

cyclists on mountain and non-mountain bikes; contain trail design, access, and construction standards; establish specific plan lines for trails; and identify financing options.

Responsibility: Madera County Transportation Commission  
Planning Department  
Time Frame: FY 96-97; ongoing as funds are available  
Funding: General Fund

## D. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Goal 4.D:** To identify, protect, and enhance Madera County's important historical, archaeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment.

### Policies

- 4.D.1. The County shall solicit the views of the local Native American community in cases where development may result in disturbance to sites containing evidence of Native American activity and/or to sites of cultural importance.
- 4.D.2. The County shall coordinate with the cities and advisory councils in the county to promote the preservation and maintenance of Madera County's paleontological, archaeological, and historical resources.
- 4.D.3. The County shall require that discretionary development projects identify and protect from damage, destruction, and abuse, important historical, archaeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment.
- 4.D.4. The County shall, within its power, maintain confidentiality regarding the locations of archaeological sites in order to preserve and protect these resources from vandalism and the unauthorized removal of artifacts. If significant archaeological and cultural resources are open to the public, the County shall control public access to prevent damage or vandalism.
- 4.D.5. The County shall provide for the placement of historical markers or signs on adjacent county roadways and major thoroughfares to attract and inform visitors of important historic resource sites.
- 4.D.6. The County shall encourage the preservation of the original architectural character of significant historic structures and districts. To this end, the County shall use the State *Historic Building Code*.
- 4.D.7. The County will use existing legislation and propose local legislation for the identification and protection of cultural resources and their contributing environment.
- 4.D.8. The County shall support the registration of cultural resources in appropriate landmark designations (i.e., National Register of Historic Places, California Historical Landmarks, Points of Historical Interest, or Local Landmark). The County shall assist private citizens seeking these designations for their property.

**Implementation Programs**

- 4.4. The County shall prepare, adopt, and implement procedures for review and approval of all County-permitted projects involving ground disturbance and all building and/or demolition permits that will affect buildings, structures, or objects 45 years of age or older.

Responsibility: Planning Department  
Board of Supervisors  
Time Frame: FY 97-98; ongoing  
Funding: Mitigation fees  
Permit fees

- 4.5. The County shall develop preservation incentive programs for owners of important cultural and paleontological resources, using such mechanisms as the Mills Act, the Historic Preservation Easement program, the Certified Local Government program, and the Heritage Tourism program.

Responsibility: Planning Department  
Board of Supervisors  
Assessor  
Time Frame: FY 97-98  
Funding: Grants  
General Fund

- 4.6. The County shall appoint a County Landmarks Commission to establish archival standards, prepare an inventory of all historic, cultural, and archaeological resources in the county, and promote their preservation.

Responsibility: Board of Supervisors  
Time Frame: FY 96-97  
Funding: Grants  
General Fund

- 4.7. The County shall adopt a historic district overlay zone to apply to areas containing significant historic structures.

Responsibility: Planning Department  
Board of Supervisors  
Time Frame: FY 97-98  
Funding: General Fund