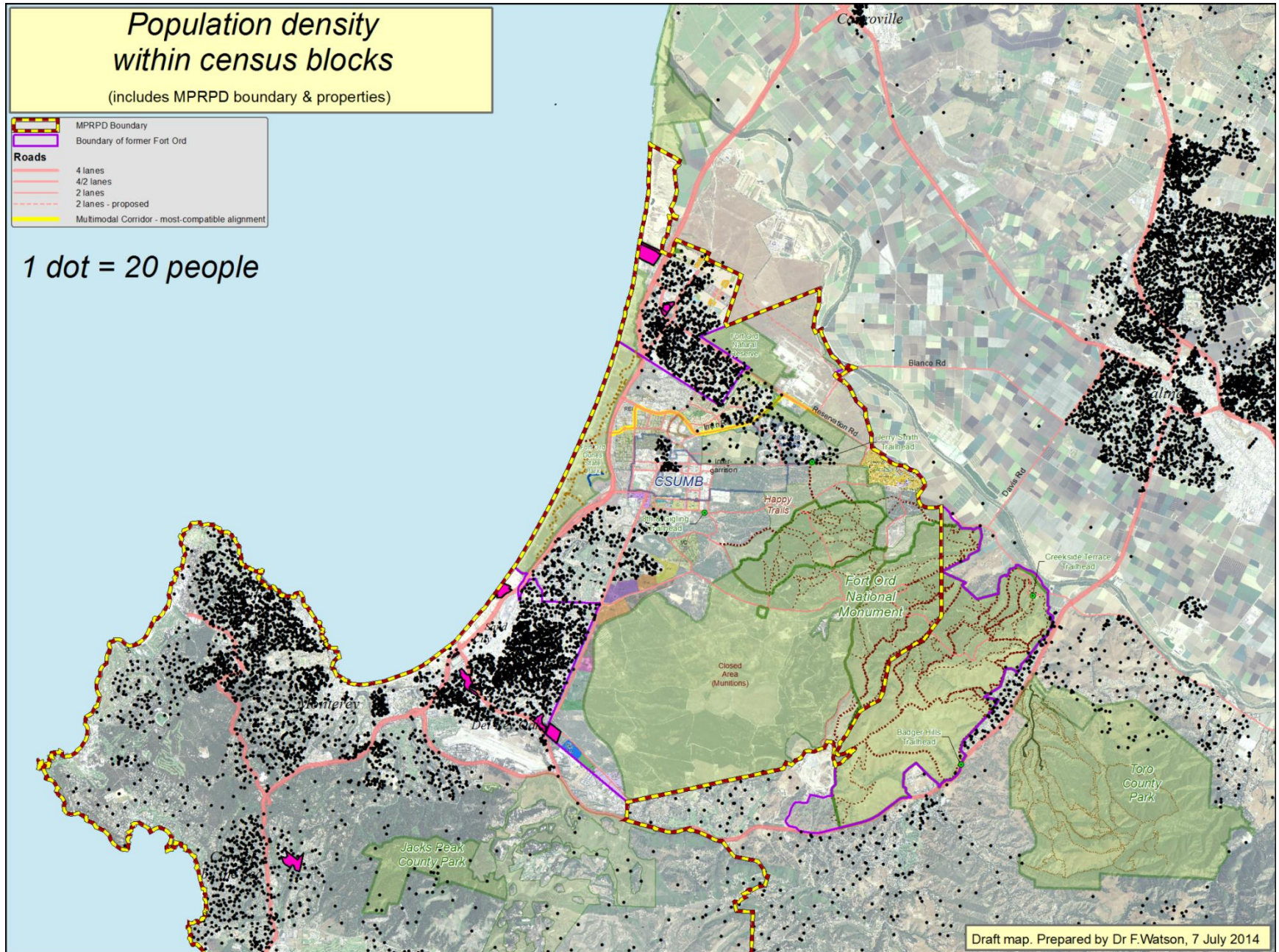


## Regional Parks in the former Fort Ord region



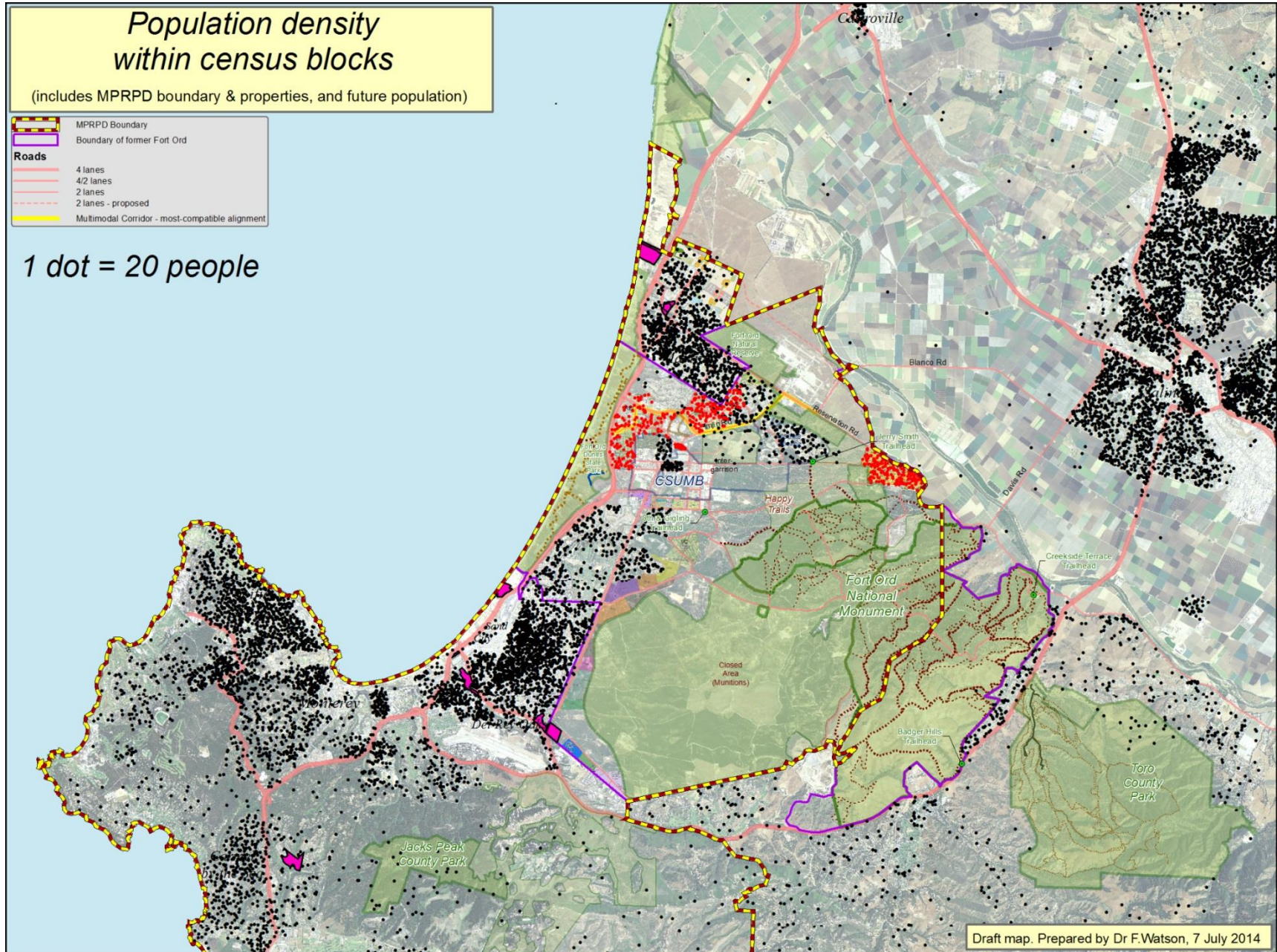


