The Oxbow Preserve was created based on the fundamental understanding of the existing physical and biological functions of the site and its relation to the Napa River. This guide was developed to highlight Character Zones, which reflect the existing conditions of each part of the Preserve. These character zones are described below:

**Upper Floodplain Terrace** –
the highest elevations of the site to the northeast include an oak savannah with native shrubs and native perennial grassland.

**River Edge** – the steep riverbank edges along the eastern and western sides of the peninsula.

**The Ridge** – spine through the site’s center separating the Box Elder Seep and the River Marsh zones.

**Box Elder Seep** – comprised of vegetation dominated by box elder (*Acer negundo*) trees and includes a depressional freshwater pond.

**River Marsh** – adjacent to the Napa River along the southeastern side of the Preserve, would include an expanded brackish marsh. The marsh is supplied by seasonal tidal water fluctuations from the river.

**Riparian Terrace** – canopy break in the lower riparian woodland planted with native grasses.

**The Point** – the southermost extent of the site that is above high tide elevation.

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