



# Landmark Tree Update

Folsom State Prison & Oak Parkway Trail



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# What is a Landmark Tree?

## FMC Chapter 12.16.170



- Designated by City Council
  - ✓ Historical value
  - ✓ Outstanding habitat
  - ✓ Unusual species
  - ✓ Superior beauty
- Registry Established in 1996
- Recent revival effort after a 23-year dormancy

# Landmark Tree - Program & Process

Owner submission of an application  
and \$280 fee

**OR**

*The City Council may on its own  
motion and without the payment of  
the fee, commence the process of  
designating a landmark tree*

- Assessment and maintenance assistance from the City
- Any request for removal requires declassification by the City Council





# Landmark Tree Candidates

Updates per City Council Request



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- 250 acres (cumulative)
- Primarily oaks w/other natives
- Considerations for Landmark Status:

- ✓ Historical value
- ✓ Outstanding habitat value
- ✓ Superior beauty

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# Considerations

## 1. Owner consent

CDCR has submitted letter of support for Council to execute FMC 12.16.170(A)(1) to commence a Landmark Grove designation

## 2. Applicable Findings

- ✓ Historical Value
- ✓ Outstanding Habitat
- ✓ Superior Beauty

## 3. Financial Impact for the City

- One time \$280 application fee waived
- Staff time (annual inspection by City Arborist at CDCR's request)



- Native oaks including a few small oracle oaks
- Approx 1.4 miles/49 acres
  - ~10 acres canopy
- Considerations for Landmark Status:
  - ✓ Habitat value
  - ✓ Superior beauty
  - ✓ Unusual species

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# Considerations

## 1. Stakeholders

- Trail Users
  - SMUD
  - PG&E
- } Possess utility easements

2. Utility Conflicts - some trees are directly under low-point sag of high voltage transmission lines (historic aerial imagery indicates at least since the early 1960s)

3. Legal Conflicts – attorneys on both sides agree utility stakeholders are not controlled by City ordinance or policy

## 4. Impact for the City

- Application fee waived (already owned by the City)
- Ongoing relationships with stakeholders

# Council Considerations/Actions

- Adopt Resolution No. 11130 – A Resolution Establishing Landmark Tree Designations for the Native Woodlands on the Folsom State Prison Property at 300 Prison Road
- Adopt Resolution No. 11131 - A Resolution Establishing Landmark Tree Designations for Native Oaks within the City Owned Segment of the Oak Parkway Trail Corridor