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

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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

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

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