

MENDOCINO

Protections in place:

	Oak Tree Retention/ Replacement Provisions	Oak Protection During Construction	Heritage Tree Protection	Riparian Vegetation Protections	Oak Canopy Retention Provisions	Oak Woodland Area Conservation
General Plan Language	None, plan being updated by 2006, no new language yet available	None	Scenic Element calls for protection of existing specimens and stands of trees	Land Use Element calls for adoption of a grading ordinance to protect riparian vegetation	None	None
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
- Scenic 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:

Land Use, 1992	RIPARIAN: The Land Use element states that the County should protect and maintain its native vegetation and wildlife by adopting a grading ordinance (12-a) to retain and restore riparian vegetation (i) and protect and retain natural vegetation in or near construction and road-building sites (ii). Rare and unique vegetation through appropriate zoning or management prescriptions (h). The County should help prevent and stabilize streambank erosion by protect riparian vegetation (11-3a) through appropriate standards in zoning ordinances (11-3b). The County is to consider preservation of any natural areas that have been identified on all land use and planning decisions (8-2a). The county should support the continued use of prescribed burning to improve the quality of the county's watersheds for fish and wildlife habitat (5-fr).
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Open Space/ Conservation, 1981	PLANTS: A goal of the Open Space Element is to conserve natural resources (J) by identification and conservation of representative plant communities.
Scenic Highways, 1977	LANDMARK TREES: Existing specimens and stands of trees of outstanding scenic value should be identified and preserved wherever possible (17).
Zoning Ordinance, 1992	ZONES: The Zoning Ordinance adopts rangeland, timberland, forestland, and open space zones. Forest and rangeland zones are intended (in part) for the production and harvest of natural resources. Open space is applied to lands not suited for development or to lands most valuable in their undeveloped natural state. Generally structures and significant grading shall be prohibited, but may be permitted with a minor use permit provided the structures or grading honors the open space intent.

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County Contacts:

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