# Population and Regional Parks in the former Fort Ord region



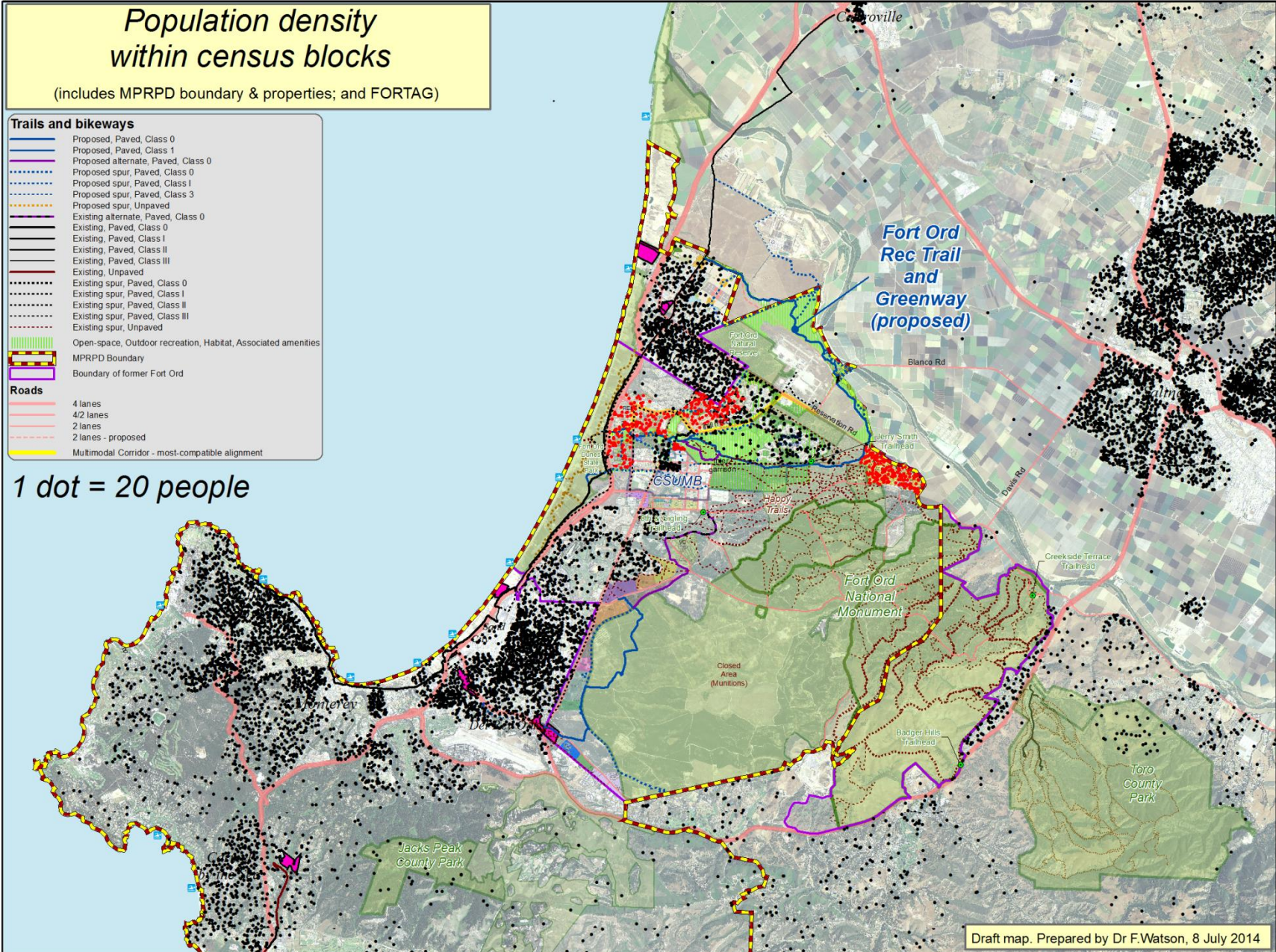


