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This list of strategic goals was derived by the Master Plan Committee (MPC) from input from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), and from relevant goals found in the Master Plans of other municipalities. They were reviewed by the Planning Board on January 10, 2024.

Note that these goals are not a complete or finished set. They are assembled to help guide the team that is writing the draft Historic Preservation Plan element. The team may develop additional goals and may choose to modify the wording of these goals as their work progresses.

The Historic Preservation Plan element will be written by the Historic Preservation Commission. The first draft is due before June 18, 2024, and will be posted here when it has been released by the writing team.

Comments and suggestions for the element-writing team should be emailed to planning@penningtonboro.org.

10. Historic Preservation Plan Element

The Historic Preservation Plan Element indicates the location and significance of historic sites and historic districts, identifies the standards used to assess worthiness for historic site or district identification, and analyzes the impact of each component and Element of the Master Plan on the preservation of historic sites and districts.

Historic Preservation Plan Goals

Awaiting input from Eric Holterman for these. Amy to follow-up.

10.1. Continue to identify and document historic resources, especially those facing the greatest threats to their historical integrity. Examples include, but are not limited to, the preservation of Pennington's Railroad Station and the HVRSD Administration Building.

10.2. Continue to review municipal policy for protection of historic resources and continue to implement this policy through effective regulatory measures.

10.3. Facilitate adaptive reuse and restoration to accommodate growth and changing needs without substantial impact to the integrity of historic resources.

10.4. Balance historic preservation efforts with the public interest in smart growth, greater housing choice, sustainability, equity, and economic development.

10.5. Prepare and promote user-friendly information for public awareness and stewardship of historic resources, policies, and design guidelines. Continue to facilitate awareness through multi-platform outreach to promote historic resources.

10.6. Ensure resiliency of historic structures that are vulnerable to climate change-related natural hazards.

10.7. Borough Code 119-9 defines Emergency Procedures that can be taken when an historic building requires immediate repair. Emergency repairs may be performed immediately upon approval of the Construction Official, who shall certify that a bona fide emergency of the type referenced herein exists. No definitions of emergencies exist in Chapter 119 and should be added to 119-2 Definitions, and should include climate-related emergencies. Chapter 119 does not address costs of emergency repairs if the homeowner can't cover them. There should be wording in the ordinance to about the need for the owner to insure the property against such cost.

10.7. Maximize the benefits of Certified Local Government status for the Municipality from the state Historic Preservation Office OR Amend the Historic Preservation Ordinance to satisfy state requirements for Certified Local Government status.

10.8. Continue to provide the technical assistance necessary to preserve and improve historic properties.

10.9. Establish economic incentives to support the preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods.

10.10. Maintain and strengthen support for historic preservation from individuals, not-for-profit preservation groups, neighborhood organizations and downtown interests.