

problem areas that require immediate attention.*

10. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Historic preservation is intended to maintain reminders of the County's heritage and development. Historic building surveys for the Coastal, Sebastopol, Healdsburg, and Sonoma Valley areas provide an inventory of the County's historic resources, some of which may be threatened by development or by a lack of maintenance. Archaeological sites provide information on the history and culture of Sonoma County's earliest residents and can be disturbed by development activities. Heritage and landmark trees enhance the quality of the environment and have historical significance.



- GOAL OSRC-19: Protect and preserve significant archaeological and historical sites that represent the ethnic, cultural, and economic groups that have lived and worked in Sonoma County, including Native American populations. Preserve unique or historically significant heritage or landmark trees.
- Objective OSRC-19.1: Encourage the preservation and conservation of historic structures by promoting their rehabilitation or adaptation to new uses.
- Objective OSRC-19.2: Encourage preservation of historic building or cemeteries by maintaining a Landmarks Commission to review projects that may affect historic structures or other cultural resources.
- Objective OSRC-19.3: Encourage protection and preservation of archaeological and cultural resources by reviewing all development projects in archaeologically sensitive areas.
- Objective OSRC-19.4: Identify and preserve heritage and landmark trees.
- Objective OSRC-19.5: Encourage the identification, preservation, and protection of Native American cultural resources, sacred sites, places, features, and objects, including historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, cemeteries, and ceremonial sites. Ensure appropriate treatment of Native American and other human remains discovered during a

project.

Objective OSRC-19-6: Develop and employ procedures to protect the confidentiality and prevent inappropriate public exposure of sensitive archaeological resources and Native American cultural resources, sacred sites, places, features, or objects.

The following policies shall be used to achieve these objectives:

Policy OSRC-19a: Designate the County Landmarks Commission to review projects within designated historic districts.*

Policy OSRC-19b: Refer proposals for County Landmark status and rezonings to the Historic Combining District to the County Landmarks Commission.*

Policy OSRC-19c: The County Landmarks Commission shall review Historic Building Surveys and make recommendations for designation of structures or cemeteries as County landmarks.*

Policy OSRC-19d: Include a list of historic structures proposed for designation as County landmarks in Specific or Area Plans or Local Area Development Guidelines and refer the list to the Landmarks Commission for their recommendations.*

Policy OSRC-19e: Refer applications that involve the removal, destruction or alteration of a structure or cemetery identified in a historic building survey to the Landmarks Commission for mitigation. Measures may include reuse, relocation, or photo documentation.*

Policy OSRC-19f: Use the Heritage or Landmark Tree Ordinance and the design review process to protect trees.

Policy OSRC-19g: Pursue grant funding for the preparation and updating of historic resource inventories.*

Policy OSRC-19h: Designate the County Landmarks Commission to administer a preservation program for stabilization, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic structures.*

Policy OSRC-19i: Develop a historic resources protection program that provides for an ongoing process of updating the inventory of historic resources. Such a program should include:

- (1) Periodic historic building surveys,
- (2) Formalized recognition of the inventory of historic resources as recommended by the State Office of Historic Preservation, including rezoning to the Historic Combining District

(HD), and

- (3) Procedures for the protection of recognized historic resources for both ministerial and discretionary permits *

Policy OSRC-19j: Develop an archaeological and paleontological resource protection program that provides:

- (1) Guidelines for land uses and development on parcels identified as containing such resources,
- (2) Standard project review procedures for protection of such resources when discovered during excavation and site disturbance, and
- (3) Educational materials for the building industry and the general public on the identification and protection of such resources.*

Policy OSRC-19k: Refer applications for discretionary permits to the Northwest Information Center to determine if the project site might contain archaeological or historical resources. If a site is likely to have these resources, require a field survey and preparation of an archaeological report containing the results of the survey and include mitigation measures if needed.*

Policy OSRC-19l: If a project site is determined to contain Native American cultural resources, such as sacred sites, places, features, or objects, including historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, cemeteries, and ceremonial sites, notify and offer to consult with the tribe or tribes that have been identified as having cultural ties and affiliation with that geographic area.*

Policy OSRC-19m: Develop procedures for consulting with appropriate Native American tribes during the General Plan adoption and amendment process.*

Policy OSRC-19n: Develop procedures for complying with the provisions of State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if applicable, in the event of the discovery of a burial or suspected human bone. Develop procedures for consultation with the Most Likely Descendant as identified by the California Native American Heritage Commission, in the event that the remains are determined to be Native American.*

11. OPEN SPACE AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Open Space and Resource Conservation Program 1: Open Space Development Code Amendments

Program Description: Revise Development Code Regulations to conform to the 2020 General