

at home in the forest

we are one in five

Cambria lies in one of five remaining native Monterey pine forests in the world — three on the Central Coast and two on islands off Baja California, Mexico. The Monterey pine is on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Red List of threatened/endangered species.

Our Cambria stand has shrunk by more than one third since 1965. The forest used to reach from the top of Lodge Hill to the sea. Residential building, disease, and vegetation removal have been major factors in the forest's decline.

we are not alone

Our Monterey pine and oak forest provides shelter for many species of resident and migratory birds that have lived there for thousands of years. The forest provides food and shelter for a myriad of plant and animal species, each of which plays its part in maintaining the delicate balance of our local climate and ecosystem.

a tree is more than just a tree

Over its lifetime, each tree provides a value of more than \$67,000 in services including carbon sequestering, rainfall and fog enhancement, soil retention, aquifer replenishment and fresher, cleaner air, as well as increased privacy, more moisture, and reduced glare, noise, water runoff and loss of soil.

how you can help

- **Limit fences around your property.** Animals need access to the forest, to waterways and for grazing.
- **Landscape with native plants.** They use little water and provide food and habitat for native species.
- **Maintain trees, shrubs and native plants** around your property for habitat and nourishment of the forest.
- **Remove invasive non-native plants** that can increase fire danger.

what you need to know

1. Cambria lies in the California Coastal Zone, which falls under the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission. Construction and tree removal are restricted and regulated in the Coastal Zone, and permits are generally required for these activities.

2. All of Cambria is an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA). Monterey Pine and Coast Live Oak trees are protected species.

the law

- A permit is required to cut down any tree, dead or alive (limited exemptions are detailed in the Coastal Zone Land Use Ordinance, section 23.05.062 - 064.) Violators (including contractors) are subject to fines.
- Property owners are also subject to mandatory tree replacement at the appropriate ratio.
- Contact SLO County Code Enforcement at 805 781 5705 to learn more.