

MADERA

Protections in place:

	Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions	Oak Protection During Construction	Heritage Tree Protection	Riparian Vegetation Protections	Oak Canopy Retention	Oak Woodland Conservation Program
General Plan Language	None	None	The Natural Resources Element calls for protection of landmark trees (designated by Board of Supervisors)	The Natural Resources Element calls for 50-100' riparian protection zones. Developers must mitigate destruction 3:1. The County should adopt a riparian ordinance	The Natural Resources Element calls for conservation of large, continuous expanses of native vegetation	The Natural Resources Element calls for preservation and protection of oak woodlands by requiring new development to preserve woodlands as open space
Specific Ordinance	None	Subdivision maps and road permits must show all 12" trees and driplines	None	None	None	None
Voluntary Guidelines	Guidelines suggest retention of oaks of all size and species, reforestation through natural or artificial regeneration and planning for replacement trees of all ages, species, sizes, and growth form. Consider replanting after removal	Guidelines suggest protection during construction by avoiding root compaction, cutting, grade changes, and landscaping requiring irrigation.	Guidelines suggest retention of specimen age and heritage size oaks of all species.	None	None	None

Documents reviewed:

Date of Review: July 2003

- Open Space Element
- Conservation Element

- Grading and Erosion Ordinance
- Roads/Sidewalk Tree Ordinance

X Land Use Element
 X Zoning Ordinance
 X Subdivision Ordinance

 Tree Removal Ordinance
 X Voluntary Guidelines
 X Other County Codes: Madera County General Plan Background Report

Summary of Oak Protection Policies:

<p>Agriculture and Natural Resources Element, 1995</p>	<p>OAK WOODLANDS: The Agriculture and Natural Resources Element calls for preservation and protection of outstanding areas of natural vegetation, including, but not limited to, oak woodlands and riparian areas. The Plan requires new development to preserve natural woodlands to the maximum extent possible (5.F). The County should preserve natural vegetation, including woodlands as open space to the extent feasible. New development should be designed and constructed to preserve significant stands of vegetation as open space (5.H).</p> <p>HERITAGE TREES: The County shall ensure that landmark trees are preserved and protected. (a tree or grove of trees designated by Board of Supervisors to be of historic or cultural value, an outstanding specimen, an unusual species, and/or of significant community benefit) (5.F).</p> <p>RIPARIAN PROTECTION: The County shall require riparian protection zones around natural watercourses from 50-100 feet depending on width of riparian vegetation (5.D). Exceptions may be made in existing developed areas where existing development and lots are located within the setback areas. New private or public developments must preserve and enhance existing native riparian habitat. When development results in modification riparian habitat for flood control, developers must create new riparian habitats at a ratio of 3:1. The County shall work toward acquisition of creek corridors as public open space through fee acquisition or easements with provisions for maintenance and management in perpetuity. The County shall adopt an ordinance for riparian protection zones identifying allowable activities and mitigation techniques.</p> <p>WILDLIFE HABITAT: The County shall identify and protect wildlife habitat including oak woodlands by requiring development to be carefully planned and located (5.E). The County shall ensure the conservation of sufficiently large, continuous expanses of native vegetation to provide suitable habitat for maintaining abundant and diverse wildlife, if this preservation does not threaten the economic well-being of the county. The county requires a biotic resources evaluation prior to approval of discretionary development permits for parcels within a significant ecological resources.</p>
<p>Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 17</p>	<p>TREE PROTECTION: Subdivision maps must show all trees with trunk diameters of 12” or greater. Existing tree driplines and the identification of the types of trees must be shown on road construction permits prior to the recordation of a final subdivision or parcel map.</p>
<p>Voluntary Guidelines, 1997</p>	<p>The guidelines give advice on how to prune and clear under oaks for fire protection purposes, thin for rangeland improvement purposes, build within oak woodlands, enhance wildlife habitat and protect watersheds during harvesting. In addition, guidelines suggest:</p> <p>HERITAGE OAKS: Retention of specimen age and heritage size oaks of all species.</p> <p>TREE RETENTION/REPLACEMENT: Retention of oaks of all size and species represented on the site. Reforest oak</p>

species through natural or artificial regeneration. Plan for replacement trees of all ages, species, sizes, and growth form. TREE PROTECTION: Protection during construction by avoiding root compaction, cutting, grade changes, and landscaping requiring irrigation.

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County Contacts:

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