The Ohlone Community College District is targeting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology.

In order to earn LEED Credit SSc5.2 - Reduce Site Disturbance - Development Footprint, the District has to provide a vegetative and pervious open area that is at minimum equal to the Newark Center’s footprint which is 63,374 square feet. In addition, the District has to commit to preserve the open space for the life of the Newark Center.

The intent of earning this credit is to provide an open space to the development footprint to promote biodiversity. The open space provides a habitat for vegetation, which in turn provides a habitat for local wildlife.

A wetland area of 118,473 square feet has been identified that could be used to earn LEED Credit SSc5.2. The area is located along the south east edge of the District’s Newark Center property referenced on the following site plan (exhibit 1).

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution #4/07-08 which will designate the specified area referenced on the attached site plan (exhibit 1) as an open space that will be preserved for the life of the Newark Center.