

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

12 GOAL

TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSERVATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

Objective

- 12.1 Identify and conserve important representative and unique archaeological sites and features.

Policies

- 12.1.1 The County shall take such action as necessary to compile information on the location and significance of its archaeological resources so this information may be incorporated into the environmental or development review process.
- 12.1.2 The Archaeological Sensitivity Zones map shall be used, along with whatever other data is appropriate, to evaluate whether archaeological resources are threatened by proposed development projects. The map shall be updated continuously as new data becomes available and shall have an appropriate review in five years (January 1, 1987).
- 12.1.3 All proposed development, including land divisions, within high sensitivity zones shall require an archaeological field inspection prior to project approval.
- 12.1.4 All major projects (i.e., 2.5 acres or more) that are proposed for moderate sensitivity zones, including land divisions, shall require an archaeological field inspection prior to project approval.
- 12.1.5 Projects proposed for low sensitivity zones shall not be required to have an archaeological survey taken unless specific additional information has been obtained to suggest that archaeological resources are present.
- 12.1.6 Where development could adversely affect archaeological resources, reasonable mitigation procedures shall be required prior to project approval.
- 12.1.7 All available measures, including purchase of archaeological easements, dedication to the County, tax relief, purchase of development rights, consideration of reasonable project alternatives, etc., shall be explored to avoid development on sensitive archaeological sites.

Objective

- 12.2 Encourage various historical and educational societies or other appropriate organizations in their efforts to improve the public's recognition of its cultural heritage and the citizen's responsibilities for archaeological or cultural resource preservation.

ENERGY RESOURCES

13 GOAL

TO PROMOTE EFFICIENT ENERGY USE.

Objective

- 13.1 Achieve energy savings through implementation of the Monterey County Energy Conservation Implementation Plan (September 30, 1980).

Objective

- 13.2 Incorporate energy efficiency into land use planning.

Policies

- 13.2.1 Intensive development shall be encouraged toward existing urban areas where energy expended for transportation and provision of services can be minimized.
- 13.2.2 Areas of urban concentration shall provide, where possible, convenient access for employment, commercial, and other activities.

Objective

- 13.3 Incorporate energy efficiency into the design and location of development projects.

Policies

- 13.3.1 Lots shall be oriented so structures may maximize the energy gains from solar sources and minimize energy losses where possible.
- 13.3.2 Cluster development, at the same density, shall be favored over more scattered development on a given parcel of land, if such development can be shown to conserve energy.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The County provides its public educational services through 22 elementary school districts, seven high school districts, and two community college districts. There are also 31 private primary, secondary, and post-secondary educational facilities located throughout the County. Because of enrollment increases projected for some of the public schools, expansion is planned in the near future in the Alisal, Chualar, King City, Monterey Peninsula, Spreckels, Salinas High, and Santa Rita School Districts.

HUMAN SERVICES (HEALTH, MEDICAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

Almost all areas of the County have access to adequate levels of human services such as acute care hospitals, convalescent homes, mental health facilities, and public health and social services. However, in the more remote rural areas of the County, human services tend to be less available. In these areas, human services providers have targeted high risk groups in order to assure their access to services. Targeted groups/services include protective services to children and support services for parents of small children and for the elderly in areas such as nutrition, housing, transportation, in-home care, and medical care.

PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Almost 14 percent of the County's land area, 293,781 acres, is devoted to park and recreation facilities operated by various governmental entities. The county parks system, managed by the Parks Department, makes up about 10 percent of the County's total park acreage. There are currently eight county regional parks in the County which offer a rich variety of recreational opportunities for residents and tourists. Expanded park and recreational opportunities must be provided to accommodate future needs within the County.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Preservation of the County's historic and cultural resources, like its natural resources, has become an important planning issue. Monterey County has had a particularly rich historic past and contains 49 sites of national and/or state significance. In addition to those historic sites on national and state registers, the County has identified about 220 sites on the County historic inventory.

The County recognizes the need to discover and identify places of historical significance and preserve the physical evidence of its historic past. Therefore, it has initiated the development of a countywide historic preservation ordinance. Through the Parks Department's Historical Coordinator and Historical Advisory Committee, a set of policies has been developed aimed at preserving those sites which have proven historical significance. All the policies stress provision of incentives to property owners such as property tax reductions and other forms of subsidy. These policies constitute the County's Historic Preservation Plan.