

Goals/Policies

PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Goal A: To maintain a comprehensive, city-wide preservation program

Policies-

A.1. Promote the recognition, preservation, maintenance and enhancement of historic and cultural resources throughout the city including not only sites and structures, but also cultural resources throughout the city including not only sites and structures, but also historic and cultural archaeological landscapes, including lighting and hardscape that are important to the overall context, plantings and heritage trees, open space areas, and monuments.

A.2. The City's Preservation Program shall consist of a Preservation Office, Preservation Commission, and adequate staff to administer the City's governmental preservation functions and programs, carry out an Implementation Plan and report annually on its status to the City Council.

A.3. The City shall maintain its status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by adopting a Preservation Plan or Preservation Element in its General Plan, adopting a preservation ordinance, appointing a qualified historic preservation review commission, survey and maintain an inventory of historic and cultural resources, ensure public participation in its preservation program, and maintain its eligibility to apply for planning matching grants.

A.4. The City, and its departments, shall demonstrate leadership through best practices in identifying, protecting, and rehabilitating publically-owned historic and cultural resources, including parks, and also actively seek out culturally sensitive places for park sites for their preservation and interpretation, and including the use of cultural resources management plans.

A.5. Encourage preservation of historic and cultural resources to promote sustainability of neighborhoods.

A.6. The City shall identify and plan for the preservation of its historic and cultural resources in its long-range and comprehensive planning efforts, particularly in the development or updating of its community plans and other neighborhood planning efforts where appropriate.

A.7. The City shall coordinate with the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)

in preservation and historic programs and projects.

A.8. The City shall explore public/private partnerships in its preservation program efforts, including partnerships with business and education interests, expansion of shared missions with Sacramento Heritage, Inc., and support for public, quasi-public, and private entities in their preservation efforts.

PROTECTION & PRESERVATION

Goal B: To identify, protect, and preserve historic and cultural resources that serve as significant, valuable assets of the City's social and architectural history and prehistory.

Policies -

B.1. The City shall maintain and enforce its Preservation Ordinance in conformance with state and federal laws, standards and guidelines and to meet the goals of the Preservation Element.

B.2. The City shall designate Landmarks and Historic Districts to provide for the preservation, restoration, conservation, and rehabilitation of historic and cultural resources.

B.3. The City shall promote the preservation, retention, incorporation and/or enhancement of historic and cultural resources, neighborhoods, and elements that contribute to a sense of place when considering new development projects, public and private.

B.4. The City shall work with its partners on the local, state and federal levels to ensure that historic and cultural resources laws, regulations and policies are implemented.

B.5. The City shall regard demolition of historic and cultural resources as a last resort, to be permitted only after the City determines that the resource either retains no reasonable economic use, that demolition is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, or that demolition is necessary to proceed with a new project where the benefits of the new project outweigh the loss of the historic or cultural resource.

B.6. The City shall promote efforts that minimize or avoid adverse impacts to historic and cultural resources from natural disasters, including implementation of effective emergency response and mitigation plans.

INVENTORY

Goal C: Complete and maintain a City-wide survey and inventory of historic and cultural resources.

Policy--

C.1. The City shall update and expand the City's historic and cultural resources Inventory on a regular basis, consistent with federal and state standards and criteria for surveys, research, evaluation, consultation, and designation. The City shall also maintain the ability to survey and designate additional sites that may not meet these criteria, but should be afforded public recognition and protection.

C.2. The City shall prepare comprehensive historic and cultural resources context statements.

C.3. The City shall make non-confidential information in the historic and cultural inventory, context and criteria readily available to the public and other agencies

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Goal D: To foster public awareness, outreach, interpretation and appreciation of the City's heritage and its historic, prehistoric and cultural resources

Policy

D.1. The City shall be a key conduit for information on historic and cultural resources in the City, on preservation programs, funding assistance and on the maintenance and rehabilitation of historic resources.

D.2. The City shall support and recognize private and public preservation work and awareness ceremonies

D.3. The City shall provide means to identify, interpret and celebrate historic and cultural resources through plaques and markers, or other appropriate means.

D.4. The City shall network with other agencies and organizations to promote historic and cultural resources preservation.

D.5. The City shall encourage and provide assistance to public and private schools to integrate

the study of the City's heritage and development into their curriculums and resources.

D.6. The City shall foster an awareness of the importance of the preservation of the city's heritage and cultural and historic resources, including all ethnic communities, ages and socioeconomic groups.

D.7. The City shall increase awareness of and promote the economic, smart growth, and energy-saving benefits of preservation.

D.8. The City shall foster the development of interpretative programs and facilities, particularly regarding archaeological sites and artifacts retrieved from local sites with proper curation, interpretation and public display.

INCENTIVES

Goal F: To provide incentives to assist and encourage owners of properties with historic and cultural resources to maintain and rehabilitate their properties

Policy--

F.1. The City shall pursue and support the use of appropriate federal, state, local and private grants, loans, easements and tax credits and relief to promote historic and cultural resources preservation

F.2. The City shall seek to develop or support financial, technical and legal assistance programs to facilitate the development process, loan packaging, rehabilitation, management and maintenance where this assistance may be required above and beyond the use of other incentives that are available at the federal or state level.

F.3. Pursue National and California Register eligibility and listings of City Landmarks and Historic Districts to ensure opportunities for federal and state benefits requiring those levels of eligibility or listings.

F.4. The City shall continue to promote rehabilitation assistance from SHRA

F.5. The City shall encourage the adaptive reuse of historic resources where appropriate

F.5. The City shall ensure that its regulations and policies support, encourage and ease the process for historic rehabilitation and renovations

F.6. The City shall promote heritage tourism as a form of economic development

F.7. The City shall seek to expand the range of economic incentives for preservation and maintenance of historic and cultural resources

F.8. The City shall use the California Historical Building Code as a regulatory incentive where applicable.