



Town of Yountville
"The Heart of the Napa Valley"

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Subject: Hopper Creek Path Reopened After Heritage Tree Removal

The safe removal of the Grandfather Oak Tree was completed just prior the Thanksgiving holiday. After tree debris is removed and repairs made to the pathway, the Hopper Creek Path is now safe for path users and has been re-opened. Residents are now able to access the path and view the remnant of the tree and the child tree that will be supported and nourished by the remaining prodigy.

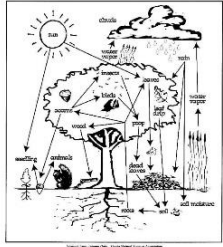
The child tree will be a legacy for many generations to enjoy as it grows in what was once the shadow of the Grandfather Oak. The Town will be creating a storyboard commemorating the history of the "Grandfather Oak" and placing it along the section of the path by the trunk of the Grandfather Oak Tree.



Picture of the tree trunk to show scale

Who Lives in the Oak Community?

Who lives in the oak community? The oak community is a diverse ecosystem that supports a wide variety of life.



The Oak Community

California native oak offers serenity and beauty to our landscape. Oak woodlands predominantly cover the state and are composed of white, pinkish, black, and red oaks. There are approximately 300 oak species, including 140 species of oaks, 40 species of acorns, and 100 species of acorn-eaters.

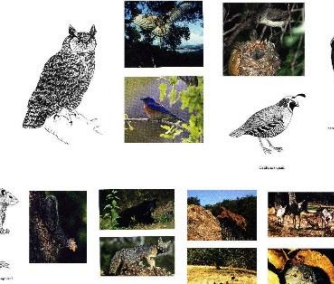
Oak woodlands are the basis of watersheds that provide drinking water for millions of Californians. During the past 300 years, population growth, urban and agricultural expansion, and agricultural conversion have reduced the oak woodland ecosystem. Preserving the oak community is a statewide priority.

The citizens of California have taken action to protect the oak community. The "Oak Community Act" of 1992 established the Oak Community Act, which provides for the protection of oak woodlands. The act also provides for the protection of oak woodlands.

By creating down the oak community, we have acknowledged our responsibility to protect the oak community. The oak community is a valuable resource that provides for the protection of oak woodlands.

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Oak Community Facts

FOOD: Acorn, the most diverse bird species eat acorns and include scowls, magpies, woodpeckers, wild turkeys, mountain quail, and flickers. Woodpeckers also feed on oak sap.

The acorn woodpecker stores up to 200 acorns in each tree's branch. Squirrels and chipmunks collect and store acorns to eat in winter but also provide the acorns for those acorns to grow from next year.

Insects eat acorns and also become meals for birds including blue jays, woodrats, shrews and woodrats.

Jelly weevil species eat grasses, fungi, seeds, berries and insects living in oak acorn scales.

SHEDS: Many wildlife species eat grasses, fungi, seeds, berries and insects living in oak acorn scales.

Oak acorns have a hard round shell and are eaten by many mammals. Acorns are also eaten by many other animals including birds, mammals, and insects. Acorns are also eaten by many other animals including birds, mammals, and insects.

WILDLIFE AND OAKS: An oak woodland provides a diverse habitat for many species.

Oaks are a food resource for many species including acorn woodpeckers, blue jays, woodrats, shrews, and woodrats.

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OAK COMMUNITIES IN EARLY NATIVE CALIFORNIA

Native Americans used the oak community for many purposes. They used oak woodlands for many purposes including acorn woodpeckers, blue jays, woodrats, shrews, and woodrats.

Acorns were gathered in large cones and stored in baskets. They were dried and stored in baskets. They were dried and stored in baskets.

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1841 JOURNAL OF WILLIAM BREWSTER UP AND DOWN CALIFORNIA

November 3 (Saturday) (Thursday)

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Mockup of the storyboard that will be placed in front of the tree trunk

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