SACRAMENTO HISTORIC DISTRICT PLANS

Project Description
Historic District Plans will be prepared for the existing Historic Districts listed on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources. This project is required to fulfill the City’s Municipal Code, Section 17.604.300, which requires the development of Historic District Plans that specifically outline the historical period of significance, historic development and context, predominant architectural styles and property types, character-defining features of the subject district, and standards to guide further development that is appropriate within the district.

The Historic District Plans
The Historic District Plans will be comprised of one comprehensive document with individual chapters for each of the Historic Districts. Historic District Plans will include:

Historic District Plans:
- Purpose, Goals, and Summary
- Framework and Regulatory Background
- City-wide Historic Context
- Common Property Types, Architectural Styles, and Character-Defining Features
- Common Preservation Design Standards
- Appendices, Maps, List of Properties

Individual District Plans:
- Brief District Historic Context, Significance, Period of Significance
- Historic District Physical Description and Boundaries
- Contributing and Non-Contributing Resources (List and Map)
- Preservation and Infill Design Standards

How the Historic District Plans will Benefit the City
Development and implementation of the Historic District Plans will bring greater clarity for staff and project proponents about what kind of design is compatible within each historic district. The current city process relies on a broad set of criteria known as The U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Those guidelines do not provide specifics on site planning, or on compatible infill design within historic settings, nor do they provide design guidance or standards unique to Sacramento’s historic districts.

Public Outreach
Feedback will be considered on an on-going basis during the draft document stage. A series of neighborhood meetings, public workshops, and public hearings will be held to allow robust public input throughout the planning process. Please visit the city website for project details, draft documents, and how to provide comments on the plans.

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