# Future population and Regional Parks in the former Fort Ord region



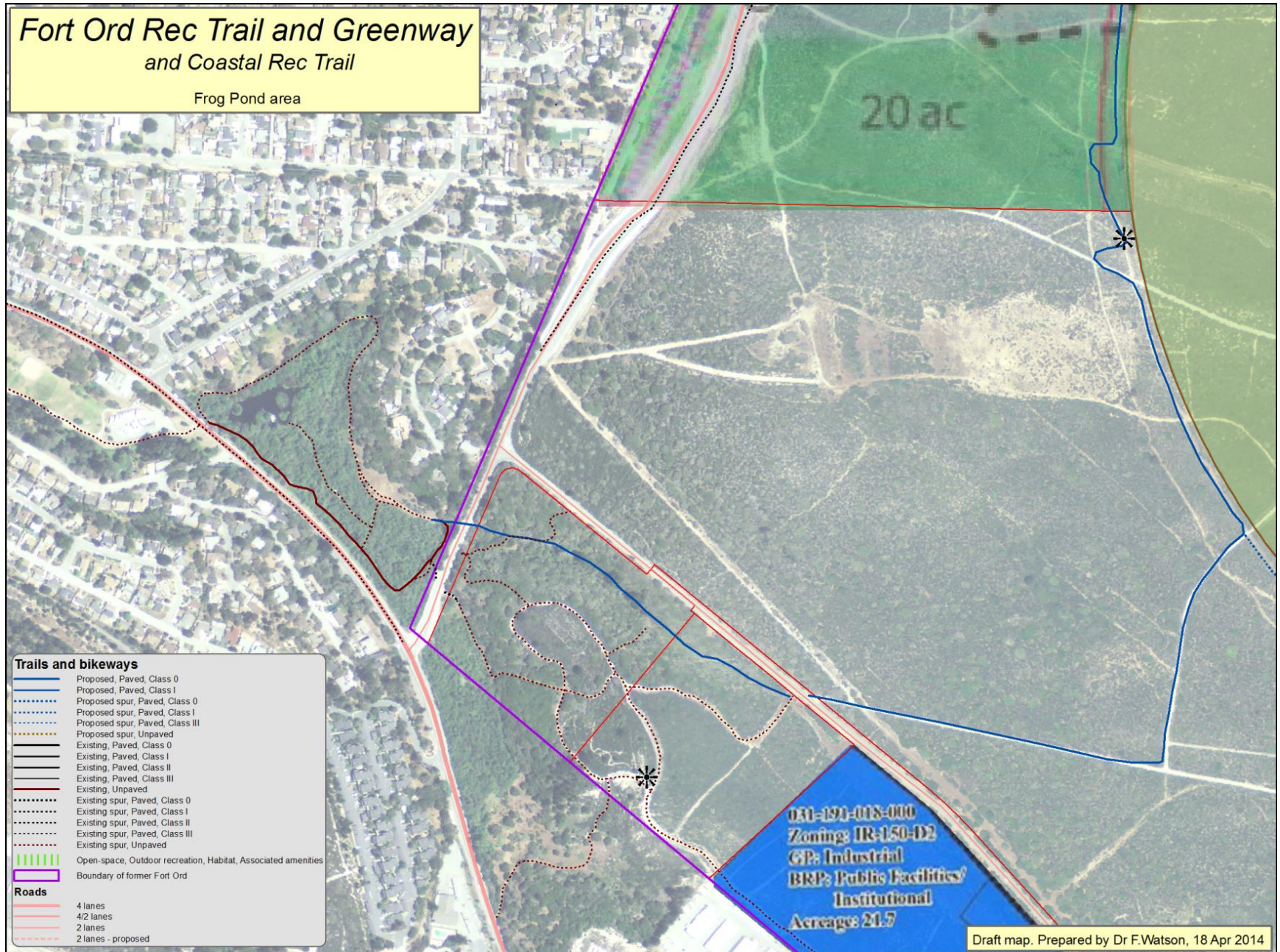


