

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

### Objective 5.19 Archaeological Resources

**(LCP)** To protect and preserve archaeological resources for their scientific, educational and cultural values, and for their value as local heritage.

#### Policies

##### 5.19.1 Evaluation of Native American Cultural Sites

**(LCP)** Protect all archaeological resources until they can be evaluated. Prohibit any disturbance of Native American Cultural Sites without an appropriate permit. Maintain the Native American Cultural Sites ordinance.

##### 5.19.2 Site Surveys

**(LCP)** Require an archaeological site survey (surface reconnaissance) as part of the environmental review process for all projects with very high site potential as determined by the inventory of archaeological sites, within the Archaeological Sensitive Areas, as designated on the General Plan and LCP Resources and Constraints Maps filed in the Planning Department.

##### 5.19.3 Development Around Archaeological Resources

**(LCP)** Protect archaeological resources from development by restricting improvements and grading activities to portions of the property not containing these resources, where feasible, or by preservation of the site through project design and/or use restrictions, such as covering the site with earthfill to a depth that ensures the site will not be disturbed by development, as determined by a professional archaeologist.

##### 5.19.4 Archaeological Evaluations

**(LCP)** Require the applicant for development proposals on any archaeological site to provide an evaluation, by a certified archaeologist, of the significance of the resource and what protective measures are necessary to achieve General Plan and LCP Land Use Plan objectives and policies.

##### 5.19.5 Native American Cultural Sites

**(LCP)** Prohibit any disturbance of Native American Cultural Sites without an archaeological permit which requires, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) A statement of the goals, methods, and techniques to be employed in the excavation and analysis of the data, and the reasons why the excavation will be of value.
- (b) A plan to ensure that artifacts and records will be properly preserved for scholarly research and public education.
- (c) A plan for disposing of human remains in a manner satisfactory to local Native American Indian groups.

#### Programs

- (LCP)** a. Develop and maintain an Inventory of Archaeological Resources. Maintain a liaison to the Regional Office, California Archaeological Site Survey, and the Ohlone Indian Cultural Association. (Responsibility: Planning Commission, Cabrillo College, University of California, Santa Cruz)
- (LCP)** b. Maintain and strengthen, where appropriate, the Native American Cultural Sites ordinance so that it will continue to assure:
- (1) The early identification of potential sites;
  - (2) The evaluation of each potential site prior to project approval; and
  - (3) The provision of procedures to mitigate any adverse impacts through project design and management.
- (Responsibility: Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department)

- c. Nominate examples of archaeological resources to the California or National Register. (Responsibility: Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz Archaeological Society, Parks and Recreation Commission, Cabrillo College, Ohlone Indian Cultural Association)
- d. Include appropriate archaeological resources in the public domain through donations or through purchase as part of open space and other programs. (Responsibility: Board of Supervisors, Parks and Recreation Commission)
- e. Encourage educational programs on the need for preservation of archaeological resources. (Responsibility: Board of Supervisors, Santa Cruz Archaeological Society, Cabrillo College, University of California, Santa Cruz, Ohlone Indian Cultural Association)
- (LCP)** f. Require any permit issued for a project where a Native American Cultural Site has been discovered to include all appropriate preservation or mitigation measures as conditions of the permit. Such measure may include, but shall not be limited to:
  - (1) Preservation of the site through project design and/or use restriction;
  - (2) Excavation of the site by a professional archaeologist in order to preserve a sample of the remains, artifacts, or other evidence. Such excavation may take place only as authorized by an archaeological permit.(Responsibility: Planning Department)
- (LCP)** g. Maintain and update, in coordination with the Regional Office of the California Archaeological Site Survey, an inventory of known archaeological sites. (Responsibility: Planning Department)

## **Objective 5.20 Historic Resources**

To protect and where possible restore buildings, sites and districts of historic significance to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the community.

