

10 Resource Conservation

Because of the protection afforded by its Urban Growth Boundary, Rohnert Park and its environs include natural, historic, and cultural resources. This General Plan seeks to balance the City's planned growth with the conservation of these resources. The goals, policies, and actions in the element outline the City's plans to promote ongoing conservation of the natural, historic, and cultural resources, which include strategies to work with other governmental agencies and the Federated Indians of the Graton Rancheria (FIGR), whose reservation lands lay just west of the city limits. Because resource conservation actions can also be effective as mitigating the impacts of Climate Change, there is a strong correlation between policies in the Resource Conservation Element and the Climate Change Element.

10.5 Implementation Programs

Programs	Implements Which Policy(ies)	Responsible Supporting Department(s)	2020 – 2025	2026 – 2030	2031 – 2040	Annual	Ongoing
A Historic, Cultural, and Architectural Resource Database The City shall conduct a study to establish and maintain an archaeological, cultural, historical, and architectural resource database. The study shall be aimed at the protection of buildings, structures and sites that are more than 50 years old and have demonstrated cultural, historical, or architectural significance.	RC-1.2: Historic Landmarks	Development Services				■	
B Archaeological and Historical Resources Registration The City shall meet periodically with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, and Sonoma State University's Native American Studies Department and other stakeholders to prioritize and propose actions on the preservation and enhancement of important archaeological and historical resources in the community.	RC-1.2: Historic Landmarks RC-2.2: Tribal Consultation Compliance RC-2.3: Local Cultural Coordination	Development Services					■
C Mitigation Banks The City shall evaluate the creation of conservation or mitigation banks in areas not designated or zoned for development. The banks would provide off-site impact mitigation for development located elsewhere in the city if onsite avoidance or mitigation is not feasible.	RC-3.1: Habitat Preservation RC-3.2: Restoration Partnerships	Development Services	■				
D Maintain Biological Resource Information The City shall create and maintain an accurate and annually updated map and information base on sensitive species and habitats in Rohnert Park and vicinity to be used for determining evaluation and mitigation needs during the development review process.	RC-3.5: Special Status Species Protection RC-3.6: Active Construction Assessment	Development Services	■			■	

Figure 10-1 California Salamander Critical Habitat

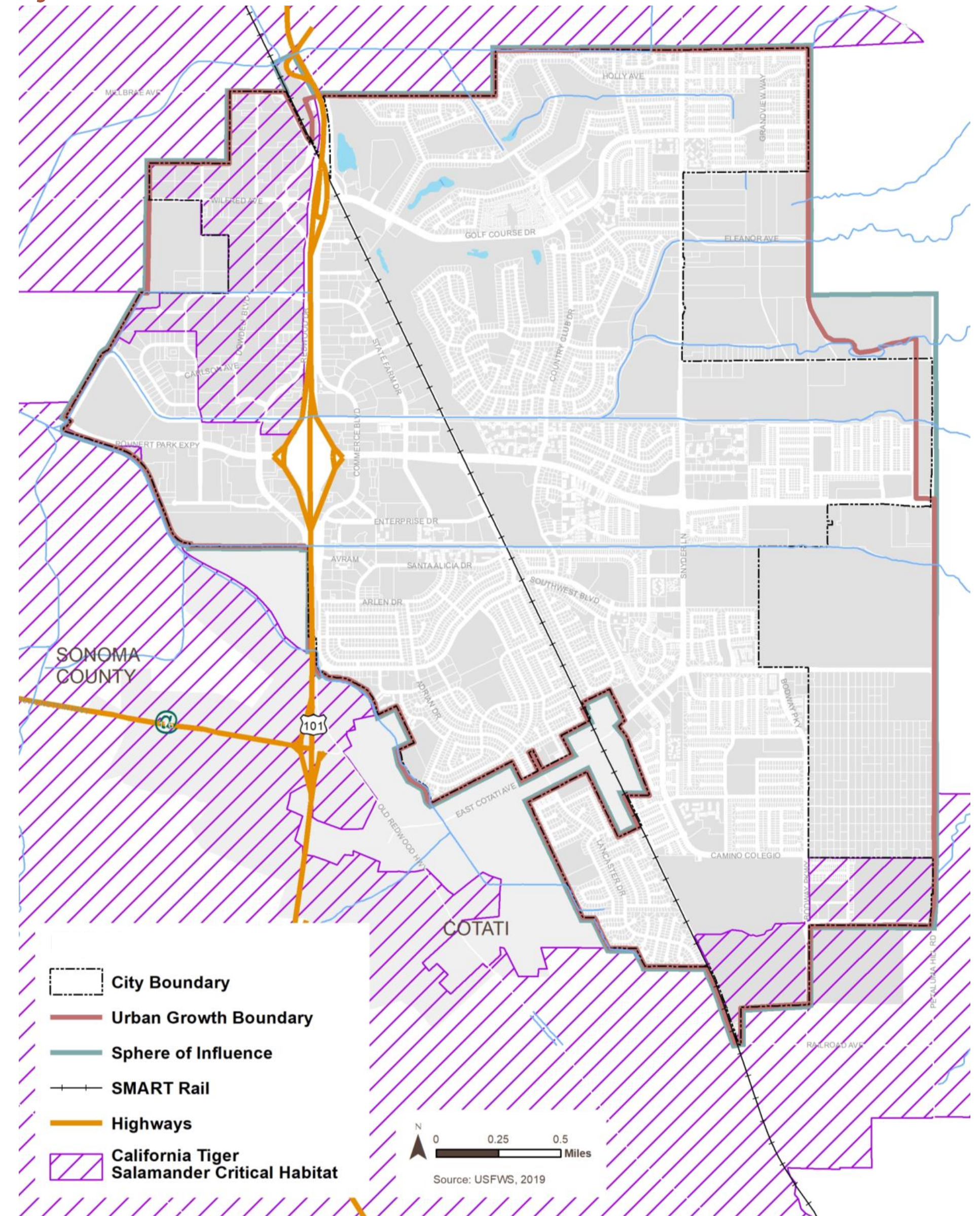


Figure 10-2 Creek Protection Zones

