

2012 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

City of Orange Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation Element



Old Town Orange Plaza incorporates the city's historic preservation element.

The 2010 City of Orange General Plan represented the first comprehensive update to the City's General Plan since 1989 and the first ever update to the City's 1983 Historic Preservation Element.

The Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation Element represents an effort to expand the City's historic preservation program to ensure recognition and preservation of the City's diverse cultural resources. Its goals and policies are organized around the issues of architecture and community character; preserving historic neighborhood character; incentives and education; archaeological and cultural resources; and library services.

The Cultural Resources & Historic Preservation Plan, provides guidance regarding ongoing management of the historic building stock dating from the late 1800s through 1940 embodied in the Old Towne Orange and Plaza National Register districts. In addition, for the first time, the Element also addresses more contemporary architectural resources such as the City's three Eichler Home tracts, laying the groundwork for their future designation as local historic districts.

The Element explains how various historic preservation "tools" are intended to be used, and how the Orange Historic Resources Inventory relates to CEQA, internal City processes and procedures for designation of resources, and historic resource management.

The concept of the Neighborhood Character Area is also introduced for the first time in the Element to provide a mechanism to recognize and manage those areas of the City having a distinctive cultural

heritage and development quality: El Modena, the Cypress Street Barrio, the Railroad/Packinghouse Corridor, and Orange Park Acres. These areas are characterized by a diminished concentration of historic building stock, but have a strong association with the Latino community in early Orange, as well as the semi-rural equestrian lifestyle that remains prevalent in the eastern portion of the City.

The Element was designed to be both realistic and implementable and has provided the public with a useful guide for preservation activity in the city.

Read the full text of the Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Element:

<http://www.cityoforange.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/564>