



Goal 7.5: Protect and preserve Reno's heritage and historic assets.

7.5a. Composition, Powers, and Duties of the Historic Resources Commission

Clarify the Historic Resources Commission's role as advisor to the City Council on matters relating to history, historic preservation and planning.

Implementation Strategies

- Work with the State of Nevada to maintain the city's Certified Local Government status to continue securing funds for historic preservation activities.
- Consider changing the Commission composition to include other professionals and the public.
- Update, revise, and clarify the Powers and Duties of the Historic Resources Commission to assist in reconfirming the Commission's purpose.
- Reinstate an annual budget for the Historic Resources Commission and provide increased staff time to assist the historic preservation program.
- Monitor best practices across the wide array of programs that support historic preservation, from the Historic Resources Commission's technical preservation responsibilities to community planning, communications, the arts, tourism, and interpretive presentation.
- Foster a unified City commitment to historic preservation.

7.5b. Identification of Historic Properties

Identify, recognize, and increase historic resources by encouraging and incentivizing the addition of properties to the city, state, and national registers.

Implementation Strategies

- Encourage the inclusion of historic resources on the city, State, and National Registers of Historic Places and the formation of historic districts and/or conservation districts.
- Develop a mechanism to identify and rank historic-age properties in a non-regulatory list to provide enhanced resources to property owners, developers, architects, and City staff, and to assist the Historic Resources Commission and City staff in pursuing the addition of properties to the City Register.
- Establish and follow a program and schedule to update the survey and inventory of the city's historic resources.
- Prepare a broad historical context to assist with the evaluation of and appreciation for Reno's historic resources.
- Develop a program to apply for annual Historic Preservation Fund grant funding through the State Historic Preservation Office to update and continue the survey and inventory program.
- Revise and simplify the City Register designation process, clarify the eligibility criteria, and include historical integrity as a consideration.
- Develop incentives to add properties to the City Register.
- Actively pursue new listings to the City Register through outreach to owners of potentially eligible properties and properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



7.5c. Protection of Historic Resources

Reinforce the Commission's regulatory processes and its role as historic preservation advisor to the City Council.

Implementation Strategies

- Develop and implement a process whereby development projects will be reviewed to determine any effects they may have on historic resources included in the Historic Register, or eligible for inclusion.
- Develop mitigation measures deemed appropriate to lessen the impact on the public as a result of the loss or alteration of an historic resource.
- Strive to protect historic resources that are City-owned property.
- Develop design guidelines for the COA process.
- Develop an administrative Certificate of Appropriateness process to streamline the review of minor exterior modifications to properties on the City Register.
- Develop a demolition by neglect provision.
- Integrate the goals of the Historic Resources Commission with broader Adaptive Reuse policy to incentivize the use and preservation of existing building stock in new and creative ways.
- Promote the Federal Rehabilitation Tax program through the State Historic Preservation Office for eligible commercial properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Develop incentives for properties listed on the City Register to assist property owners in the protection of historic character in neighborhoods and to developers as tools to redevelop valuable historic building stock. Endeavor to minimize the impact of development on archaeological resources through investigation, avoidance, capping, recordation, and/or excavation as appropriate.

7.5d. Education

Provide educational resources on historic preservation, the City Register of Historic Places, and methods for preserving historic structures.

Implementation Strategies

- Provide training to members of the Historic Resources Commission on their role in city government, applicable legal frameworks, and planning policy and procedures.
- Increase understanding of historic preservation goals in non-historic related departments and commissions.
- Create a public-facing GIS map of surveyed properties and ensure that survey information relating to historic resources in the city are available to the public and other interested parties .
- Redesign, maintain, and promote the historic preservation section of the city's website.
- Develop and make available educational materials about preservation principles and techniques, the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Preservation, the City Register of Historic Places, and other historic preservation programs.
- Expand the Historic Resources Commission's annual award program to encourage and recognize excellence in historic preservation in the community.
- Develop and distribute a preservation toolkit explaining a variety of preservation techniques and preservation policies unique to the City of Reno.

7.5e. Economic Development and Heritage Preservation

Emphasize the economic benefits of historic preservation and its role in economic development, sustainability, and heritage tourism.

Implementation Strategies

- Encourage outreach to private developers to promote and facilitate investment in historic rehabilitation, especially in commercial buildings.
- Identify historically important buildings in need of rehabilitation and entice preservation developers.
- Develop a historic marker program to interpret, educate and promote the region's history and to foster heritage tourism.
- Establish heritage partnerships and networks with local, state, and national historic preservation and tourism organizations.

City Limits

Sphere of Influence

Truckee Meadows Service Area (includes Reno's SOI)

National Historic Landmark Districts

City of Reno Conservation Districts

Historic Properties

- On National Register of Historic Places
- On State Register of Historic Places
- On Reno Register of Historic Places

Note: Properties may be listed on more than one register. Properties on the map are shown based on the highest level of designation in the following order: national register, state register or City of Reno register.

