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Roseville is branching out all over

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Traveling around Roseville it's clear that the majestic oak tree has played an important role in the city's history.

One cannot venture far without encountering a street, shopping center, residential development, school or park named after an oak.

The city recognizes the importance of our native oaks and how they enhance the natural and scenic beauty of our community.

During this past fall and winter, the city set about the impressive feat of planting more than 7,000 native oak trees throughout our parks and open space.

The goal was not only enhance and grow Roseville's urban forest, but to also provide additional recreation and aesthetic value for residents.

More than 100 volunteers, together with the Roseville Urban Forest Foundation, planted a mixture of acorns and oak seedling at several park and open space sites.

The city also utilized a restoration contractor to plant more than 6,000 native oak seedlings and container plants.

Three different species of oaks were planted, including valley oak, interior live oak and blue oak.

Some of the planting sites included areas in or near Veteran's Memorial Park North, Blue Oaks Park, Maidu Park and William L. Taylor Park, for a total of more than 30 acres.

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