By planning to preserve your community’s historic places, you are helping to fulfill the requirements of the Municipalities Planning Code, as well as offering alternatives for addressing other comprehensive planning elements that involve historic buildings as well as enhance community character.

**Municipalities Planning Code Article III [excerpts]**

*Section 301. Preparation of Comprehensive Plan.*

The municipal, multi-municipal or county comprehensive plan...shall include...the following related basic elements:

(6) A plan for the protection of natural and historic resources...This clause includes unique natural areas and historic sites.

(7) In addition...a county comprehensive plan shall:

   (iv) Identify a plan for historic preservation.

*Section 301.2. Surveys by Planning Agency.*

In preparing the comprehensive plan...the planning agency shall take careful surveys, studies and analyses of ... natural, historic and cultural resources.

Goal 1 of the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan was developed to address the historic preservation needs of local governments. Preservation planning is most successful when conducted at the local level. The role of state government is not to undertake widespread preservation on its own, but to mobilize resources and provide a framework for preservation that positions municipal governments, partner agencies, preservation advocates, and the general public to preserve the cultural and historic resources important to them and the future of their communities.