# FORTAG connects population to open-space



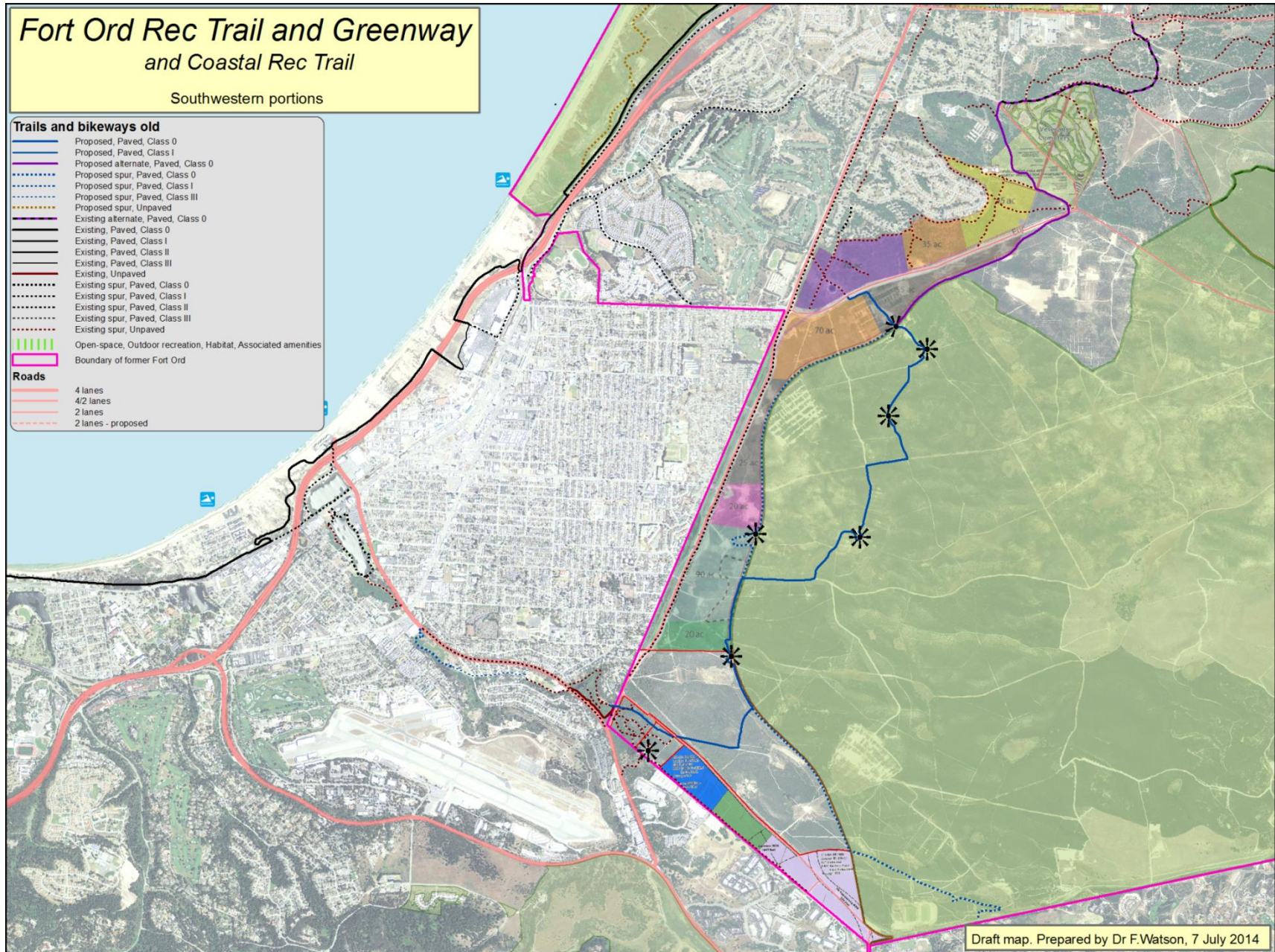


# Existing Regional Park property on former Fort Ord: The Frog Pond – Opportunity to be a gateway to Fort Ord from the Monterey side



