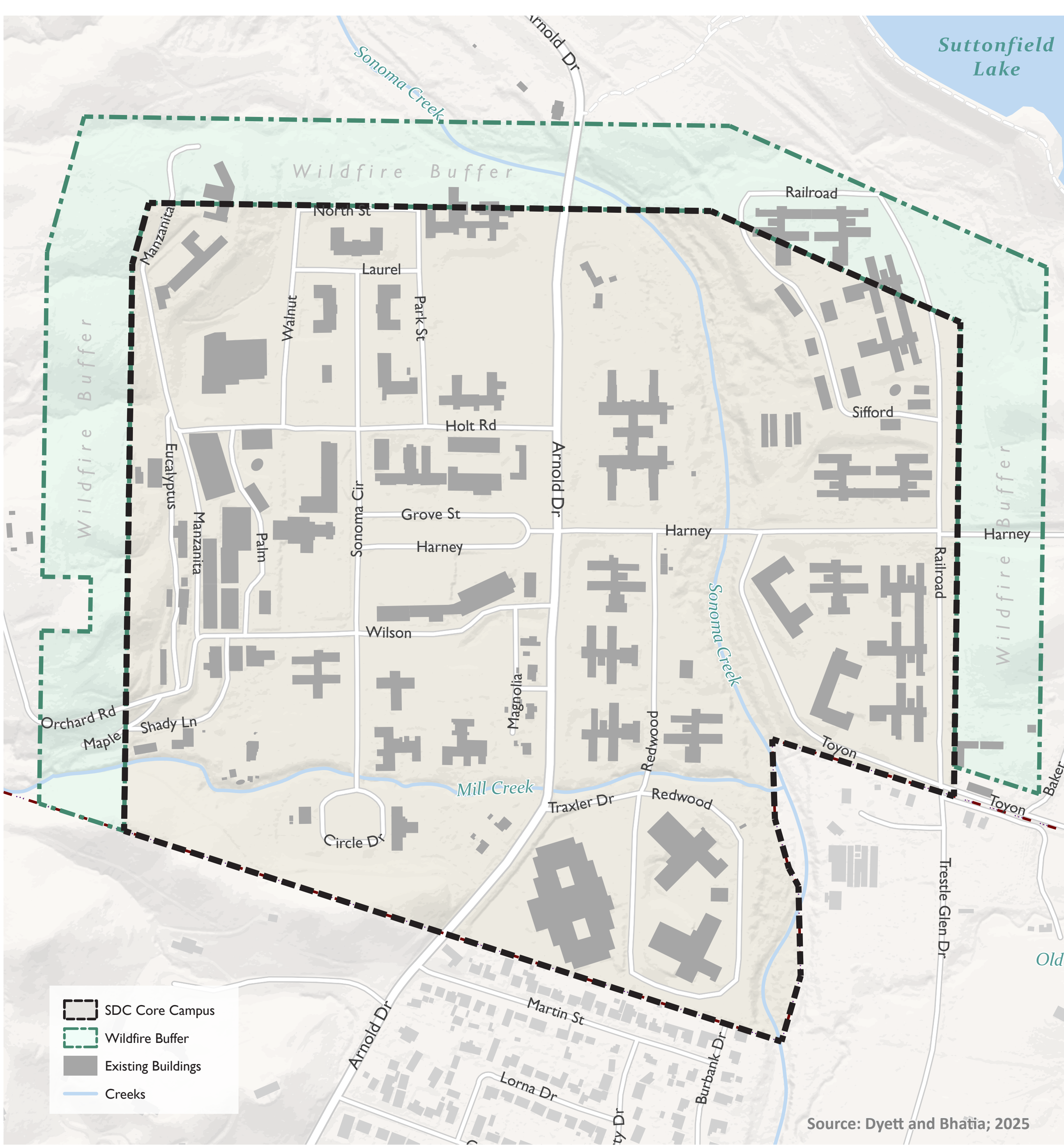


7. Alternatives

CEQA Requirements for Alternatives

- Under CEQA 15126.6 the EIR must consider a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed Project which would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the Project but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the Project.
- The alternatives analysis helps decision-makers and the public compare the impacts of the proposed project with those of alternative approaches, allowing for a thoughtful and informed decision.
- One of the alternatives must be a “No Project” alternative that describes what would be reasonably expected to occur in the foreseeable future if the project were not approved.
- There is no required number of alternatives to be considered, but all alternatives must be reasonable and potentially feasible, meaning they could realistically be implemented.



Summary of Project Objectives

SDC CAMPUS SPECIFIC PLAN

- Create a vibrant and sustainable mixed-use community within the core campus of the SDC site;
- Prioritize the production of housing and promote a variety of housing types within the core campus, including affordable housing and housing for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- Establish facilities to support employment uses within the core campus that further economic development for the Sonoma Valley;
- Emphasize fire safety and community resilience to natural and human-made disasters;
- Establish objective design standards and guidelines for development on the Core Campus which are sensitive to the surrounding natural and open space context and which promote a cohesive sense of place and walkability within the core campus; and
- Incorporate measures that support the long-term fiscal sustainability of development on the SDC site, including infrastructure funding and financing strategies as well as development standards and guidelines intended to reduce operating costs.

ELDRIDGE RENEWAL PROJECT

- Provide a diversity of housing types and affordability levels at the site.
- Create a high-quality residential and mixed-use community.
- Establish objective design standards and guidelines to ensure that all residential development will incorporate relevant best practices in mitigating potential spread of wildfire.
- Incorporate the existing natural terrain and character of the Project area into the design of the development, retaining and preserving natural resources, to the greatest extent feasible.
- Organize the site design to preserve significant historic landscape features, including trees.
- Create a range of public gathering and recreation spaces within the Project site.
- Adaptively reuse the historic Main Building, Firehouse and several of the agrarian and industrial buildings.
- Create a comprehensive development plan with design guidelines to ensure that the Project will be responsive to market conditions and demands as they change over time.
- Provide the new community with wildfire hazard protective infrastructure and facilities on site.
- Establish a high level of sustainability in Project resource management systems.
- Provide a high-quality mixed-use Project which incorporates essential amenities and infrastructure.

The full text of project objectives is included in the NOP.
Scan the QR code on the right to view:



Q: How would you recommend modifying the Project to reduce potential environmental impacts?

Activity: Write or draw on the back of your comment card ideas for an Alternative that would reduce or avoid environmental impacts from the Project.

Please scan the QR Code to leave a comment about potential environmental impacts that could result from the project and solutions that could reduce or avoid them.



English

Escanee el código QR a continuación para dejar un comentario sobre los posibles impactos ambientales que podrían resultar del proyecto y las soluciones que podrían reducirlos o evitarlos.



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