



The **Community Design and Historic Resources Element** guides the development and physical form of San Mateo from the individual neighborhood scale to the overall cityscape and includes actions to help preserve the City’s historic resources.



#	Goal	Policy & Action Topics	
CD-1	Preserve and enhance San Mateo’s natural setting as an irreplaceable asset that is the physical foundation of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect for the Landscape Preservation of Natural Views 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scenic Corridors
CD-2	Minimize the impact of hillside development on the natural environment and public safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hillside Development Principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal Impacts
CD-3	Protect heritage trees, street trees, and tree stands and maintain the health and condition of San Mateo’s urban forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Preservation and Maintenance Replacement Planting Tree Protection During Construction Public Awareness New Development Street Trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Tree Equity Tree Stand Retention Urban Tree Canopy Tree Planting Funding Tree Support for Low-Income Homeowners
CD-4	Protect archaeological and paleontological resources and resources that are culturally significant to Native American tribes and acknowledge San Mateo’s past as indigenous land. Encourage development projects to recognize historical tribal lands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeological Resource Protection Tribal Cultural Resources and Consultation Potential Archaeological Impacts On-Site Mitigation Paleontological Resource Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preconstruction Investigations Archaeological Sensitivity Data Paleontological Resource Mitigation Protocol
CD-5	Preserve historic and culturally important resources to maintain San Mateo’s special identity and continuity with the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Preservation Historic Resources Definition Public Awareness Historic Resources Renovation and Rehabilitation Historic Preservation Funding Demolition Alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Resources Context Statement Historic Resources Survey Historic Preservation Ordinance Preservation Incentives Historic Resources Design Standards Certified Local Government
CD-6	Develop and maintain an attractive urban fabric that reflects San Mateo’s unique visual and architectural character.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Cohesion Gateways Sustainable Design El Camino Real (SR-82) Corridor US Highway 101 Frontage Signage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Open Space Design Public Art Inclusive Outreach Nighttime Lighting Brand Identity Package
CD-7	Balance the growth and evolution of residential neighborhoods with the need to maintain and enhance their existing characteristics and physical qualities through the appropriate design of new development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-Density Residential Development Single-Family Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multifamily Design, Parking, and Open Space Objective Design Standards
CD-8	Improve the visual and architectural character, livability, and vitality of mixed-use and commercial areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective Design Standards Human-Scale Design Respect Existing Scale and Rhythm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Parking Outdoor Display and Eating Commercial Development Adjacent to Residential