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### City's Use of California Native Plants Conserves Water and Educates the Public

Landscaping with California native plants significantly reduces water consumption in our parks and at our Community Center. Seeds are collected by volunteers and staff throughout the year and re-planted in new areas creating stunning wildflower displays in the Spring. Seeds are also distributed at various functions, i.e. trail and park grand openings where attendees are encouraged to spread them along the trails and in the parks. New stands of California milkweed are being established to encourage more monarch caterpillars and a partnership is developing between the Community Center and neighboring elementary school to teach the children about the important relationships between native plants, insects and animals. The Parks & Recreation Department also partners with the City's Creeks Commission and sponsors a creek day where non-native plants are replaced with native plants and participants learn about our local watersheds and the importance of keeping our waterways pollution free. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts collect California Buckeye seed pods and acorns from native oak trees and plant them on creek banks and hillsides where erosion is a problem. Heritage Oaks, some over 200 years old, are protected and used as major focal points in the parks.





