

The County of Mendocino **General Plan** language protective of oak woodlands, forests and wildlands:

Resource Management Goal 5 (Ecosystems)

Prevent fragmentation and loss of the county's oak woodlands, forests, and wildlands and preserve their economic and ecological values and benefits.

Biology and Ecology Resources

Ecosystem Policies

Resource Management Goal 24

Protect the county's natural landscapes by restricting conversion and fragmentation of timberlands, oak woodlands, stream corridors, farmlands, and other natural environments.

Resource Management Goal 25

Prevent fragmentation and loss of oak woodlands, forests, and wildlands and preserve their economic and ecological values and benefits.

Action Item **Resource Management-28.1** The county shall develop CEQA standards that require disclosure of impacts to all sensitive biotic communities during review of discretionary projects. These standards shall require the following mitigation:

...**Oak Woodland** – Maintain and improve oak woodland habitat to provide for slope stabilization, soil protection, species diversity and wildlife habitat through the following measures:

- Preserve, to the maximum extent, oak trees and other vegetation that occur near the heads of drainages or depressions to maintain diversity of vegetation type and wildlife habitat as part of agricultural projects.
- Comply with the Oak woodland Preservation Act regarding oak woodland preservation to conserve the integrity and diversity of oak woodlands, and retain, to the maximum extent feasible, existing oak woodland and chaparral communities and other significant vegetation as part of residential, commercial, and industrial approvals.
- Provide appropriate replacement of lost oak woodlands or preservation at a 2:1 ratio for habitat loss.

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Conserve and replant oak woodlands and stands of native oaks in community areas and developments. Protect oak woodlands in other areas through limitations on density and clustering.

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Conserve and enhance watercourses to protect habitat, fisheries, soils, and water quality.

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Conserve and enhance streamside (riparian) vegetation through development design and standards.

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Stream restoration and maintenance programs shall conserve riparian vegetation and the floodwater carrying capacity of river and stream channels.