

Topic:	Land Acquisition
Resource Type:	Regulations
State:	California
Jurisdiction Type:	Municipal
Municipality:	County of Placer
Year (adopted, written, etc.):	1994
Community Type - applicable to:	Suburban; Rural
Title:	County of Placer Open Space Preservation of Natural Resources Ordinance
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Abstract

Placer Legacy is a county program that seeks to protect Placer County's diverse open space and agricultural resources. This program was started as a way to implement the Open Space Element of the Placer County General Plan. In partnership with a diverse group of stakeholders, the county is implementing a comprehensive, science-based open space plan that preserves the diversity of plant and animal communities in the county as well as protects land for agricultural and recreational purposes.

Resource

Placer County General Plan, 1994, Pages 115-116

OPEN SPACE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal 6.E: To preserve and enhance open space lands to maintain the natural resources of the county.

Policies

6.E. 1. The County shall support the preservation and enhancement of natural land forms, natural vegetation, and natural resources as open space to the maximum extent feasible. The County shall permanently protect, as open space, areas of natural resource value, including wetlands preserves, riparian corridors, woodlands, and floodplains.

6.E.2. The County shall require that new development be designed and constructed to preserve the following types of areas and features as open space to the maximum extent feasible:

- a. High erosion hazard areas
- b. Scenic and trail corridors;
- c. Streams, streamside vegetation;

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- d. Wetlands;
- e. Other significant stands of vegetation;
- f. Wildlife corridors; and
- g. Any areas of special ecological significance.

6.E.3. The County shall support the maintenance of open space and natural areas that are interconnected and of sufficient size to protect biodiversity, accommodate wildlife movement, and sustain ecosystems.

6.E.4. The County shall encourage either private or public ownership and maintenance of open space.

6.E.5. The County shall coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies and private organizations to establish visual and physical links among open space areas to form a system that, where appropriate, includes trails. Dedication of easements shall be encouraged, and in many cases, required as lands are developed and built.

Implementation Programs

6. 14. The County should develop and adopt an ordinance requiring the dedication of open space lands or payment of open space mitigation fees to provide and maintain open space. The ordinance shall further define geographic areas of benefit. Mitigation fees collected within a particular area of benefit are to be spent within that area of benefit.

Responsibility: Panning Department
Time Frame: FY 94-95
Funding: General Fund