

Helena/Lewis and Clark County Historic Preservation Commission Action Items

(Note: Issues, goals and policies listed below are taken from the Growth Policy.)

“Continuing protection of County landmarks and historic resources listed on the Lewis and Clark County Historic Resource Inventory;”

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

Prompt official County Commission formation of and recognition of the Inventory.

- Identify the elements to be included in the Lewis and Clark Historic Resource Inventory using:
 - Existing Research Held in Various Repositories
 - Local Histories
 - National Register
- Utilize opportunities for University assistance.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ISSUE G: Prehistoric and historic resources are critical areas that affect our understanding of and our connection to the land.

Goal 7: Encourage protection of historic and prehistoric resources.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- **Apply a generally recognized series of standard historic preservation techniques to Historic Preservation Planning and Resource Protection:**
 - **Identification:** Looking for and recording historic and archaeological sites of potential importance.
 - **Evaluation:** Researching and assessing the relative significance of potential sites.
 - **Registration:** Nominating to the National Register and other lists those sites that are important.
 - **Treatment:** Physically improving or stabilizing sites so they may be retained and put to use, either as

sites to visit, sites held in reserve for the future or sites in everyday domestic or commercial use.

- **Educational Techniques:** Various means of providing historic preservation information to the public.
- **Economic Techniques:** Working with economic tools and trends to encourage the use and protection of historic places.
- **Regulatory Techniques:** Working with existing laws and regulations or crafting new ones designed to provide information on or involve negotiations on behalf of historic places.
- **Restoration Techniques:** Methods directly tied to the physical improvement or stabilization of sites.
- **Public Support Techniques:** Fundraising and / or other means of uniting public interest on behalf of historic places.

Policy 7.1: Inventory historic and prehistoric resources.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- Collect Information for and Maintain the Lewis and Clark County Historic Resource Inventory

Policy 7.2: Consider the effect of development on historic and prehistoric resources.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- Seek Formal Involvement in Existing Procedures which relate to development in the County
 - Relate subsequent changes to impacts on Inventory Sites.

Policy 7.3: Provide for the protection of historic and prehistoric resources with reasonable mitigation, including education about these resources.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- Establish a Communications Network to inform interested parties who may intervene and negotiate the mitigation of impacts on historic property.

Policy 7.4: Encourage transportation improvements that are compatible with cultural resources.

HOUSING

ISSUE A Not all county residents can afford market rate housing.

Policy 1.7 Encourage preservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment of the County's existing housing stock with special attention to historic structures and historic areas.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- **Educational Techniques:** Provide Information on Historic Rehab techniques to homeowners, developers and agencies.
- **Restoration Techniques:** Create an "expertise network" of local people who can assist with historic housing rehabs.
- **Economic Techniques:** Investigate and apply sources of funding employed by other communities using HUD and other housing programs for historic preservation. Explore the rehab for housing program in Great Falls.
- **Public Support Techniques:** Examine the County system to determine existing and developing communication links with housing entities (e.g. Helena, Lewis and Clark Housing Task Force).
- **Regulatory Techniques:** Enact a policy or procedure to involve Historic Preservation in building housing in the county.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ISSUE B: The tourism industry presents an economic opportunity for the County.

Goal 4: Assist the tourism industry as a vital part of the Lewis and Clark County economy.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- **Educational Techniques:** Encourage the development of and installation of signage and information at tourism sites.

- **Economic Techniques:** Encourage and provide economic development and assistance to tourism related activities and projects.
- **Regulatory Techniques:** Encourage the establishment of revenue sources that support the tourism industry and historic preservation.
- **Restoration Techniques:** Make restoration information and expertise available specifically to the tourism industry.
- **Public Support Techniques:** Link historic site guides and other information to cooperative efforts with the tourism industry.

Policy 4.4: Maintain and protect historic areas that are a significant tourism attraction

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- **Educational Techniques:** Facilitate property use for tourism purposes while keeping historical integrity intact.
- **Economic Techniques:** Exploit commercial interests and guide them toward historic property use.
- **Regulatory Techniques:**
 - Use existing ordinances and procedures to incorporate historic preservation concerns in county decisions affecting historic property.
 - Encourage localities to regulate for historic property protection.
- **Restoration Techniques & Public Support Techniques:** Encourage and support grant and funding efforts relating to site visitation and promotion.

Policy 4.5: (County Policy) Foster preservation and conservation by supporting the efforts of the Historic Preservation Commission and other similar organizations.

LAND USE

ISSUE A: Development is affecting the rural character of Lewis and Clark County.

GOAL 1: Maintain the opportunity for a rural lifestyle.

Policy 1.7: Encourage preservation, rehabilitation and redevelopment of the County's existing housing stock with special attention to historic structures and historic areas/.

THE HELENA/LEWIS AND CLARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WILL:

- Work with other county entities to factor historic preservation information into decisions affecting existing housing stock.