

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

WHO: Project Applicant, Forestville Planning Association, **Permit Sonoma File No. PLP16-0054**

WHAT: Request for a Zone Change from the PC (Planned Community) zoning district to the PF (Public Facilities) zoning district, General Plan Amendment from the LC (Limited Commercial) Land Use Designation to the PQP (Public and Quasi Public) Land Use Designation, and Use Permit and Design Review for a new public park to be completed in two phases. The project will provide urban open space with opportunities for public recreational amenities, including: a picnic area for 6 tables; an amphitheater with covered stage and sound wall; a plaza gathering area for 20 annual community events with a maximum of 200 attendees; pathways and sidewalks; 24 bicycle parking spaces at West County Trailhead; public restrooms/storage structure; drinking fountain and seating; an improved parking lot for 17 vehicles and one ADA accessible space; drainage improvements; relocated bus stop with a new shelter; trash cans and trash storage area; information kiosk and donor plaque displays; oak woodland and wetlands preservation areas. Hours of operation will be Sunrise to Sunset, 7 days per week. Located on a 4.26-acre parcel at 6990 Front Street and 6720 Hwy 116, Forestville; **APNs 083-270-001 and -002. Supervisorial District 5.**

Parcel Zoning: Planned Community, Local Area Guidelines/Highway 116, Oak Woodland, and Scenic Resources.

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND is available at Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and on the Environmental Notice page of the Permit Sonoma website <https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/planning/environmentalnotices>.

WHERE &

WHEN: After the close of the IS/MND public review period, the Sonoma County Planning Commission is **tentatively** scheduled to hold a public hearing on September 19, 2024, to consider a recommendation to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to adopt the IS/MND and approve the project. Future public hearing notices containing instructions on how to join the Planning Commission meeting in person will be issued ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

ADDITIONAL

MATERIALS: Project materials and associated documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 and digitally through the Project Planner, Hannah Spencer at Hannah.Spencer@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-1928 and through Planner@sonoma-county.org. The IS/MND will also be made available on the Permit Sonoma Environmental Notice web site: <https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/planning/environmentalnotices>. Alternative record accommodations are available upon request.

GETTING

INVOLVED: If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is July 26, 2024 to August 26, 2024. Comments on the IS/MND must be received by **Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:00 PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the public hearing scheduled as above.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

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