

ALAMEDA COUNTY

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	The Scenic Element calls for control of tree removal on scenic corridors and throughout the county. No mature trees should be removed without a permit. Developed areas should have requirements to preserve existing trees. Undeveloped areas should have natural vegetation removal regulations. Subdivision regulations should require tree preservation and planting.	None	None	None	None	The Conservation Element says vegetation should be protected through control of resource development and utilization by revision of legislative standards and conservation zoning
Specific Ordinance	The Alameda County Tree Ordinance requires an encroachment permit for planting, pruning or removing trees in the right of way of a county road	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:

Conservation Element, 1994	The Conservation Element establishes the goal of protecting and enhancing wildlife habitats and natural vegetation areas in the county through assessment of resources, control of resource development and utilization. This should be accomplished through revision of legislative standards and establishment of zoning that reflects relationships to conservation and resource management principles.
Scenic Element, 1994	The Scenic Route Element articulates the principle that tree removal should be controlled in both the scenic route corridor and the remainder of the county. No mature trees should be removed without permission of the local jurisdiction. Development along designated scenic routes requires development guidance and controls. In developed areas (a) requirements to insure preservation of outstanding views, through preservation of existing trees should be implemented. In undeveloped areas (b), guidance and control of development should include grading and natural vegetation removal regulations. Subdivision regulations should require tree preservation and planting.
Zoning Ordinance, Title 17	Site development review is required in all districts whenever a building site is located in an area of environmental significance unless the site and use have been the subject of a prior application such as subdivision, PD, or conditional use permit, under which environmental review has been completed and the specific plan has already been considered. Such sites shall be subject to special regulations and policies that depend upon the nature of each area as set forth in the specific plan for areas of environmental significance.
Roadside Trees 12.08.540	The Alameda County Tree Ordinance requires an encroachment permit for planting, pruning or removing trees in the right of way of a county road. Work must be done by a certified arborist. The county may require a maintenance plan and may inspect work done to maintain trees.

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County Contacts:

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