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As a result of the project, the following tasks have been accomplished:

1. A fully developed historic context for the City of Santa Cruz has been prepared.
2. Using the information gathered in the development of the historic contexts and in consultation with the Santa Cruz Historical Preservation Commission, goals and priorities for the identification, evaluation, registration and treatment of historic properties within the City of Santa Cruz have been discussed and decided upon. These goals and priorities can be found in the following section.
3. A phased work plan to accomplish Goals 1-3 (below) has been developed. This work plan can be found in Appendix ---.

Goals And Priorities For Identification, Evaluation, Registration And Treatment Of Historic Properties

The following goals and priorities have been established by the City of Santa Cruz Historic Preservation Commission:

1. To update the existing survey of historic buildings for the City of Santa Cruz by combining the existing surveys (Volumes I and II) and completing DPR 523 forms for all structures that still exist. Significance criteria for evaluation will be based on information contained in the fully developed Context Statement.
2. To add additional properties to the existing survey based on underrepresented property types. These additional property types will include: retaining walls, stairs, walkways, streets posts (hitching posts and lamp posts).
3. To review the current historic districts as designated by the City, to provide clear guidelines for the creation of such districts and to suggest additional areas that could be considered as historic districts within the City.
4. To recommend to the City Council that:
 - Incentives for maintenance of historic structures be provided by the city;
 - A program be established to provide consultation to owners on the guidelines for repair, restoration and rehabilitation of historic structures.

Update of Historic Building Survey

This Context Statement will provide a solid background for the update of the City's Historic Building Survey. A Work Program for this update is included in the Appendix. The current City Survey includes local criteria for the inclusion of historic properties on the survey. These criteria will be reviewed and updated in light of current criteria and national and state criteria for such properties. The next two sections present the latter criteria.

Historic Property Registration Requirements

National Register Of Historic Places Requirements

For a property to qualify for the National Register it must meet one of the National Register Criteria for Evaluation by:

- Being associated with an important historic context and
- Retaining historic integrity of those features necessary to convey significance.
(National Register Bulletin 15).

Criteria for Evaluation

The Criteria for Evaluation as found in the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 36, Part 60 are as follows:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and:

- That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history ; or
- That are associated with the lives of persons significant in or past; or
- That embody the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master , or that possess high artistic values or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual ; or
- That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history .

California Register Of Historic Resources Requirements

Criteria for Evaluation

A "Historical Resource" according to Public Resources Code Section 5020.1 includes but is not limited to, any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which is historically or archaeological significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California (Appendix 3).

Criteria for evaluating the significance of historical resources to determine their eligibility for the California Register of Historical Resources are as follows:

1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history, or the cultural heritage of California or the United States;
2. It is associated with the lives of persons important to local, California, or national history;

3. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction, or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values;
or

4. It has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California, or the nation.

In addition the resource must retain its integrity which is defined as follows: Integrity is the authenticity of an historical resource's physical identity evidenced by the survival of characteristics that existed during the resource's period of significance. Integrity is evaluated with regard to the retention of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Requirements For Local Listing

The Cultural Resources Element of the City of Santa Cruz General Plan (1990-2005) contains the following goal (CR2) "Designate, protect and enhance those structures and landmarks contributing to the cultural, historic and architectural character of Santa Cruz." A historic landmark is defined as: "an individual structure or other feature, or group of structures on a single lot or site, or a site having special aesthetic, cultural, architectural or engineering interest or value of an historical nature as a landmark."

The procedures for designation of a historic landmark and amending the Historic Building Survey are set forth in Part 5 section 24.12.420 of the Zoning Code. Criteria for listing on the Survey, which were adopted by the Santa Cruz City Council in 1974, can be found in *Santa Cruz Historic Building Survey* prepared by Charles Hall Page and Associates, 1976 (pp. 17-21). The criteria were drawn from similar studies in Providence, Rhode Island and New Orleans, Louisiana and utilize a numerical rating system based on the following: 1. Historical Significance; 2. Architectural Significance; 3. Neighborhood Setting. The rating system used comes from the *Historic Savannah* survey book.