

# EL DORADO COUNTY RARE PLANT MITIGATION FEES

## ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE FEE

Since 1998, El Dorado County has collected Ecological Preserve Fees to protect eight special-status gabbro soils rare plant species, many of which are state and federally-listed and are endemic (found nowhere else on earth). Fees collected are used towards property acquisition and management of the five (5) designated ecological preserves that make up the Pine Hill Preserve, which stretches from the eastern tip of Folsom Lake, past US Highway 50, down to Shingle Springs.

The Ecological Preserve Fee Program establishes three (3) Mitigation Areas. Lands within **Mitigation Area 0** include existing and recommended ecological preserve habitat and are not subject to the Mitigation fees but are responsible for on-site rare plant mitigation, as specified in the County's [Zoning Ordinance Chapter 130.71](#) (Ecological Preserve Fee).

Lands within **Mitigation Area 1** refers to properties outside of Mitigation Area 0 that contain gabbro soils and/or adjacent serpentine soils that serve as habitat for the gabbro soils plants. Mitigation Area 1 fees are higher than Mitigation Area 2 fees.

**Mitigation Area 2** refers to the El Dorado Irrigation District Service Area outside of Mitigation Areas 0 and 1 due to water infrastructure's and new development's impact on the diminishing gabbro soils plant habitat.

Mitigation Area	Single Family Residential	Multifamily Residential	Commercial and Industrial
0	N/A - Refer to <a href="#">Zoning Ordinance Section 130.71.050</a> for mitigation options	N/A - Refer to <a href="#">Zoning Ordinance Section 130.71.050</a> for mitigation options	N/A - Refer to <a href="#">Zoning Ordinance Section 130.71.050</a> for mitigation options
1	\$885.00 / Unit	\$663.75 / Unit	\$0.59 per sf
2	\$386.00 / Unit	\$289.50 / Unit	\$0.26 per sf

Have questions? Please contact the Planning and Building Liaison, Ben Wehrle, at 530-621-6548 or [PNB.Liaison@edcgov.us](mailto:PNB.Liaison@edcgov.us)

Fees collected to address the need for acquisition and management of gabbro soils rare plant habitat (land) due to development in areas that are home to such plants.

