



# SUNSET WHITNEY • RECREATION AREA •

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

### SOCIAL BENEFITS:

- Improvement of physical health
- Learning and teaching
- Rest, relaxation, and revitalization contributes to mental well-being
- The opportunity to interact with other individuals in the community
- An increase in the awareness of the natural environment

### ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

- Contributing to a healthy and productive working environment
- Providing an attraction for tourism
- Making a community more desirable for businesses and residential development
- Increasing values of nearby properties

### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS:

- Acquiring land for parks and open space helps assure the long-term preservation of environmentally significant land.
- Protects wildlife and plant communities and increases biodiversity
- Reduces congestion
- Enhances air quality
- Reduces sediment load, toxins, and excess nutrients that enters the waterway
- Reduces the rate and amount of stormwater runoff that causes flooding and erosion
- Non-motorized methods of transportation
- Reduction in greenhouse gasses

### COMMUNITY BENEFITS:

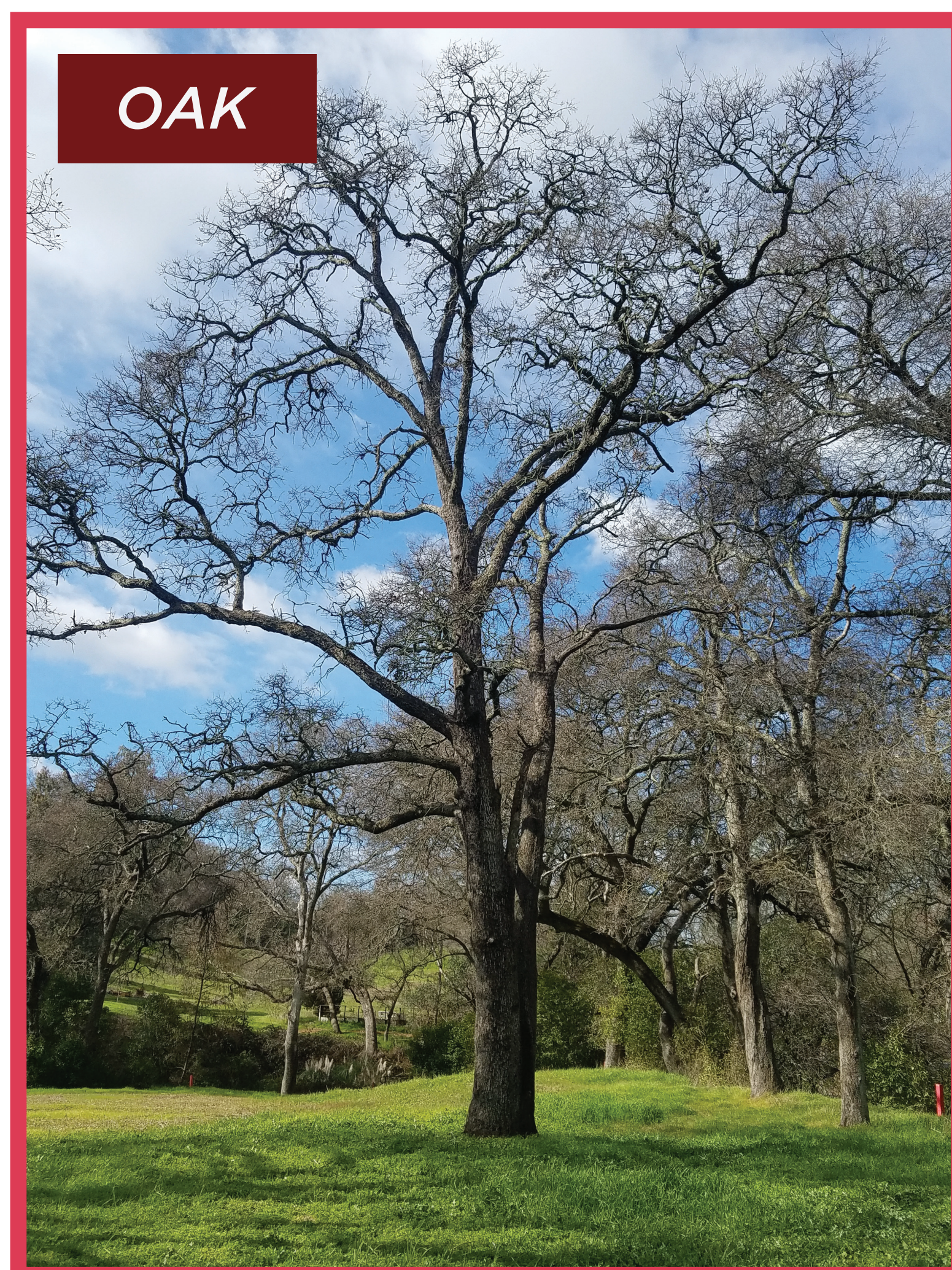
- Open spaces provide children a place to play, imagine and learn about nature
- Contributes toward a high quality of life
- Provides a sense of community and opportunity to interact with others
- Reduces alienation, loneliness and anti-social behaviors
- Opportunities for community involvement and shared management and ownership of community resources
- Integrated and accessible recreation services
- Community pride

## HOW DOES OPEN SPACE BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

Parks and open spaces provide the opportunity for participation in, and enjoyment of, a wide range of outdoor recreational experiences.

### INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS:

- Individual overall well-being and health are positively impacted by low-impact recreational activities.
- Hiking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, etc.
  - Experience and observe nature
  - Provide opportunities for learning and living a more balanced productive life
  - Relaxation, rest, and revitalization through recreation is essential for stress management



- OTHER TREE SPECIES THAT YOU MAY FIND ON SITE:**
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|-------------|--------------|
| CHINESE ELM | PISTACHE     |
| MULBERRY    | CEDAR        |
| WILLOW      | COTTONWOOD   |
| MODESTO ASH | WHITE BIRCH  |
| STONE PINE  | CREPE MYRTLE |

