

### **Notice of Upcoming Construction: Three Creeks Trail Coe Avenue to Lonus Street**

The City and its contractor will begin work in early December to extend the Three Creeks Trail from Coe Avenue to Lonus Street. The project includes a paved trail, gateway features, landscaping, and irrigation along the trail.

### **Some Trees are Scheduled for Removal**

Certain trees in the work area have been marked for removal. Removal will include:

- Invasive species: Non-native trees, like Tree of Heaven and similar species, spread quickly. Removal of these trees is important to avoid crowding out native tree species and to prevent spread of non-natives into Los Gatos Creek.
- Trees in poor health: The City's arborist has carefully reviewed trees at the site and has identified several trees that are near end of life or are unstable. Unstable trees pose a safety risk to passersby from falling limbs.
- Tree crowding: In some instances, trees are growing well, but are growing in conflict with adjacent trees or with the proposed trail alignment. The plan prioritizes preservation of native California Oaks and other species when possible.

### **Tree Preservation**

In earlier phases of the Three Creeks Trail Construction (from Minnesota to Coe) the City worked closely with the community, including Save Our Trails, Union Pacific Railroad and the California Department of Toxic Substance Control to maintain many trees along the former railway corridor during site cleanup. Trees along the Coe Avenue to Lonus Street segment include numerous native California Oaks that will be preserved.

### **New Trees will be Added**

The planned trail improvements from Coe Avenue to Lonus Street will be like what has already been constructed and open between Minnesota Avenue and Coe Avenue. In previously constructed areas, mature trees were preserved, and additional trees like flowering red bud and fruitless olives, among others, were added. A similar planting strategy is planned between Coe Avenue and Lonus Street, with forty-nine additional trees proposed in accordance with Planning Department tree replacement ratio policy.

### **What if I Disagree with the Plan?**

On November 22, staff posted a Tree Removal Notice on the trees that are planned for removal. Please visit the site to view posted trees on both the north and south side of Los Gatos Creek. Please contact Xucan Zhou ([Xucan.Zhou@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Xucan.Zhou@sanjoseca.gov)) by Monday, December 6 with comments.