

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE

The Historic Preservation Plan is a policy and guidance document that does not itself rezone property, designate historic landmarks or districts, approve development projects, or allocate funding. It is intended to guide the City's

Historic Preservation Program for up to 10 years. In coordination with the HPO, the HPC should, annually, discuss progress on the plan and establish priorities for the year through creation of an Annual Work Plan. City staff will communicate with the entities identified as Community Partners in Chapter 3 to educate on the Plan, collaborate on identifying priority solutions, and identify resources or partnerships to realize the Plan. Unforeseen events or new initiatives that were not included in this document may require the City and/or HPC to amend the plan or create internal policies, or guidelines prior to the next update cycle. The City should initiate a review and update of this plan five years after its adoption to maintain its impact and alignment with evolving community needs.

As a long-term implementation strategy, the City of San Marcos should consider establishing a permanent Historic Preservation Plan Oversight Committee, appointed by City Council, to build on the success of public involvement and investment in this plan. The committee would include representatives from key non-profit groups involved in the drafting of this Historic Preservation Plan, such as the Dunbar Heritage Association, the Calaboose African American History Museum, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, Indigenous Cultures Institute, and Council for the Indigenous & Tejano Community, Heritage Association of San Marcos, and Texas State University.

The committee should meet regularly, at least twice per year, and would support implementation by tracking progress on goals and metrics, sharing updates, coordinating programs, and advising on potential amendments to the Historic Preservation Plan. Any changes to the Historic Preservation Plan should provide opportunities for public input.

In conclusion, the Historic Preservation Plan for San Marcos, Texas, affirms the community's commitment to safeguarding its rich cultural heritage while supporting sustainable growth and resilience. By protecting historic resources, San Marcos not only preserves its unique character but also leverages it's past to enhance quality of life, economic vitality, and environmental stewardship.

Through continued collaboration among residents, city officials, and preservation partners, San Marcos will ensure that its historic places remain vibrant, meaningful, and relevant for generations to come.