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NPS Saves Trees – Revises Project Plans

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The Naval Postgraduate School has revised perimeter fence project plans in cooperation with the City of Monterey and Souza Construction to minimize the impact on existing trees.

The project, scheduled to begin October 29, has been revised to accommodate existing trees by moving further into Navy property to mitigate any impact on trees adjacent to the current fence line. The revised plans were announced following discussion with professional arborists, including Robert Reid, City Forester for Monterey.

“We started with a design that impacted 261 trees, but working closely with the City of Monterey allowed us to explore every possibility and we were able to modify our plans to save more than 100 trees,” said Lt. Cmdr. Dave Nunnally, spokesperson for the school. “Souza Construction is a very cooperative contractor -- they appreciate our desire to maintain the natural beauty of the campus and have gone to extraordinary measures to accommodate our requirement.”

As part of an ongoing restoration program, more than 500 trees were planted at the Naval Postgraduate School in 2002, according to Frank Vogl, Environmental Coordinator for the School. “We have an active wetland enhancement and natural habitat restoration program in place and are committed to preserving the natural beauty of the school.”

Over two-thirds of the trees affected by the project are less than twelve inches in diameter. Trees in excess of twelve inches in diameter will be replaced once the project is complete. During the cooperative assessment between Monterey and the school, many of the trees in excess of twelve inches in diameter along Del Monte Avenue were found to be diseased and in need of removal, regardless of this project.

Known as one of Monterey’s Arboretums, the school is home to thousands of Cyprus, Eucalyptus, Elm, Monterey Pine and Oak trees.

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