

HEDGEROWS/HABITAT NODES



Overview

The City's Open Space staff maintains a number of hedgerows and habitat nodes around the City. These small pockets of nature include:

- the Old Lincoln Highway Hedgerow, which is located along the railroad tracks and bike path that runs from Olive Drive to County Road 105,
- the North Davis Meadows Hedgerow, which is located just south of the North Davis Meadows neighborhood on County Road 29, outside the city limits,
- the Cottonwood Habitat Node, which is located at the intersection of Cottonwood Drive and Montgomery Avenue in South Davis, and
- the Washoe Habitat Node, which is located at the intersection of Washoe Street and Cowell Boulevard in South Davis.

The City's Open Space staff manage these small sites as habitat areas and work to establish a native plant community that can successfully compete with undesirable non-native plant species. Hedgerows provide critical wildlife habitat and function as buffers between different land uses. Habitat nodes provide habitat for pollinators and other native plant and animal species. These habitat nodes offer opportunities to glimpse nature within an urban environment.

These hedgerows and habitat nodes are part of the City's network of open space areas, maintained by City Open Space staff, as shown on the map below. The cost to maintain these precious areas is paid with funds generated by the City's special open space parcel tax, which was passed by Davis voters in 2000. This parcel tax (commonly known as Measure O) will be up for renewal in 2030. Currently, the parcel tax costs Davis homeowners \$24 per year, and generates about \$700,000 annually for the maintenance and acquisition of open space areas, including the purchase of conservation easements on surrounding farmland.

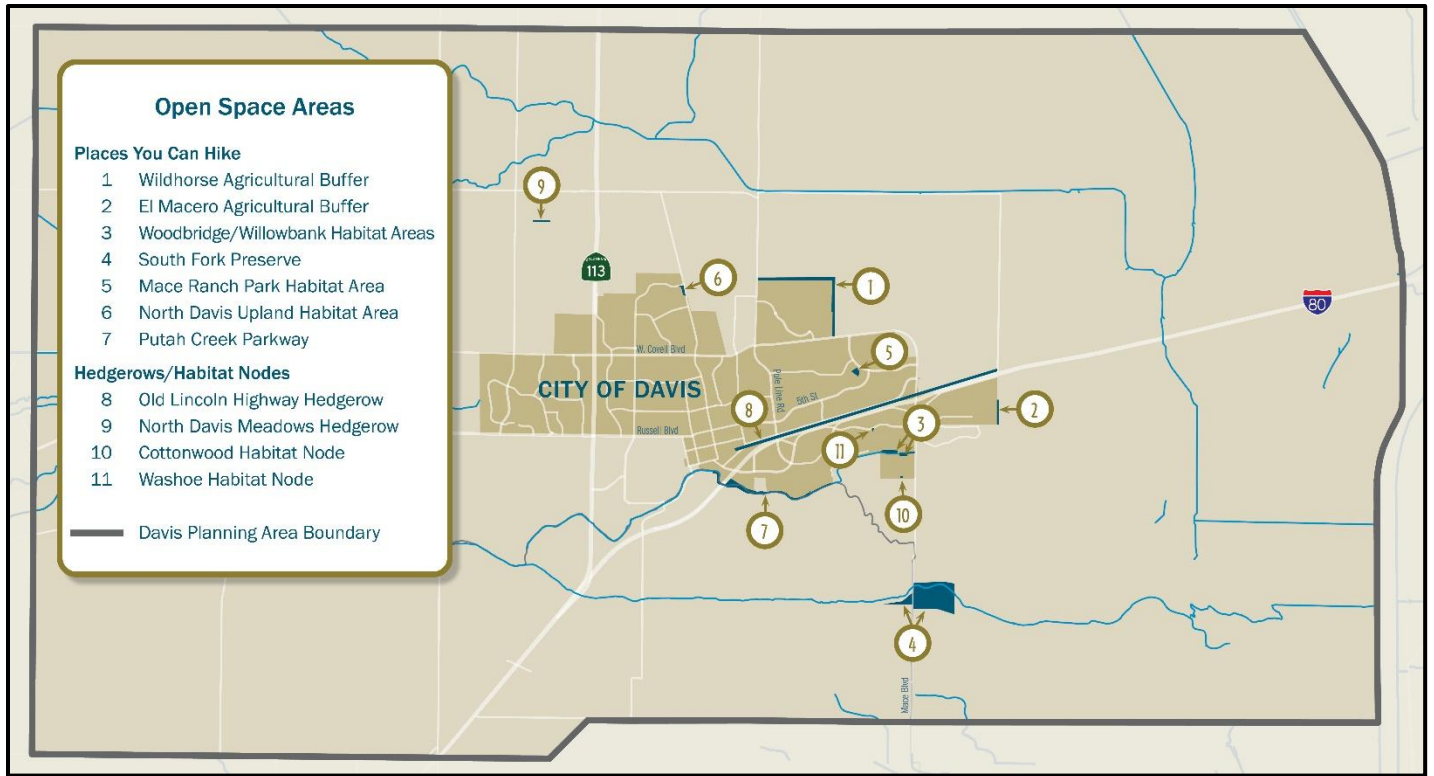


Photo Gallery





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