

**HISTORIC
PRESERVATION**

GOAL

Every effort shall be made to identify and protect prehistoric and historic sites, structures, and districts that meet national, state, or local criteria for historic designation from destruction or harmful alteration.

OBJECTIVE 1

Promote an awareness of the significant architectural, cultural heritage and historic resources of the City.

Policy 1.1) The City shall encourage and coordinate historical, archaeological, and architectural preservation activities.

Action 1.1.1) The City Historical Preservation Commission will maintain a local historic register to identify and document significant architectural and historic resources.

Standard 1.1.1.1) Only those structures, landmarks, and resources shall be considered for listing that:

- (a) Reflect the broad cultural, political, economic, or social history of the City, State, or Nation; or,
- (b) Are identified with historic personages or important events in Local, State, or National history; or,
- (c) Embody distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or serve as a specimen inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or,
- (d) Are representative of the notable work of a master builder or designer whose individual ability has been recognized or who influenced his age, or are of particular scenic beauty.

Districts, landmarks, and structures mapped in this plan will be considered for listing (Maps O & P) as well as any others that may become known.

Standard 1.1.1.2) The status of designated structures, sites, or landmarks shall be updated periodically as City staff time and resources permit.

Action 1.1.2) The City shall encourage private individuals and neighborhood groups to identify districts, sites, landmarks, and structures, which are suitable for local historic recognition and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Further, City staff should make educational resources, such as brochures, workshops, an Internet page, and other materials/services available to interested individuals and groups.

Action 1.1.3) The City shall encourage the protection, preservation, and conservation of designated districts, listed sites, landmarks and/or structures to ensure protections from demolition, deterioration, reconstruction, and alteration.

Standard 1.1.3.1) The City shall maintain the integrity of historic structures or resources through review of all building permits for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation prior to issuance of building or demolition permits.

Standard 1.1.3.2) The City shall maintain the integrity of historic structures or resources by "flagging" in the City's building permitting system addresses that represent identified historic landmarks and districts.

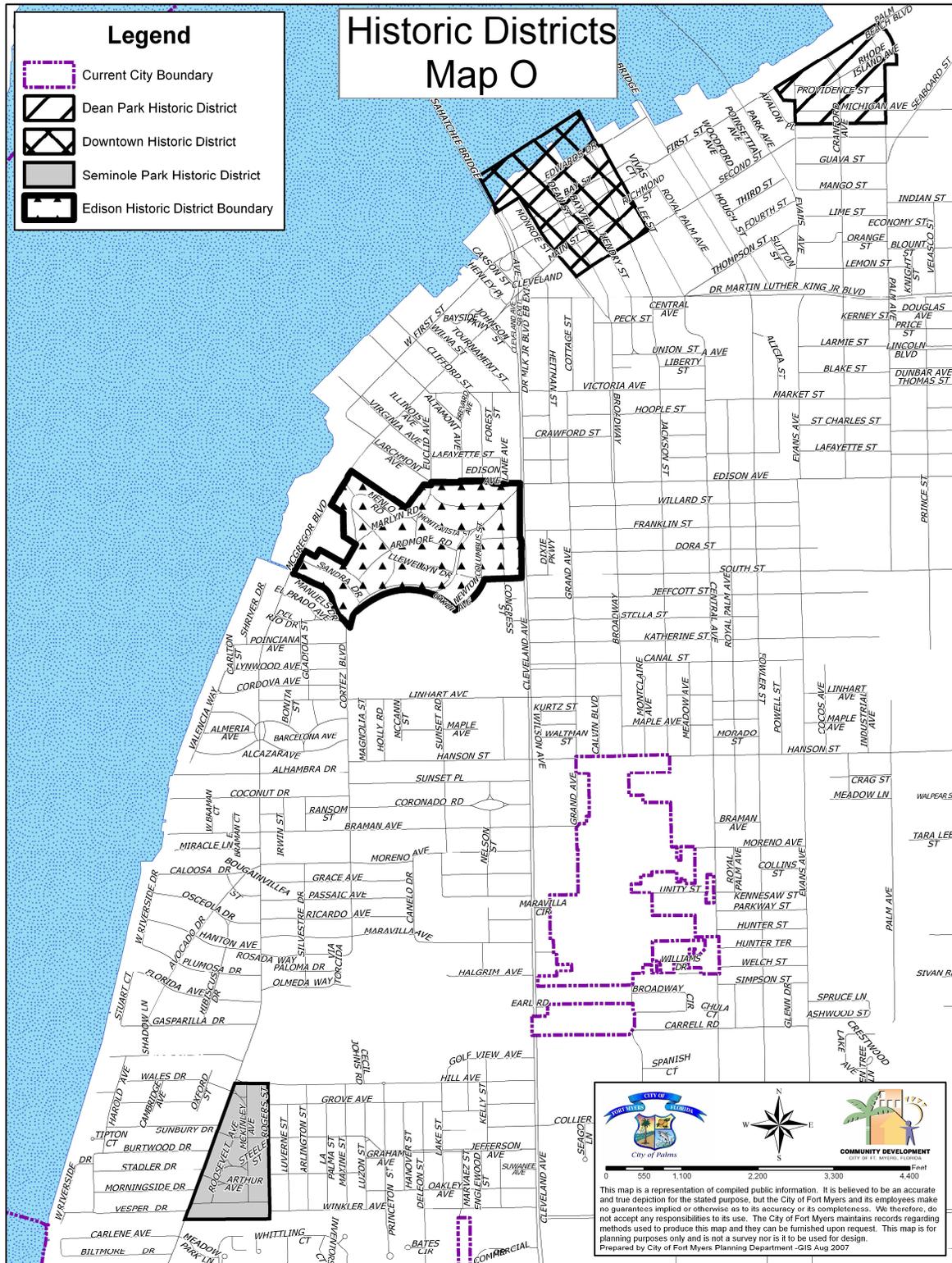
Standard 1.1.3.3) The City will continue through its historic preservation ordinance to enforce compliance with the Secretary's Standards to protect properties that are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Action 1.1.4) The City shall encourage the identification of significant structures through a program offering historic marker plaques or markers to be placed on the relevant properties for such purpose.