### **Policies**

#### **5.20.1 Historic Preservation Program**

Maintain, update and strengthen, where appropriate, a County Historic Preservation Program and Historic Resource Preservation ordinance with the assistance of an appointed Historic Resources Commission in accordance with State Historic guidelines.

#### **5.20.2 Historic Resources Inventory**

Maintain and update a County Historic Resources Inventory to describe those historic structures, objects, properties, sites, and districts which have been designated by the Board of Supervisors for protection of their heritage values.

#### **5.20.3 Development Activities**

For development activities on property containing historic resources, require protection, enhancement and/or preservation of the historic, cultural, architectural, engineering or aesthetic values of the resource as determined by the Historic Resources Commission. Immediate or substantial hardship to a project applicant shall be considered in establishing project requirements.

#### **5.20.4 Historic Resources Commission Review**

Require that applicants for development proposals on property containing a designated Historic Resource submit plans for the protection and preservation of the historic resource values to the Historic Resources Commission for their review and approval; require an evaluation and report by a professional historian or a cultural resources consultant when required by the Commission.

#### **5.20.5 Encourage Protection of Historic Structures**

Encourage and support public and private efforts to protect and restore historic structures and to continue their use as an integral part of the community.

#### **5.20.6 Maintain Designation as a Certified Local Government**

Support existing and further develop local historic resource programs in order to maintain the California State Department of Parks and Recreation's designation of Santa Cruz County as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

### **Programs**

- a. Continue to sponsor investigative research to identify new historic resources and maintain and update an inventory of historic structures, objects, sites, and districts of significance to Santa Cruz County. (Responsibility: Historical Resources Commission, Board of Supervisors, Planning Department)
- b. Encourage educational programs on historic resources. (Responsibility: Historic Resources Commission, local historic associations, Cabrillo College, University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County Historic Trust)
- c. Nominate County historic resources to appropriate registries such as the California or National Register. (Responsibility: Historic Resources Commission, Planning Department)
- d. Attempt to include appropriate historic resources in the public domain through donations or through purchase as part of open space and other programs. Negotiate Open Space Easements with limited access to permit study of key sites. (Responsibility: Historic Resources Commission, Board of Supervisors)

- e. Investigate sources of funding for private and public historic restoration and make such information available to the public. (Responsibility: Historic Resources Commission, local historic associations, County Historic Museum, Planning Department, County Administrative Office)
- f. Apply the State Historic Building Code to County designated historic buildings. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors)
- g. Prepare an Historic Resources Element to the General Plan. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors)
- h. Consider adoption of the Mills Act, to grant local property tax subsidies to recognized historic structures to encourage rehabilitation. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission, Board of Supervisors)
- i. Inventory County-owned properties of historic significance and develop plans for their protection, restoration or adaptive reuse. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Parks Department, Public Works)
- j. Where possible, provide incentives to property owners to foster historic preservation. Consider revising County zoning regulations to include allowances for façade easements, favorable tax assessments such as taxing at pre-rehabilitation values, parking reductions, transfer of development rights, density bonuses and design assistance. Study the existing zoning of historic buildings to guard against economic incentives to demolish said buildings for more intense development. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission, Board of Supervisors)
- k. Participate in grants-in-aid programs such as the State Parks Bond Act, the Main Street Program, Intersurface Transportation Enhancement Act and others as they become available to help finance restoration projects and stimulate the economic vitality of historic neighborhoods. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission, County Administrative Office)
- l. Complete deed recordation of properties listed in the County Historic Resources Inventory to ensure that knowledge of the historic status of the property is known to all parties at the time of the sale. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Office of the Recorder)
- m. Provide on-going training of Building Inspectors in the knowledge and use of the Historic Building Code adopted by the County in 1984. (Responsibility: Planning Department)
- n. Complete designation of historic districts in areas such as Soquel Village, Boulder Creek Churches Hill, Pasatiempo and Aptos Village. Complete design guidelines to ensure compatible infill by setting standards for elements such as height, scale and roof line for new construction and additions. (Responsibility: Planning Department, Historic Resources Commission)