

Goals & Objectives

Goal 1: Increase and encourage opportunities for the general public to participate in historic preservation projects, events, and activities.

Objective 1 (1). Develop partnerships with local or regional associations, in order to strengthen public and private programs incorporation of preservation and planning into their community revitalization efforts.

Objective 1 (2). Improve local preservation awareness, through expanding historical, archaeological, and cultural resources identification activities across the CNMI and its diversified cultures.

Objective 1 (3). Encourage local residents to pursue degrees in history, historic preservation, archaeology and related fields, in addition to developing and fostering internship programs.

Objective 1 (4). Establish local para-professional groups or alliances and utilize their services to support a wide range of preservation activities.

Objective 1 (5). Provide technical assistance and training opportunities to the public on historic preservation programs and issues.

Objective 1 (6). Utilize, whenever possible, local and regional expertise in the planning and execution of preservation activities in the Commonwealth.

Objective 1 (7). Develop and implement a master plan which identifies actions needed to increase significantly public participation in historic preservation.

Goal 2: Ensure that preservation planning is a routine part of all environmental, land-use, and public policy activities.

Objective 2 (1). Develop and implement a program aimed at increasing the awareness of the general public regarding the value of preserving tangible links with the past.

Objective 2 (2). Develop and distribute, in multi-languages, informational materials on historic preservation requirements and procedures in the Commonwealth, including the disposition of human remains.

Objective 2 (3). Strengthen the cooperation between the Division of Historic Preservation and developers to ensure that significant historic resources are identified and protected, and where possible, integrated into development plans.

Objective 2 (4). Evaluate existing land-use procedures and environmental review processes and develop revisions to make the system more responsive and efficient.

Objective 2 (5). Initiate a small project review fee to fund survey work and emergency archeological projects needed at small-scale land-use project sites.

Objective 2 (6). Provide technical, training, and leadership assistance on historic preservation programs to state agencies and land-use developers.

Objective 2 (7). Assess current enforcement regulations to improve the preservation and protection of the CNMI's historic and cultural resources.

Objective 2 (8). Encourage government entities to adopt preservation ordinances or preservation elements as part of general plans, economic incentives, environmental projects, and for other preservation programs.

Objective 2 (9). Encourage governmental agencies to implement contingency plans for historic properties that could be affected by natural disasters.

Objective 2 (10). Promote legislation that encourages historic preservation in the Commonwealth.

Goal 3: Expand the public's understanding of and appreciation for the rich history and cultures of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through education and outreach programs.

Objective 3 (1). Work with public school curriculum developers to ensure important professional archaeological and historic data are integrated into local history courses.

Objective 3 (2). Promote the publication of results stemming from archaeological and historical research in the program's *Micronesian Archaeological Survey* report series and the *Occasional Historical Papers* series and through other publication outlets for academic and lay audiences.

Objective 3 (3). Promote support among community leaders, elected officials, and governmental staff members on the values and worth of historic preservation throughout the CNMI.

Objective 3 (4). Promote the development of historic preservation programs, through the expansion of graduate courses and degrees in universities and colleges.

Objective 3 (5). Promote the incorporation of preservation regulations, techniques, and training in environmental planning programs.

Objective 3 (6). Support and conduct field trips to archaeological and historic sites for all students at different grade levels and for those interested in our islands' history and culture.

Objective 3 (7). Promote education, training, and outreach programs on the values of historic preservation.

Objective 3 (8). Promote public involvement and awareness in all aspects of preservation throughout the CNMI.

Objective 3 (9). Promote educational programs and materials to increase the general public's awareness, understanding, and support for historic preservation.

Objective 3 (10). Improve access to historic preservation activities, materials, and information using a variety of media and technology in efforts of increasing communications and working relationships.

Objective 3 (11). Promote partnerships and reach out to individuals, agencies, and organizations to improve the historic preservation program and its activities.

Goal 4: Increase the identification and documentation of all significant historic resources in the Commonwealth.

Objective 4 (1). Ensure that the identification of, and information about, historic and cultural resources in the Commonwealth is accurate, comprehensive, consistent, complete, and continues to receive periodic updates and revisions.

Objective 4 (2). Develop, expand, and utilize appropriate Geographic Information System (GIS) programs to electronically identify, map, and record historic resources surveyed and protected.