Action 1.1.5) The City shall periodically publish a Historic Preservation Newsletter or Pamphlet, when feasible, for local distribution.

Policy 1.2) The City shall identify those Historic Districts and any city owned historic landmarks delineated on Maps O and P, respectively, of this Element through distinctive signage, landscaping, and public improvements.

Action 1.2.1) The City has prepared guidelines for both the Downtown and Edison Park Historic Districts. The City is encouraged to prepare guidelines for the Dean and Seminole Historic Districts and any future designated historic districts.



CITY OF FORT MYERS

City Owned Designated Landmarks

Map P



Legend

- 1 Murphy-Burroughs Home
- 2 Henry Ford Winter E state
- 3 Thomas Edison Winter E state
- 4 City WPA Water Plant Bldg
- 5 Langford/Kingston Home
- 6 Southwest Florida Historical Museum
- 7 Tootie McGregor Terry Memorial Fountain
- 8 Hall of 50 States



OBJECTIVE 2

The City shall preserve, conserve, improve, and promote the remaining significant architectural, cultural, and historic resources as a basis for retaining and enhancing strong community character.

Policy 2.1) Within the City limits, Chapter 75-312, Laws of Florida, (amended by Chapter 81-164, Laws of Florida) designates McGregor Boulevard as a state historic highway to preserve and protect its historic value, integrity, and unparalleled vista of scenic beauty.

Action 2.1.1) As protected by Chapter 75-312, Laws of Florida, (amended by Chapter 81-164, Laws of Florida) no development, demolition, reconstruction, alteration, or road improvements shall be permitted in the McGregor Boulevard Corridor that would adversely affect the visual and functional character of the existing corridor design.

Standard 2.1.1.1) Any of the above activities shall also be consistent with the Land Use, Transportation, Conservation and Coastal Management, and Community Appearance Elements of this Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 2.2) Whenever possible, the City shall further the goal of preserving architectural, cultural, and historic resources using education and incentives.

Action 2.2.1) City staff shall attend regular meetings with neighborhood associations and historic districts with regard to the Historic Preservation program.

Policy 2.3) The City shall preserve, protect, and improve the promotion and operation of publicly-owned historic resources.

Policy 2.4) The City Planning Division shall maintain a full-time historic preservation planner in order to ensure proper preservation efforts for the City's architectural, cultural, and historic resources.

Policy 2.5) The City, utilizing staff, volunteers, and professionals, shall continue researching the City historic structures, sites, and districts as well as archaeologically sensitive areas.

Action 2.5.1) A comprehensive historic sites survey should be conducted that identifies the resources of historic significance within the City and Unincorporated Urban Reserve. This survey shall be updated as necessary to include those sites that, though not presently over 50 years of age, become so.

Action 2.5.2) The City should create a Historic Preservation Work Plan that assesses the success of previous preservation efforts and determines the priority of preservation efforts throughout the upcoming year.

Action 2.5.3) The City staff shall monitor landmarks and structures within historic districts to ensure compliance with the City's Land Development Regulations.

Policy 2.6) Significant archaeological and historic sites and structures acquired by the City shall be documented, protected, preserved and/or conserved, and where appropriate, restored.

Action 2.6.1) After acquisition, an inventory of cultural resources on the property shall be undertaken and the historic significance of each resource shall be determined.

Action 2.6.2) Resources that meet the criteria for local landmark, or State or National Register status should be nominated for such status by the City.

Policy 2.7) The City's Land Development Regulations shall insure that archaeological, cultural, and historic resources are protected.

Policy 2.8) In cases where the use of a historic structure and/or site no longer serve the original purpose, the City shall work with property owners and the community for creative adaptive reuses that will maintain the integrity of the structure and/or site as well as conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

Policy 2.9) The City shall encourage interjurisdictional cooperation to further the goals of archaeological, cultural, and historic preservation and/or conservation.

Action 2.9.1) The City shall maintain Certified Local Government status with the State of Florida and the United States Department of the Interior and participate in the nomination and designation of state and national landmarks.

OBJECTIVE 3

Ensure that new development respects and complements the patterns, character, and scale of the City's traditional and historic districts.

Policy 3.1) The City shall encourage private individuals and neighborhood groups to preserve, restore, and rehabilitate structures of historic, architectural, or cultural significance.

Policy 3.2) The City shall promote context-sensitive design for infill development.

OBJECTIVE 4

Integrate the conservation and preservation of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources in the economic development and revitalization of the City.

Policy 4.1) Promote archaeological, cultural, and historic resource conservation and preservation as an economic tool in the revitalization of the City and its neighborhoods.

Policy 4.2) Develop additional heritage tourism opportunities as a sustainable and asset-based form of economic development.

OBJECTIVE 5

Ensure that adequate financial resources and incentives are available to carry out the implementation of the City's preservation goals.

Policy 5.1) Advocate for new legislation to provide incentives for the conservation and preservation of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources.

Policy 5.2) Develop new financial support and incentives for the conservation and preservation of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources.