

HISTORICAL/CULTURAL ELEMENT

The Historical/Cultural Element is intended for the protection and restoration of buildings, structures, sites and shorelines areas having historic, cultural, educational or scientific values.

GOAL: SHORELINE FEATURES HAVING HISTORIC, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC OR EDUCATIONAL VALUE LOCALLY OR REGIONALLY, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AND THEN RETAINED AND PROTECTED.

OBJECTIVES:

A. Public and private cooperation in site preservation and protection should be encouraged.

Policy 1 Klickitat County should create the means for establishing a County register of historic buildings, sites and districts including those on shorelines.

Policy 2 There should be incentives to encourage private owners to preserve such designated sites.

Policy 3 Whenever possible, public or private developments should be prevented from destroying or destructively altering any designated site having historic, cultural, scientific, or educational value as identified by appropriate authorities.

Policy 4 Klickitat County should preserve sites on County property with historic, cultural, educational or scientific value.

Policy 5 Klickitat County should coordinate with adjacent municipalities, federal, state, and local agencies in the preservation and enhancement of mutually relevant sites and areas.

Policy 6 Klickitat County should consider the purchase of appropriate sites to assure the preservation of a representative number of natural areas for

scientific purposes as identified by proper authorities.

- B. Suspected significant and newly discovered sites should remain free from other intrusions until their value for retention is determined.

- Policy 1 An assessment of historic, cultural, educational, or scientific values of proposed substantial developments should be included as part of the shoreline permit process.

- Policy 2 As part of Klickitat County's continual updating of its Inventory and Master Program, sites of suspected or potential value should be inventoried.

- C. Where appropriate, access to such sites should be made available to the general public and should be designed to give maximum protection to the resource.

- Policy 1 Parks, trails and other forms of recreational open space should be coordinated with such sites when appropriate for their protection.

- Policy 2 Access to areas of scientific significance should be restricted where appropriate to the resource being Protected.

- D. The need to provide clear interpretation of historical/cultural sites to visitors should be recognized.

- Policy 1 Such sites should be marked by appropriate signs noting the historical or cultural significance of that location. Signs should be designed to blend with the surrounding environment.

- Policy 2 When practical, and not in conflict with the objective of protection of resource, more extensive interpretive services should be provided.

- Policy 3 Archeological sites should not be marked by signs or other interpretive data if this would greatly increase the danger of vandalism.