
GOAL 26: PROTECTED CULTURAL HERITAGE

It is the goal for San Rafael to have protected and maintained historic buildings and archaeological resources as part of San Rafael’s cultural heritage. *A mission city established in 1817, San Rafael values its history and the people and buildings that have shaped it.*

Many of San Rafael’s older buildings remain today, adding an historic character and atmosphere to the City. The diversity of architecture offers a pleasing blend of new and old buildings of various types and styles. In 1986, the City completed the *San Rafael Historical/Architectural Survey* identifying and rating the architectural and

historical significance of selected buildings and areas.

Approximately 295 structures were listed and evaluated. High concentrations of historic buildings are located in Downtown, Gerstle Park and the Dominican neighborhoods.

City policy has been to protect and build upon the historic character that exists in the City. The City adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance in 1978. The ordinance established guidelines regarding remodeling or demolishing historic buildings. The ordinance is implemented by the Design Review Board and Planning Commission. See Exhibit 24 for a list of historical landmarks in San Rafael.



The Boyd Gatehouse currently houses the Marin History Museum, which began construction of a new facility in 2005.

In 2002, there were 63 known archeological sites identified in the San Rafael Planning Area. These sites contain archaeological resources, which include deposits and remains left by the local Native Americans and other early inhabitants. These sites are located primarily at the base of hills on the perimeter of the San Pedro peninsula and in the Miller Creek area. These locations likely offered fresh water. A portion of the Miller Creek School site served as a central village in the Gallinas Valley for at least 3,000 years.

City policy protects known archeological resources to the maximum extent feasible. Generally, new development is required to avoid sites. The Community Development Department maintains an archaeological sensitivity database based on parcels and proximity to potentially sensitive sites. Data includes parcels that have been examined for archaeological remains, known archaeological sites, National, State, and local landmark locations, recognized historic building locations, and the archaeological sensitivity zones established by the data. If an archeological site is uncovered during construction, activity is halted and an examination is made by a qualified archeologist in consultation with the American Indian Council of Marin. Work can resume when appropriate mitigation measures are implemented. The City has also established an Ordinance that states procedures and regulations for archaeological resource protection.

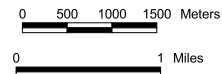
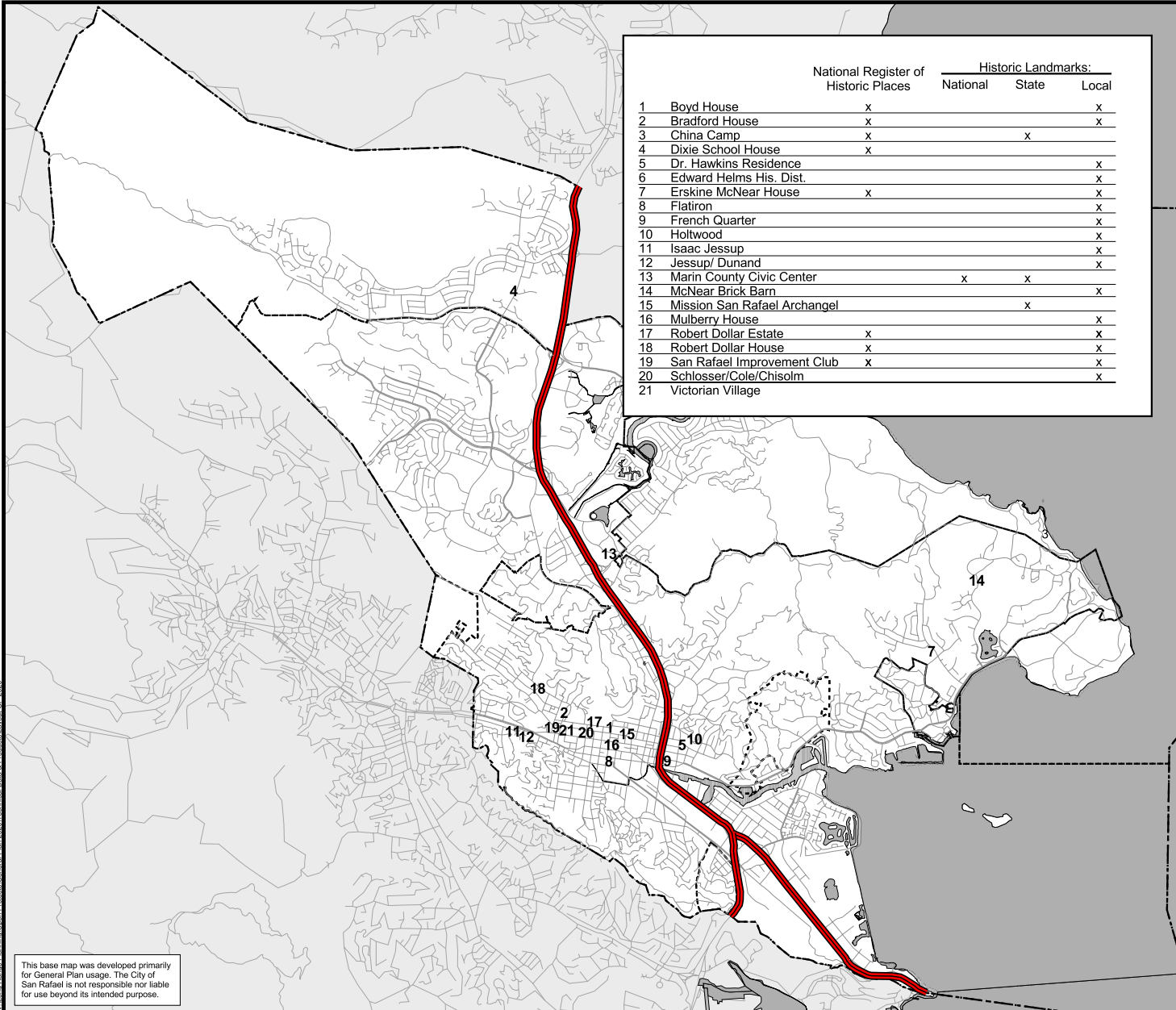
Exhibit 24



