

Imperiled species and ecological communities

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Intent

Protect imperiled species and ecological communities.

Requirements

Check with the state Natural Heritage Program, and any local wildlife agencies to determine if species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, the state's endangered species act, or species or ecological communities classified by NatureServe as G1 (critically imperiled) or G2 (imperiled), have been found on the site or have a high likelihood of occurring on the site due to the presence of suitable habitat and nearby occurrences. If no such species have been found or have a high likelihood of being present, the prerequisite is achieved. If any such species have been found or have a high likelihood of being present, meet the requirements of Option 1 or Option 2 set forth below.

Option 1

Comply with an approved Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) under the Endangered Species Act for each identified species or ecological community;

OR

Option 2

If no approved HCP exists for an identified species or ecological community, then coordinate with the state's Natural Heritage Program or fish and wildlife agency to perform adequate surveys of imperiled species and ecological communities. If a survey finds that an imperiled species or ecological community is present, the project applicant shall do the following:

- a. Work with a qualified biologist, a non-governmental conservation organization or the appropriate state, regional or local agency to identify and map the geographic extent of the habitat and identify an appropriate buffer of no less than 100 feet around the habitat that ensures the protection of the imperiled species or ecological community.
- b. Protect the habitat and buffer or setback area from development in perpetuity by donating or selling the land or a conservation easement on the land to an accredited land trust or relevant public agency.
- c. Work with ecologists to analyze the threats from development of the proposed project and develop a management plan that eliminates or significantly mitigates the identified threats.