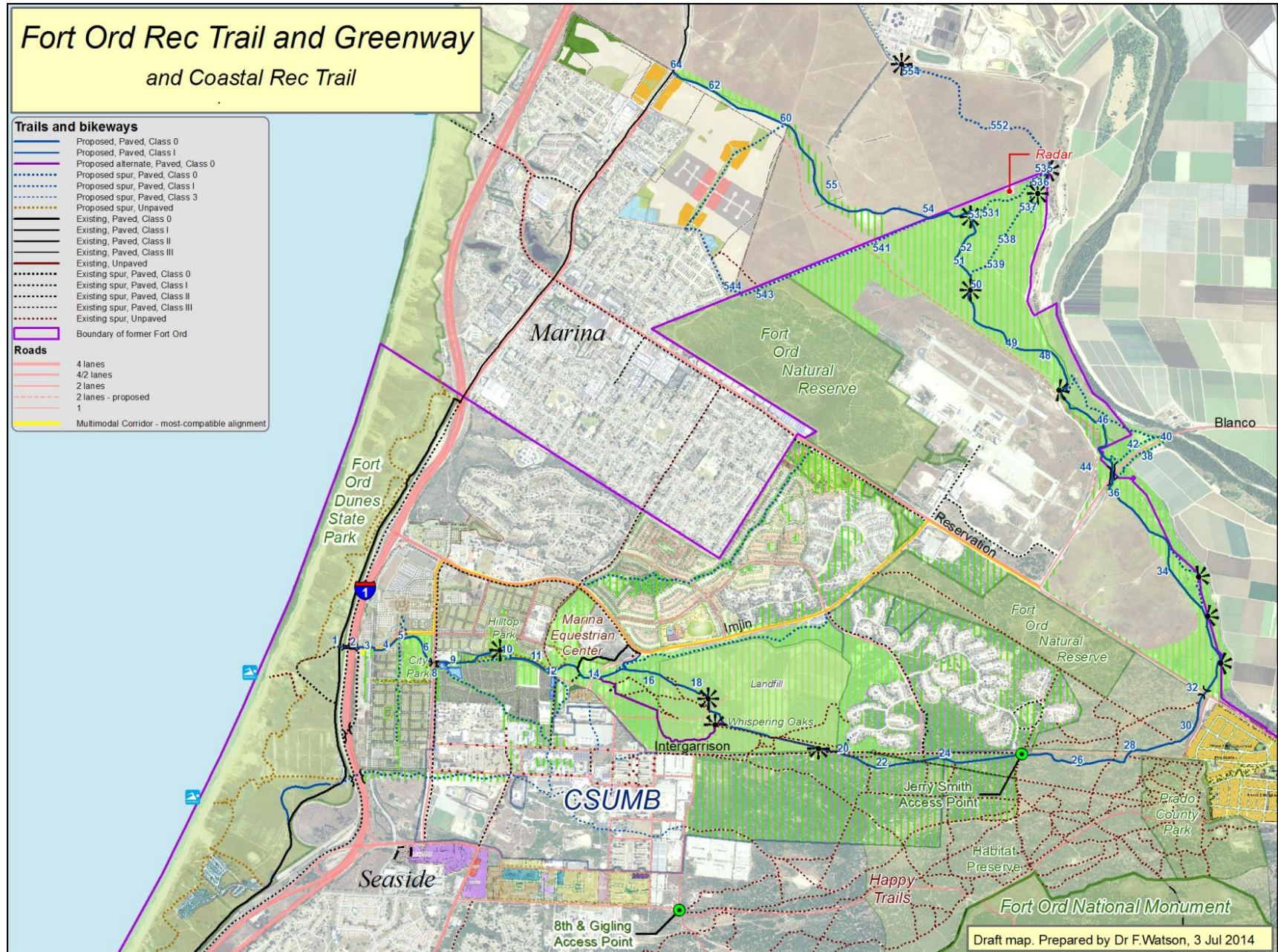


# FORTAG southern loop: Trails and open space on former Fort Ord, serving Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, & Seaside; anchored by access through Frog Pond Regional Park



