

TULARE

Protections in place:

	Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions	Oak Protection During Construction	Heritage Tree Protection	Riparian Vegetation Protections	Oak Canopy Retention Requirements	Oak Woodland Conservation Program
General Plan Language	The Environmental Resources Element directs the county to protect the oak grove along Scenic highway 198 through agreements and purchased.	The Environmental Resources Element directs the county to condition subdivision and building permits in foothill and mountain areas to control vegetation clearing and require careful construction practices.	None	None	None	The Environmental Resources Element directs the county conduct a joint study of significant habitat to be preserved and give the highest priority to compatible land uses within those areas
Specific Ordinance	None	None	None	None	None	None
Voluntary Guidelines	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:

Summary of Oak Protection Policies:

Environmental Resources Element	WILDLIFE HABITAT: The County should request a planning agreement with DFG to develop a joint study of significant habitat to be preserved. The county should give the highest priority to designating land uses to assure protection of rare and endangered species and should provide for other wildlife uses as much as possible. The county
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should identify important wildlife habitat areas and provide for compatible uses within those areas. When approving recreation subdivisions and building permits within foothill and mountain areas, provide for control of destruction of vegetation which may cause undue erosion. Require a plan and a bond for guarantee, and designation of vegetation to be retained and/or destroyed and ascertain possible harmful effects which may be remedied by careful construction practices.

RIPARIAN: Use of stream beds as tractor beds and skid trails should be prohibited as well as blocking of streams by such systems (7.B). Homesite and recreation developments along waterways should be required to dedicate a buffer as public open space. Development practices that upset natural habitat should be controlled to minimize erosion and maximize vegetation growth. (3.C).

OAK PRESERVATION: Effort should be made to protect the large grove of mature oak trees east of Visalia along Scenic highway 198 through agreements with the owner until the land can be purchased by the County (12.E).

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County Contacts:

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