

**D. Natural Resource Preservation Goals, Objectives, and Policies**

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**Goal:**

1. Protect natural resource features in the Cottage Grove area.

**Objectives:**

1. Preserve environmental corridor features including waterways, floodplains, wetlands, ground water recharge area, steep slopes (greater than 12%), wildlife habitat, scenic vistas and woodlands through the adoption and implementation of environmental protection zoning and subdivision ordinance standards.
2. Encourage environmental corridors and their component natural resource features to be depicted on all site plans and preliminary plats and certified survey maps in order to facilitate preservation of natural resources.
3. Use the Village's zoning, subdivision, and official mapping powers to protect waterways, shorelines, wetlands, and floodplain areas.
4. Encourage the cleanup of contaminated sites that threaten the public health, safety, and welfare.
5. Work with surrounding communities to encourage an orderly, efficient development pattern that preserves natural resources and minimizes conflicts between urban and rural uses.

**Policies:**

1. Encourage the protection of the Village's natural resource base from development through the strategic use of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Official Map.
2. Use public acquisition, dedication, or conservation easements to preserve critical natural resource areas where feasible.
3. Encourage all site plans, preliminary plats, and certified survey maps to accurately depict all environmental corridor natural resource elements (e.g. wetlands, floodplains, steep slopes, drainageways, etc.) that are found on the site.
4. Utilize subdivision review authority and official mapping authority to protect environmental corridors within the Village limits and its extraterritorial area.