

Objectives

- As the former Fort Ord will be developed over time, major vegetation and landscaping should be introduced or enhanced in development areas to create or strengthen an inviting and pedestrian scale environment, and to integrate the site as a whole into the larger Monterey Bay Region environment (BRP p. 71).
- Establish a pattern of landscaping of major and minor streets, including continuous street tree plantings to define gateways to the former Fort Ord and enhance the visual quality and environmental comfort within the community (BRP p. 71).
- Enhance physical appearance of existing neighborhoods with street and landscaping treatments (BRP p. 67).

RELEVANT LOCATIONS

- [TOWN & VILLAGE CENTERS](#)
- [GATEWAYS](#)
- [REGIONAL CIRCULATION CORRIDORS](#)
- [TRAILS](#)

Measures

1. **Functions.** Use plant species that thrive in low-water conditions and serve a variety of functions, including shade, soil conservation, and aesthetic improvements. Schedule new plantings during winter, and include 1-year growing season maintenance obligation.
2. **Natives.** Use native vegetation (Fort Ord natives preferred) whenever possible and fill in gaps between trees to maintain the natural character of the Fort Ord Monument. Consider 80% native plant composition along roadway Right-of-Way (ROW) for new development.
3. **Palettes.** Consistent with FORA-RUDG plant list recommendations (pages 46-64) and best management practices.
4. **Soils.** Preserve native Coastal topsoil during site grading or obtain horticultural soils test for amendment recommendations.
5. **Trees.** Incorporate and retain whenever possible. Use traditional street tree planting (25'-35' spacing) in Town & Village Centers. Randomly place or cluster

tree plantings outside Town & Village Centers to reflect native patterns.

Design References

- [Plant Lists](#)
- [Best Management Practices](#)