Objective 4 (3). Promote the registration of historic resources on the state and federal registers.

Objective 4 (4). Assist and encourage agencies in the identification, recordation, evaluation, and interpretation of historic resources in the Commonwealth.

Objective 4 (5). Promote and strengthen professional and technical capabilities of those conducting or involved in historic preservation activities.

Objective 4 (6). Promote the identification and recordation of significant historic sites through the different historic periods and regions of the CNMI.

Objective 4 (7). Encourage agencies, organizations, or para-professional volunteers to actively participate in the identification of historic sites or be involved in conducting reconnaissance-level surveys.

Objective 4 (8). Encourage the compilation and management of information on historic sites in an extensive inventory system.

Goal 5: Expand existing funding base for the historic preservation program while seeking more dependable, long-term sources of funding to support historic preservation projects and activities.

Objective 5 (1). Identify and promote opportunities for new economic partnerships that incorporate historic preservation activities and elements with community development.

Objective 5 (2). Identify and pursue stable funding sources that are available within and without the Commonwealth to support historic preservation activities.

Objective 5 (3). Encourage and support requests to the Commonwealth Legislature for adequate local funding to support essential historic preservation activities.

Objective 5 (4). Establish cooperative agreements and seek support from other agencies to carry out important historic preservation activities.

Objective 5 (5). Evaluate, implement, and acquire training strategies that allow the historic preservation program to be financially stable.

Objective 5 (6). Promote and identify more contacts to support the development and maintenance of historic preservation activities and resources.

Goal 6: Stimulate the CNMI's economy by fully integrating historic preservation tools, incentives, and activities into policies and projects that support the local tourism industry and investment in local communities.

Objective 6 (1). Promote partnerships with state agencies heavily involved in improving the CNMI's tourism industry through developing and implementing site development plans.

Objective 6 (2). Promote the viability of historic preservation activities and projects to the Commonwealth's business community.

Objective 6 (3). Develop and promote financial incentives that encourage preservation and rehabilitation of the CNMI's historic resources.

Objective 6 (4). Promote the development of legislation that would provide tax incentives to organizations or individuals involved in historic preservation and conservation activities.

Objective 6 (5). Promote, organize, and participate in conferences and workshops relating to cultural tourism and explore ways to integrate preservation into the tourism industry.

Objective 6 (6). Identify and support opportunities for historic preservation projects, which encourages economic development in the CNMI and investments in the local communities.

Objective 6 (7). Expand existing preservation grant programs for historic preservation to allow more economic benefits in the CNMI.

Objective 6 (8). Highlight successful community revitalization efforts and projects and encourage the preservation for more sites to increase tourism programs and community investments.

Goal 7: Increase and strengthen working relationships with all federal agencies, which implement undertakings within the Commonwealth with the aim of protecting significant historic resources.

Objective 7 (1). Organize and participate in workshops to improve federal agency compliance with historic preservation requirements.

Objective 7 (2). Provide technical and leadership assistance on historic preservation programs and requirements to local, state, and federal agencies.

Objective 7 (3). Improve the management of the state's preservation environmental review information, including content, distribution, and access to federal agencies.

Objective 7 (4). Develop strategies to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the historic preservation environmental review process during the planning of state and federal projects.

Objective 7 (5). Promote training and partnerships between federal and state agencies involved in the environmental review process and historic preservation projects.

Goal 8: Promote and reinforce important aspects of Chamorro and Carolinian cultures as a means of increasing awareness and appreciation for the rich historic legacy of the CNMI.

Objective 8 (1). Encourage residents and visitors to actively participate in historic preservation activities.

Objective 8 (2). Highlight the diversity of historic properties within the CNMI and recognize its importance to culture and identity.

Objective 8 (3). Promote and encourage the development of organizations to support and be involved in historic preservation activities.

Objective 8 (4). Promote and develop partnerships with other agencies to implement various projects involving historic and cultural preservation.

Objective 8 (5). Assist and encourage local leaders and residents of the CNMI to practice the preservation of our local culture and traditions.

Objective 8 (6). Promote and disseminate accurate information relating to the history and cultures of the CNMI.

Objective 8 (7). Promote the preservation and cultural stewardship of cultural resources in the CNMI.

Objective 8 (8). Educate CNMI residents and visitors on the benefits to preserving our unique and diverse cultural heritage.