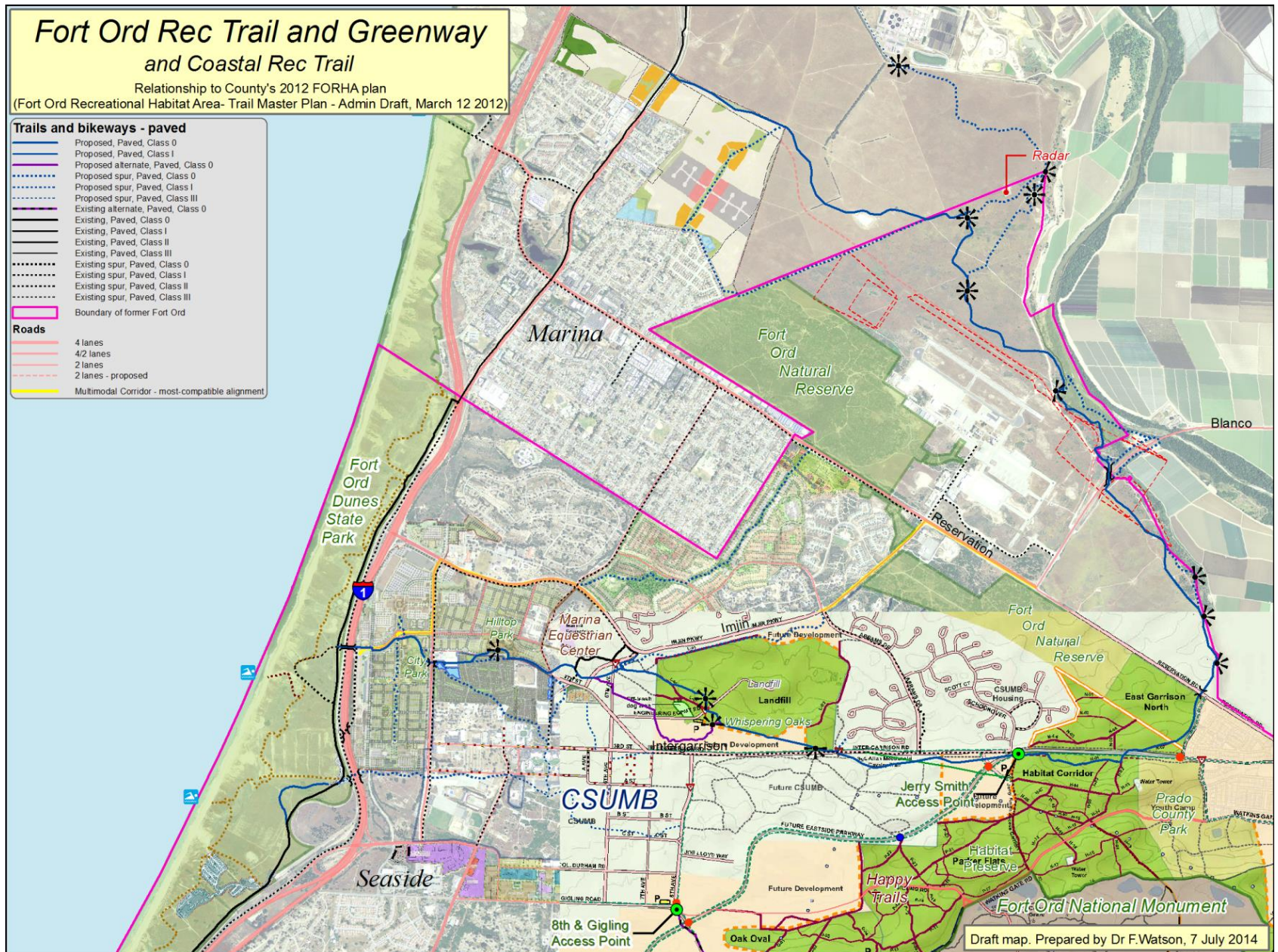


# FORTAG northern loop: Opportunity for Park District to take a leading role in trail and open-space management



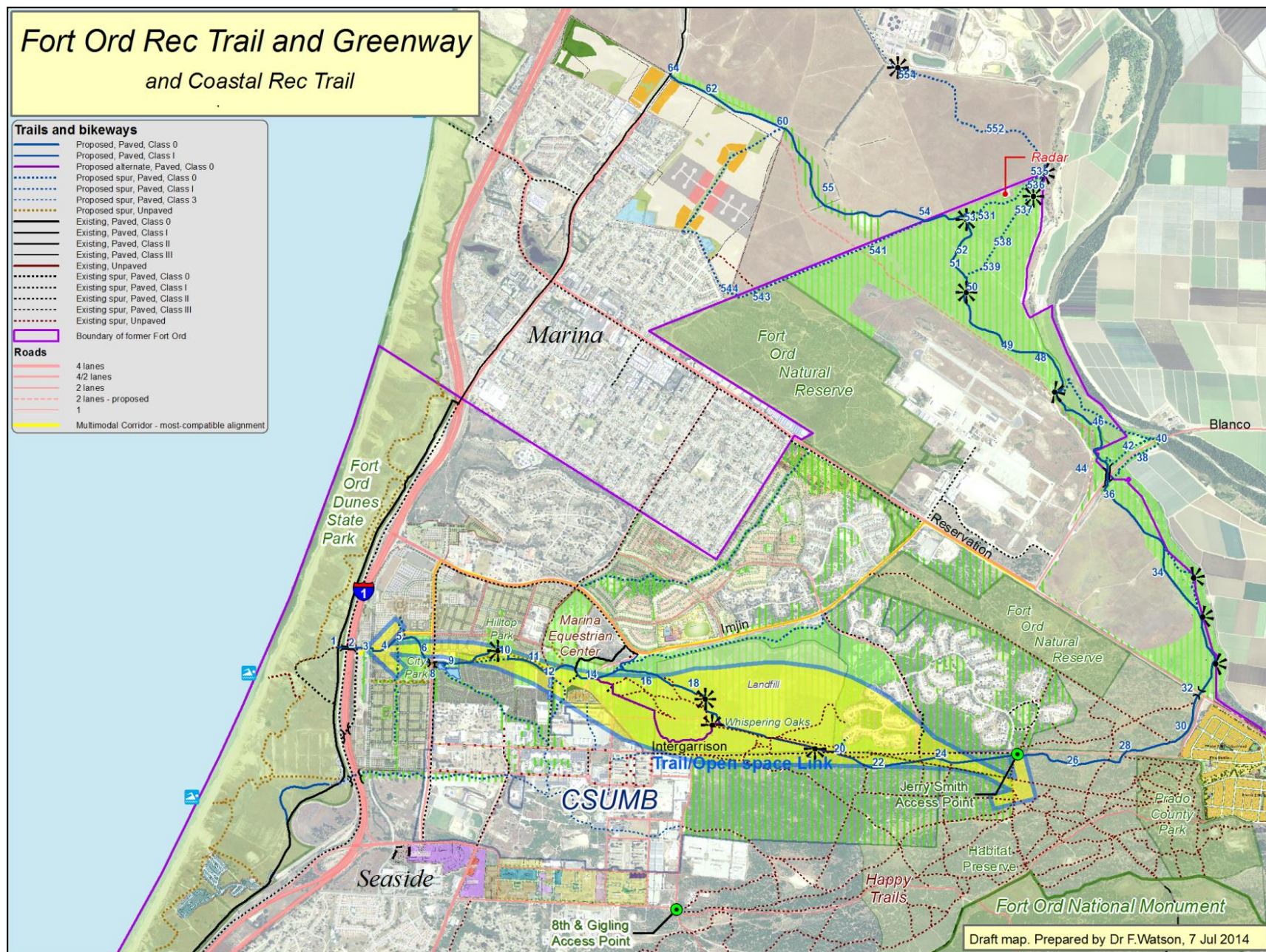


# FORTAG northern loop: County lands (green) with uncertain management future





# FORTAG northern loop: fulfills key elements of Fort Ord Reuse Plan





**Population density within census blocks**  
(includes MPRPD boundary & properties; and FORTAG)

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- Open-space, Outdoor recreation, Habitat, Associated amenities
- MPRPD Boundary
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**Roads**

- 4 lanes
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- Multimodal Corridor - most-compatible alignment

1 dot = 20 people

**Fort Ord Rec Trail and Greenway (proposed)**

**Fort Ord National Monument**

**Jacks Peak County Park**

**Toro County Park**

**CSUMB**

**Fort Ord Natural Reserve**

**Happy Trails**

**Badger Hills Trailhead**

**Creekside Terrace Trailhead**

**Alery Smith Trailhead**

**Blanco Rd**

**Davis Rd**

**Crowsville**

**Vermer**

**Deer Valley**

**Closed Area (Munitions)**

**Draft map. Prepared by Dr F. Watson, 8 July 2014**

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