

**LAKE COUNTY**

**Protections in place:**

	<b>Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions</b>	<b>Oak Protection During Construction</b>	<b>Heritage Tree Protection</b>	<b>Riparian Vegetation Protections</b>	<b>Oak Canopy Retention</b>	<b>Oak Woodland Conservation Program</b>
<b>General Plan Language</b>	General plan is being updated in 2003, no draft policies available yet.	None	None	Resource Management and Conservation Element calls for riparian set backs for roads and buildings. Resource Conservation zones and creek management plans should include measures to protect riparian resources	None	None
<b>Specific Ordinance</b>	Zoning Ordinance establishes performance standards for erosion control including preservation of trees and groves whenever possible. Required landscaping plans must include location of riparian vegetation and large oaks.	None	None	Zoning ordinance establishes Water Way districts to protect riparian resources 20-30' from streams. Tree removal (4" at 3' off the ground) requires a permit.	Zoning ordinance identifies scenic corridors that may include significant stands of trees.	The Oak Woodland Management Policy requires monitoring of oak woodland canopy cover and reporting to the Board of Supervisors every 5 years. Significant reduction in cover requires notification of the BOS within 30 days. The monitoring committee is also charged with education and incentives for landowners.
<b>Voluntary Guidelines</b>	None	None	None	None	None	None

**Documents reviewed:**

**Date of Review:** July 2003

- Open Space Element
- Conservation Element
- Land Use Element
- Zoning Ordinance
- Subdivision Ordinance

- Grading and Erosion Ordinance
- Roads/Sidewalk Tree Ordinance
- Tree Removal Ordinance
- Voluntary Guidelines
- Other County Codes: Five-Year Assessment of the Programs Affecting Oak Woodlands in Lake County, California. December 2001

**Summary of Oak Protection Policies:**

Community Development Element, no date	This element establishes Rural Lands districts for areas of limited agricultural potential that stay mostly in their natural state. Areas are steep, remote and have high fire danger. Uses include animal raising, crop production, single-family residences and transmission lines. Resource Conservation lands are areas of significant plant or animal habitat, and forest lands in TPZ. Uses include single-family dwellings, grazing, crops, and recreation. Open Space zoning is established to preserve open space on public open space and parks.
Resource Management and Conservation Element, no date	This element calls for protection of environmentally sensitive significant lands for their plant and animal habitat (1.2). Development in these areas is allowed only after a site specific investigation and mitigation measures required to offset impacts. Roads and buildings should be set back from riparian corridors. Enhancement of habitat through controlled burning should be encouraged (1.3). Creek management plans should include measures to protect riparian resources (1.5). Resource Conservation overlay zones should be developed to implement these policies.
Zoning	The zoning ordinance identifies a scenic corridor district that may include significant stands of trees (article 34). A Water Way district is established to protect riparian resources 30' from perennial and 20' from intermittent streams (or the boundary of riparian vegetation). Clearing or removal of any trees greater than 4" in diameter at 3' off the ground requires a permit (article 37). Performance standards are established for erosion control (41.6) that include preservation of natural features including trees and groves of trees whenever possible. Landscaping standards (41.9) require landscaping plans that must show locations of existing trees including riparian vegetation and large oaks.
Oak Woodland Management Policy, #95-211	This resolution designates the Lake County Coordinating Resource Management Committee to conduct monitoring of oak woodland resources. The committee shall monitor increases and decreases in canopy cover and report its findings to the Board of Supervisors every 5 years. Should any significant reduction of a forest segment occur, the committee shall notify and recommend action to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days. The committee shall make educational materials and workshops available to the public. The county encourages and supports private enterprise, public/private partnerships, conservation easements and TPZ zoning to sustain oak woodlands.

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- No contacts
- Policies provided by county staff
- Policies discussed with county staff
- Policy inventory reviewed by county staff