

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

## GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

### GOAL

**THE TOWN ~~SHALL ENSURE PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENSURE~~ A HIGH-QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TOWN RESIDENTS THROUGH THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE HISTORIC, PREHISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND THE PERPETUATION OF CURRENT AND FUTURE PROPERTIES OF NOTABLE AESTHETIC, ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE.**

**~~PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE HISTORIC AND PREHISTORIC RESOURCES OF THE TOWN. THE TOWN SHALL PROTECT THE VISUAL APPEARANCE OF PALM BEACH THROUGH THE PERPETUATION OF PROPERTIES OF SPECIAL NOTABLE AESTHETIC, ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.~~**

### OBJECTIVE 1

The Town shall protect and preserve its prehistoric, historic, and archeological resources. The measurement of this objective shall be the extent to which such resources are protected, and the degree to which the following policies are implemented.

#### POLICY 1.1

The Town shall continue to update the list of historic structures eligible or existing landmarked properties.

#### POLICY 1.2

The Town shall cContinue to designate structures, sites, and districts considered worthy of Landmarking in accordance with Chapter 16, Article III of the Town's Code of Ordinances.

#### POLICY 1.3

The Town shall pPrevent destruction of Historic Landmark Structures through provisions in Chapter 16, Article III of the Town's Code of Ordinances.

#### POLICY 1.4

The Town shall continue to follow and enforce the Archaeological Ordinance within the Town's Code of Ordinances in preserving and protecting archaeologically sensitive sites and coordinating with the appropriate state and county agencies.

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### **POLICY 1.5**

The Town shall continue to ~~encourage~~ coordinate a Historic Marker Program and encourage ~~other such~~ educational programs.

### **POLICY 1.6**

The Town shall ~~ensure~~ encourage the protection of historic and specimen trees through accurate identification on development review applications.

### **POLICY 1.7**

The Town shall encourage the designation of the historically significant buildings in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 18, Article VI of the Town's Code of Ordinances.

### **POLICY 1.8**

The Town shall maintain status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) through the requirements for participation in the CLG programs as specified in Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 § U.S.C. 470 et. seq.).

## **OBJECTIVE 2**

The Town shall protect structures and neighborhoods having historic or architectural merit. The measurement of this objective is the extent to which historic or architectural structures or neighborhoods are preserved, and the degree to which the following policies are implemented.

### **POLICY 2.1**

The Town shall continue to protect the Town's historically significant properties and aesthetic character through the active participation of the Architectural Review and Landmarks Preservation Commissions in the development review and approval process, as authorized by the Town's Code of Ordinances.

### **POLICY 2.2**

The Town shall use the cultural resource inventory and previous survey recommendations or other historical data to support new nominations of significant archaeological sites, historic and Landmarked structures or possible listing on the National Register of Historic Places. These designations which provides formal documentation of the Town's cultural resources, enhances their appreciation and understanding as well as and provide demolition review for properties protected under local ordinance. The properties identified

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as eligible for designation will be shared with the community to determine if property owners support moving forward with the formal designation process.

### POLICY 2.3

The Town shall incorporate historic preservation as a priority into the Town's disaster planning and resiliency strategies while accumulating data and analysis that can be used to develop a historic preservation hazard mitigation plan.

### POLICY 2.4

The Town shall expand the cultural resource inventory to identify cultural resources threatened by natural hazards including tropical cyclone events, flooding, erosion, and sea level rise based on previous studies, maps, and any new information that is developed.

### POLICY 2.5

The Town shall pPrioritize documentation of the most severely threatened resources, includeing identifying the key historical and physical attributes of a property or site and/or identification of the area's sensitivity to potential hazards.

### POLICY 2.56

The Town shall continue to promote the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's "10 Reasons to Landmark" and "Property Values & Landmarking" to educate the public, realtors, developers, and properties owners on the benefits of landmarking historic structures.