

Comprehensive Plan Elements Update Historic Element

During the [August 26th City Council meeting](#), City staff provided an update to the Council on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan project. A brief overview was given of major items for revision in each of the following five elements:

- **Future Land Use** - Broadly sets development expectations
- **Coastal Management** - Water dependent uses & environmental resilience
- **Housing** – Population demographics & housing needs
- **Transportation** - Safer streets for everyone
- **Historic** - Preservation of built legacy



Next week the first drafts of the Coastal Management, Housing, and Historic Elements will be published online to the [Plan Punta Gorda](#) and [City of Punta Gorda](#) websites. This publication will provide the opportunity for the public to read the proposed documents and provide direct input in advance of the presentation of these drafts to Planning Commission and City Council.

Over the last two weeks explanations of the Coastal Management and Housing Elements were featured in the Planning Corner. This week's feature is the [Historic Element](#) which provides a brief overview of the rich and unique history of the Punta Gorda. This element also provides an overview of the City's historic resources, area partners, and provides goals, objectives, and policies to guide the City's preservation efforts.

The update to the Historic Element draws on the work of a Historical Resources Survey update conducted in the mid-2010s. This survey looked at structures citywide that were constructed prior to 1965. This master list of "old stuff" was winnowed down into a proposed Local Register of Historic Places. This proposed local register has been on hold since 2018, pending the results of the [Citywide Master Plan](#). The Master Plan recommended proceeding with the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Regulations changes necessary to implement a Local Register of Historic Place and update the City's regulatory Historic Districts to reflect the need to protect identified clusters of historic properties. The map illustrates these properties and proposed districts.

