



# Historic Preservation Element

**PRESERVE, PROTECT, ENHANCE AND SUPPORT THE HISTORIC, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.**

**The City shall continue to update the historic, archaeological and cultural resource base survey.**

- 1.1.1 The City shall continue to expand its inventory of historic properties by preparing new Florida Site Files for previously undocumented properties and updating existing site files for properties that have undergone alterations or demolitions.
- 1.1.2 The City shall seek funding to develop a city-wide archaeological sensitivity map to indicate the probability of archaeological sites. This map will be used to review the possible impact of both public and private projects upon archaeological resources.

**The City shall increase the number of historic resources listed in the Local or National Register of Historic Places.**

- 1.2.1 The City shall continue to study and re-evaluate the levels of significance of potential historic districts for listing in the Local or National Register of Historic Places.
- 1.2.2 The City shall continue to evaluate the eligibility of individual historic resources for listing in the Local or National Register of Historic Places.
- 1.2.3 The City shall continue to survey and nominate to the National Register of Historic Places Gainesville's "native stone" buildings.

**GOAL 1**

**Objective 1.1**

Policies

**Objective 1.2**

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**Objective 1.3**

**The City shall reduce the number of historic resources in need of stabilization and rehabilitation on an annual basis.**

Policies

- 1.3.1 The City shall continue to study and, where necessary, amend its land development regulations to include incentives that encourage historic preservation.
- 1.3.2 The City shall study the use of other legal and financial tools, such as preservation easements, to protect historic and archaeological resources.
- 1.3.3 The City shall continue to review building, fire and housing codes to identify regulations that restrict the use and rehabilitation of historic structures. Where possible, the City shall amend codes to encourage: use and rehabilitation, relocation to another site for reuse, selective dismantling for reuse, and, only as a last resort, demolition of historic structures.
- 1.3.4 The City shall continue to ensure enforcement of the Historic Preservation/Conservation Ordinance which is adopted in the Land Development Code.
- 1.3.5 The City shall prepare a conservation district overlay ordinance and identify distinctive neighborhoods in Gainesville for inclusion. The conservation overlay shall seek to preserve those neighborhoods from significant alterations of architectural features through adoption and implementation of policies to be placed in the Land Development Regulations.
- 1.3.6 The City shall continue to inventory threatened historic structures in the Pleasant Street, Northeast, Southeast and University Heights Historic Districts.
- 1.3.7 The City shall target a portion of its Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) toward historic districts such as the Pleasant Street and NW Fifth Avenue neighborhoods to better leverage existing resources.
- 1.3.8 The City shall seek funding to promote the improvement of deteriorated structures in designated historic districts.
- 1.3.9 The City shall pursue alternatives that will lead to the preservation of City owned significant historic structures 45 years or older. Significance shall be defined by the National Park Service.
- 1.3.10 Any project sponsored by, or under authority of, the City, either financially or administratively, which involves rehabilitation or new construction within a designated historic district or on the Local or National Register of Historic Places shall adhere to appropriate historic preservation standards for such activity.

**Ensure that the City’s land use, housing, transportation, and economic development policies are consistent with and facilitate historic preservation.**

- 1.4.1 The City shall identify commercial areas in Gainesville appropriate for designation as a “Florida Main Street” community.
- 1.4.2 The City shall encourage Santa Fe Community College to develop a master plan for its downtown campus to ensure that future development is sensitive to the historic character of the Pleasant Street Historic District.
- 1.4.3 The residential character of an historic district, as defined by the National Register jurisdictional line, shall be protected from encroachment of incompatible non-residential uses.
- 1.4.4 The character of an historic district shall be protected from encroachment of incompatible uses.
- 1.4.5 Street, sidewalk, utility and other improvements undertaken by the City in designated historic districts shall be consistent, where practical, with the historic character of those districts.
- 1.4.6 Within one year after the designation of each historic district, the City shall coordinate with the responsible agencies to evaluate traffic circulation patterns and plans in order to slow and limit traffic impacts in designated historic districts, as feasible.
- 1.4.7 The City shall continue to improve and develop parks in designated historic districts.

**The City shall maintain a program that increases public and private involvement in the preservation, protection, enhancement and support of historic, archaeological and cultural resources.**

- 1.5.1 The City shall coordinate with for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to help defray the cost of preserving historic and archaeological resources.
- 1.5.2 The City shall increase public awareness that parks, landscapes and gardens may constitute historic resources.

**Objective 1.4**

Policies

**Objective 1.5**

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**GOAL 2**

**SECURE PUBLIC SUPPORT AND AWARENESS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION EFFORTS.**

**Objective 2.1**

**The City shall provide education to citizens on awareness, value, use and protection of historic and archaeological resources.**

Policies

- 2.1.1 The Historic Preservation Board shall coordinate with other historic preservation organizations to conduct annual informational workshops on historic preservation.
- 2.1.2 The City shall produce, and make accessible, educational materials on the preservation of historic and archaeological resources.
- 2.1.3 The City shall work with state and local governmental organizations, the University of Florida and other interested parties to promote historic preservation.
- 2.1.4 The City shall maintain a list of historic properties that are threatened by demolition by neglect.

**Objective 2.2**

**The City shall develop a program that supports, enhances and encourages public awareness of historic tourism as an economic benefit to Gainesville.**

Policies

- 2.2.1 The City shall work with the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Alachua County Office of Tourist Development, Community Redevelopment Agency, other local governments, and other organizations to promote heritage tourism.
- 2.2.2 The City shall revise the Historic Preservation/Conservation Ordinance to include heritage tourism as a part of the City's historic preservation program.