

Historic Resources of Redlands



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For more information about historic districts:

www.cityofredlands.org/post/historic-preservation

In this brochure, you can learn more about the City's historic preservation program.

Above: the Redlands Bowl at Smiley Park

What is a designated historic property ?

A "designated historic property" is one that continues to contribute its cultural and historical relevance to the character of Redlands. It may be associated with an influential person or place in the history of Redlands, may have aesthetic interest, may be a very good example of architectural design, or contribute to the scenic heritage of the city.

What is the process to designate a property?

A property may be considered for registration as a historical or scenic resource upon the filing of an application by the property owner (to inquire about applying, please contact the Planning Division). Currently, there is no application filing fee for Historic Designation.

A report will be prepared including a description of the property, reasons for its significance, criteria used to determine eligibility, and other appropriate data. The city's Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will make the final decision if the proposed property is to be added to the city's list of historic resources.

If approved, the owner must have the designation recorded in the Office of the County Recorder. The designation will continue to run with the land and any successors in interest.

What qualifies as a "historic property"?

The Redlands Municipal Code (section 2.24.020) provides a definition of what qualifies as a historic property, as listed below.

A historical or scenic property is any property, structure or improvement, including any significant trees or other plant life, which satisfies any of the following requirements:

A. The property is the first, last, only or most significant historical or scenic property of its type in the City;

B. The property is associated with an individual or group having significant influence on the history or development of the City;

C. The property is an example or contains an example of a period, style, architectural movement, or construction of historical, aesthetic, or architectural interest;

D. The property is a part of or contributes aesthetically to the historical or scenic heritage of the City. This category includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, light standards, trees, curbing and signs;

E. The property is located within a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historical or scenic properties that contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by plan or by physical development.

Highlights & Benefits

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- The City's Planning Division maintains a List of Designated Historic Resources
- The City's Planning Division operates a historic preservation program
- The City has a Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission, which is composed of seven individuals with expertise in history, architecture, historic architecture, or other relevant subjects
- The City is a "Certified Local Government (CLG)" with the State Office of Historic Preservation

Benefits:

- Increases likelihood of preservation
- Protects a designated property's historic, cultural, aesthetic, or scenic integrity
- Architectural design criteria and explicit standards for any exterior changes, additions, or other property modifications (proposals typically reviewed with a "Certificate of Appropriateness" permit)
- May be eligible for a Mills Act Contract (see separate brochure on the Mills Act), a program available to help offset the costs for historic preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and/or maintenance

For more information:

Please visit the Planning Division's website at:

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