National, State, and Local Historical Landmarks

- San Rafael City Limit
- Planning Area

	National Register of Historic Places	Historic Landmarks:		
		National	State	Local
1 Boyd House	x			x
2 Bradford House	x			x
3 China Camp	x		x	x
4 Dixie School House	x			
5 Dr. Hawkins Residence				x
6 Edward Helms His. Dist.				x
7 Erskine McNear House	x			x
8 Flatiron				x
9 French Quarter				x
10 Holtwood				x
11 Isaac Jessup				x
12 Jessup/ Dunand				x
13 Marin County Civic Center		x	x	
14 McNear Brick Barn				x
15 Mission San Rafael Archangel			x	
16 Mulberry House				x
17 Robert Dollar Estate	x			x
18 Robert Dollar House	x			x
19 San Rafael Improvement Club	x			x
20 Schlosser/Cole/Chisolm				x
21 Victorian Village				x



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CA 13. Historic Buildings and Areas.

Preserve buildings and areas with special and recognized historic, architectural or aesthetic value including but not limited to those on the San Rafael Historical/Architectural Survey. New development and redevelopment should respect architecturally and historically significant buildings and areas.

CA-13a. Inventory Update. Update the City's Historical/Architecture Survey, which is an inventory of buildings of architectural value, historic buildings and/or districts and historic elements such as signs, monuments and gates. Maximize the use of volunteers in updating the survey with professional assistance as needed.

Responsibility: Community Development

Timeframe: Short Term

Resources: Staff Time, Volunteers, Grants

CA-13b. Preservation Ordinance. Continue to implement the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance through the design review process. Update the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and review the development application review procedures for the various classifications of buildings on the Historical Architecture Survey, including effective ways to review proposed changes to historic properties.

Responsibility: Community Development

Timeframe: Ongoing. (Update: Short Term)

Resources: Staff Time

CA-13c. Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. Establish a technical advisory committee or contract with an architectural historian, to provide the Design Review Board and Planning Commission with advice in design matters and policies related to the preservation and/or modification of historic structures.

Responsibility: Community Development

Timeframe: Short Term

Resources: Staff Time, Fees

CA-13d. Public Education. Encourage historic preservation activities and the formation of historic preservation groups in neighborhoods to heighten awareness of historic landmarks and how architecture and landscape define the character of an area. Encourage schools to incorporate units about local history into their school programs. Continue to support efforts to install plaques recognizing historic locations in San Rafael.

Responsibility: Community Development

Timeframe: Ongoing

Resources: Staff Time

CA-13e. Preservation Reference Materials. Maintain at Falkirk a special collection of preservation materials and resources. Enhance public awareness of the collection, and include a photographic record of local preservation efforts.

Responsibility: Community Services

Timeframe: Ongoing

Resources: Staff Time, Grants

CA-13f. Public Events. Encourage organizations such as the Marin Historical Society to produce events, publications, and exhibits about the historic resources that exist in San Rafael.

Responsibility: Community Services, Community Development

Timeframe: Ongoing

Resources: Staff Time

CA-13g. Public Recognition. Through the annual Design Awards program, publicly recognize property owners who have done an exceptional job of preserving an historical property.

Responsibility: Community Development
Timeframe: Ongoing
Resources: Staff Time

See PR-7b (Marin History Museum), LU-2a (Development Review), NH-29a (Implement Downtown Design Guidelines) and NH-32 (Historic Character).

CA-14. Reuse of Historic Buildings.

Encourage the adaptation and reuse of historic buildings, in order to preserve the historic resources that are a part of San Rafael's heritage.

CA-14a. Historical Building Code. Use the State historical building code to encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

Responsibility: Community Development
Timeframe: Short Term
Resources: Staff Time

CA-14b. Zoning. Investigate possible zoning exemptions to regulations such as on-site parking, signs, and setbacks in order to encourage adaptive reuse.

Responsibility: Community Development
Timeframe: Short Term
Resources: Staff Time

CA-14c. Incentives. Investigate the use of incentives such as transfer of development rights, easements, and property tax relief to encourage preservation of historic buildings.

Responsibility: Community Development
Timeframe: Long Term
Resources: Staff Time

See CD-3c (Revisions to Design Guidelines), CD-10 (Nonresidential Design Guidelines), CD-11a (Compatibility of Building Patterns), CD-12 (Industrial Areas), CD-13 (Single-Family Residential Design Guidelines), CD-4d (Design Guidelines) and S-8 (Seismic Safety of Existing Buildings).

CA-15. Protection of Archaeological Resources.

Recognize the importance of protecting significant archaeological resources by:

- Identifying, when possible, archaeological resources and potential impacts on such resources.
- Providing information and direction to property owners in order to make them aware of these resources.
- Implementing measures to preserve and protect archaeological resources.

CA-15a. Archeological Resources Ordinance. Continue to implement the existing Archeological Resources Ordinance.

Responsibility: Community Development
Timeframe: Ongoing
Resources: Fees