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Demolition continuing at El Toro base

Lennar Corp. steadily working to set the stage for its development surrounding that will surround the park.

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Every week another building falls at the old El Toro Marine Corps air base. Offices, barracks and homes all are appearing again in piles of wood, concrete, doors, windows and more to be recycled.

The Lennar Corp. has been demolishing some of the buildings, trees, asphalt and concrete on its property that surrounds the future Great Park. Lennar will soon apply for grading permits; installation of sewer, electrical and water lines will follow. Demolition of buildings, concrete and asphalt on the publicly owned park land will occur once the Great Park Board and City Council decide on what gets built at the park when.

Here is what Lennar has demolished as of June's end:

Habitat for Humanity (whose recycling efforts are now called Materials Matter) – has so far collected 1,300 tons of recycled material.

Future Lifelong Learning District

11 structures

15,000 tons of concrete and asphalt

515 tons of salvaged wood

Future Park District

177 structures 82,000 tons of concrete and asphalt 900 tons of salvaged wood 4,500 tons of green waste

Base's officer housing area

833 residences 97 tons of concrete and asphalt 8,000 tons of salvaged wood 5,000 tons of green waste

Along Trabuco Road entrance

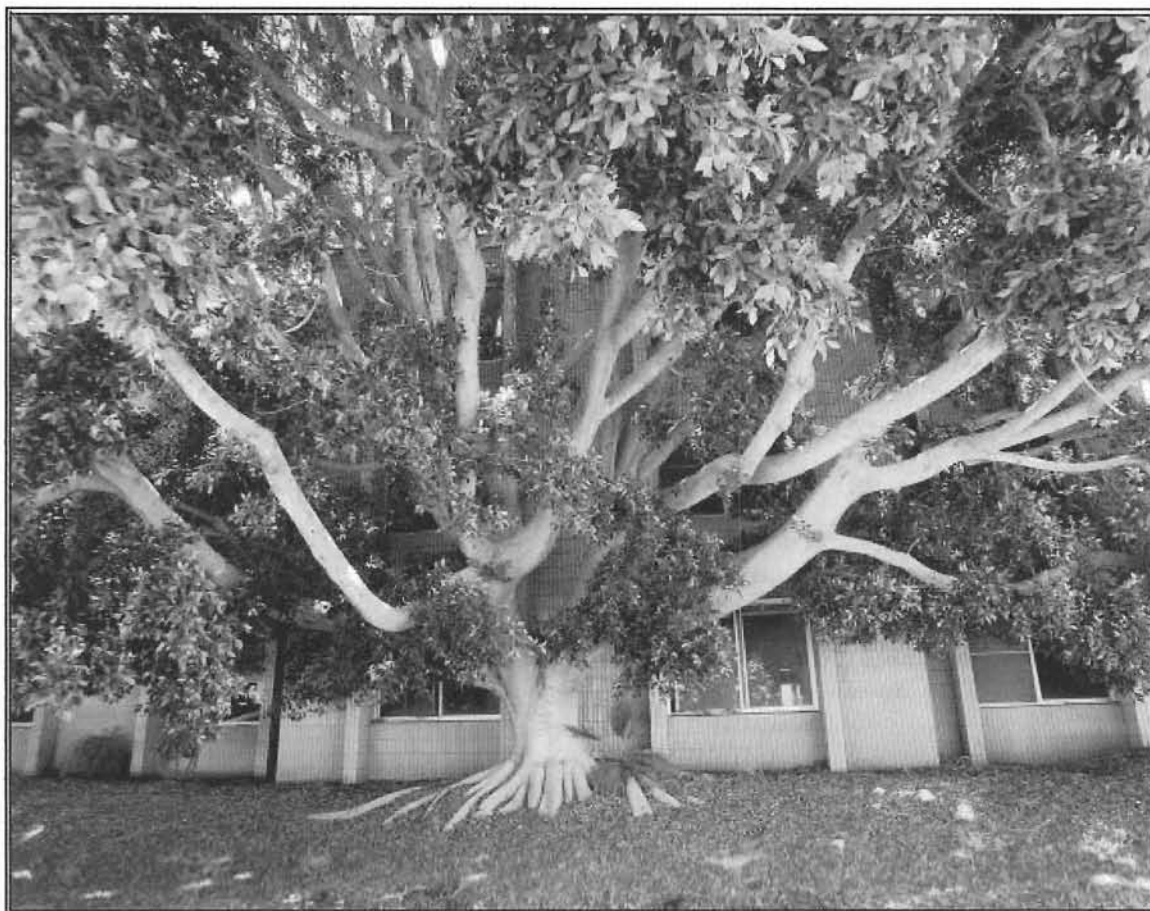
12 structures 12,000 tons of concrete and asphalt 108 tons of salvaged wood 250 tons of green waste

Along Marine Way

24 structures 21,000 tons of concrete and asphalt 150 tons of salvaged wood

BUILDING 852, center, one of the few to be saved with it's 400 dorm-style rooms is flanked by soon to be demolished barracks building at the former El Toro Marine base in Irvine. Workers were also busy pouring the foundation and preparing for the Orange County Great Park Balloon launch on July 14.





AN OVERGROWN TREE crowds up against a barracks building which is scheduled to be demolished at the former El Toro Marine base.



A PIECE OF FURNITURE leans out the window of a soon to be demolished barracks building. Reflected in the window is building 852, one of the few to be saved with it's 400 dorm-style rooms.