



## Oak Woodland Management Plan: Requirements And Process

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors has adopted an Oak Woodland Ordinance, which went into effect on May 11, 2017. This ordinance regulates the clear-cutting of oak woodlands in the unincorporated inland portions of the County. One of the components of this ordinance offers a landowner the option to prepare an Oak Woodland Management Plan, allowing a landowner or land manager to provide long-term conservation and maintenance of the oak woodland including, but not limited to programs for maintenance, regeneration, and enhancement of a woodland, without the need for a County permit.

An Oak Woodland Management Plan may be used to allow clear-cutting of oak woodland, provided the cumulative amount of clear-cutting does not exceed five percent of the site's total oak woodland canopy. During the initial timeframe set out in an Oak Woodland Management Plan, a landowner will not be subject to amendments to the Oak Woodland Ordinance. Here are the general requirements and process for establishing an Oak Woodland Management Plan.

### General Requirements

Who can Prepare an Oak Woodland Management Plan?

- Oak Woodland Management Plans should be prepared by a qualified individual acceptable to the Director of Planning and Building. An initial list of qualified individuals can be found on the Department's website. Please contact the Department to recommend other qualified individuals be added to the list.
- If an Oak Woodland Management Plan is to be prepared by a forester, the qualified individual must be a Registered Professional Forester pursuant to Public Resources Code 750 et seq.

What are the required elements of an Oak Woodland Management Plan?

- Site Location: Address or Assessor Parcel Number(s);
- Objectives: Maps, site plans, or other information demonstrating how the objectives specified in the plan will be accomplished;
- Timeframe: Not to exceed ten years, a timeframe may be extended or renewed during the final year of the approved plan. All extensions or renewals will be consistent with Title 22 as applicable at the time;
- Conservation Easement: A landowner can elect to place the site covered by the Oak Woodland Management Plan into a conservation easement.

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### Process

1. Find a qualified individual (i.e. Registered Professional Forester) acceptable to the Director of Planning and Building. A list can be found on our website or by contacting Jacqueline Protsman at [jprotsman@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jprotsman@co.slo.ca.us);
2. Perform a site assessment of your property which may include, but is not limited to, identifying site characteristics, soil conditions, current land uses, existing oak woodland, and history of oak management onsite;
3. Create a set of Goals and Objectives for Oak Woodland Management on your property;
4. Provide a summary of management practices and protection measures for the Oak Woodland over the set timeframe (not to exceed 10 years);
5. Complete a Site Assessment Form in this packet, including a Site Plan;
6. Submit the Site Assessment Form and Oak Woodland Management Plan to the Planning and Building Department;
7. Staff will review the Oak Woodland Management Plan for consistency with the current Oak Woodland Ordinance;
8. If consistent, Staff will file the management plan with the parcel data;
9. During the initial timeframe set out in an Oak Woodland Management Plan, a landowner will not be subject to amendments to the Oak Woodland Ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding Oak Woodland Management Plans, please contact Jacqueline Protsman at 805-781-4979 or [jprotsman@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jprotsman@co.slo.ca.us).

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## Site Assessment Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Information

Landowner Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed Forester: \_\_\_\_\_ License Type/#: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Information \* Please attach a Site Plan\*

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Land Use Designation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species onsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Are Heritage Oaks defined by Ordinance 3346 present onsite? If yes, please identify on attached site plan.

Acres of oak woodland canopy onsite: \_\_\_\_\_

Acres of oak woodland canopy to be removed (not to exceed 5% of the Site's total canopy):

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Description of Oak Woodland: (circle one) Savannah or Closed-Canopy

Slope: \_\_\_\_\_ Timeframe (not to exceed 10 years): \_\_\_\_\_

Land Management Goals:

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Will the Site be placed into a conservation easement as defined by the ordinance? (Circle One) Yes / No

\*All Oak Woodland Management Plans are subject to the requirements of Ordinance 3346. The cumulative amount of clear-cutting allowed in an Oak Woodland Management Plan, as defined by this ordinance, shall not exceed 5 percent of a Site's total Oak Woodland Canopy, or result in the conversion of the Oak Woodland for an allowed use as identified in Table 2-2, without a approved land use permit pursuant to Section 22.58.050.