

OPERATIONS

GOAL: Ensure a strategic and cost-effective approach to Concord's heritage program that enhances and supports community-wide core values.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS:

- **Integrate Concord's "History and Character" core value into Town/Boards/Committee decision-making and actions**, including the CHC as a key stakeholder in Town planning efforts
- Routinely update guidelines and procedures to **streamline processes for residents and address emerging issues**
- Conduct **annual planning and routine evaluations**
- **Document and celebrate accomplishments**, more directly **tied to goals**
- Ensure **sufficient staff, volunteer and financial resources** to accomplish this plan

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EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

GOALS:

- a. Expand public understanding and appreciation for Concord as a place of memory, meaning and inspiration.
- b. Cultivate authentic experiences of Concord's places and structures and the diverse stories that they represent.
- c. Advance appreciation of the preservation field and its societal, environmental and economic benefits.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS :

- Routinely consider and evaluate **cost-effective, impactful ways of making Concord's heritage program more visible and valued**
- Utilize the **survey program** to tell a **more complete American story** relevant to all
- Encourage **coordination among historical and cultural institutions**
- **Adopt guidelines for public education** that emphasize mission and public trust responsibilities

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STEWARDSHIP : DOCUMENTATION

GOAL: Expand knowledge and inform decision making about Concord's historic and cultural resources through research and documentation.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS :

- Update and expand the inventory through **thematic or area surveys on a large scale** , correlated to Concord's Open Space Framework
- Survey **Indigenous Cultural Landscapes** in collaboration with tribal partners
- **Encourage more National Register listings,** to highlight Concord's most significant properties

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STEWARDSHIP : PROTECTION CULTURAL HERITAGE

GOAL: Secure optimum protection for and prevent further loss of historic places, buildings, neighborhoods, sites and landscapes that contribute to Concord's cultural heritage, particularly those with national and international import.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS :

- Establish **"single property "** local historic districts
- Encourage owners of National Register properties to **donate preservation restrictions** to the Historical Commission
- **Protect archaeological sites :**
 - Undertake a **new bylaw** for archaeology
 - Create a policy to **assess sites for archaeological potential prior to site work on town properties**

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STEWARDSHIP : PROTECTION OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

GOAL: Protect the historic character of Concord's countryside to support Concord's goals for agriculture, open-space, biodiversity, sustainability, resiliency and health.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS :

- Develop a package of **improved zoning and subdivision protections**
- Encourage the CHC's direct participation in the **pending update of the Open Space and Recreation Plan** by the Natural Resources Division and Commission

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STEWARDSHIP : PROTECTION HOUSING & SUSTAINABILITY

"The greenest building is the one that is already built."

GOAL: Reduce embodied carbon emissions and maintain a diverse housing stock by

1. Discouraging the demolition of noteworthy smaller homes and their replacement with larger, more expensive residences.
2. Encouraging renovation of existing single-family homes & outbuildings.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS:

- Charge a **fee for demolition review** and designate the funds to support a diverse housing stock
- Consider amending the demolition review bylaw to **extend demolition delay to 18 months**
- Encourage **Neighborhood Conservation Districts**
- Support Concord's current Housing Production Plan with **incentives and streamlining to favor historic preservation practices** over teardowns
- Encourage the CHC's direct participation in the **pending update of the Climate Action and Resilience Plan**

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STEWARDSHIP : PROTECTION ECONOMIC VITALITY

GOAL: Encourage the practice of “place keeping,” preserving the unique historic character and human scale of Concord’s streets and village centers, to support Town goals for these vital, pedestrian-friendly economic and social hubs and corridors that enable community engagement.

SUGGESTED SUPPORTING ACTIONS:

- Participate in **efforts involving physical changes to village centers.**
- Participate in **tourism-management, visitor-experience and interpretative planning efforts.**
- Participate in **mobility planning** that fosters pedestrian-friendly solutions
- Participate in **Town wayfinding system efforts** to help ensure compatibility with Concord streetscapes, promote Concord’s unique identity, welcome visitors and provide links to attractions.

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