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HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The fundamental purpose of the Historic Preservation Element is to protect the historic resources within unincorporated Palm Beach County from adverse impact and to promote public awareness of the benefits of preserving such resources.

B. Assessment and Conclusions

Since the adoption of this optional element, the County has put in place a number of mechanisms to help ensure that historic resources are protected. A process has been created to locally designate significant historic sites and structures, and to ensure that historic and archaeological resources are protected in the development or redevelopment process. A Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) has been created to provide community oversight for these processes, as well as to assist in education efforts about the value of historic resources. A number of research tasks have been completed. Provisions are in place to nominate sites for the National Register, as well as to prepare Florida Master Site File (FMSF) listings. With these items now being implemented through land development regulations and other means, the focus of the element becomes to maintain these processes and to evaluate and pursue appropriate new opportunities. Among these are the opportunity to use advancing technologies to assist in the mapping and tracking of designated and potential sites, the opportunity to enhance tourism, and specifically ecotourism, through the reuse and restoration of historic sites, and the opportunity to work collaboratively with other County departments and other entities to ensure the preservation of historic resources.

The following historic sites and districts have been designated by the Board of County Commissioners as of August, 1999:

1. The Tindall House Historic Site, Jupiter, Florida. (November 17, 1997)
2. The Cabana Club Porte Cochere Historic Site, Boca Raton, Florida. (November 17, 1997)
3. The Camino Real and Camino Real Bridge Historic District, Boca Raton, Florida. (November 17, 1997)
4. The Riverbend Regional Park Historic District, Jupiter Farms, Florida. (April 20, 1999)

II. GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GOAL PROTECTION AND AWARENESS OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

It is the **GOAL** of Palm Beach County to recognize the importance of its historic resources; to locate, identify and evaluate those resources; and to provide for the preservation and enhancement of the resources while expanding public awareness of the contribution these resources make to the County.

OBJECTIVE 1.1 Historic Preservation

Palm Beach County shall ensure the protection of its historic resources through the identification of existing and potential sites, and enforcement of the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) provisions for their protection.

Policy 1.1-a: The County shall continue to locate, identify and evaluate those sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are associated with the archeological, historical, engineering and cultural development of the unincorporated area of Palm Beach County through the use of an automated data base with maps available to other County agencies.

Policy 1.1-b: The County shall continue to identify county-owned historic sites and structures and shall determine all sites' potential for heritage tourism development, including restoration and reuse, and historic markers.

Policy 1.1-c: The County shall continue to nominate and list eligible sites and districts in a local registry and shall list sites and districts eligible for the National Registry of Historic Places.

Policy 1.1-d: The County shall continue to prepare Florida Master Site File (FMSF) listings for applicable structures and sites.

Policy 1.1-e: The County shall continue to enforce the provisions of the ULDC which create the Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB), and protect archeological and historic resources, and the provisions of the Standard Building Code.

Policy 1.1-f: The County shall encourage restoration and reuse of historic buildings and sites where such investments will provide for tourism development.

Policy 1.1-g: With regard to County-owned properties containing known archaeological sites, per the Archeological Overlay, or containing buildings at least 50 years old, the HRRB shall have prior review authority for all transfers, sales, modifications and development; and the Facilities Management Division shall annually notify the HRRB of proposed transfers, sales, modification, and development of such sites.

ABBREVIATED AMENDMENT HISTORY

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