



APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

A Summary of Recommendations has been prepared for the City of Allentown's Historic Preservation Plan that reflects the strategies, recommendations, and priorities discussed in Chapters 2 through 5 of the Preservation Plan. The Summary is presented in the form of a matrix on the following pages.

Each of the numbered recommendations included in Chapters 2 through 5 is listed in the matrix in same order as it appears in the chapters and under the appropriate topic or heading. For each recommendation, the matrix outlines the **Priority/Timeframe** for implementation, the entity with **Principal Management/Oversight** responsibility for implementation, and **Notes** which with any particular information pertinent to that recommendation.

Timeframes are presented as **Short Term** (1 to 2 years), **Mid Term** (2 to 5 years) or **Long Term** (more than 5 years). Recommendations of **High Priority** are noted as such. Most of these High Priority recommendations are gathered and presented in Chapter 1, *Introduction and Summary*, of the Preservation Plan.

A number of recommendations are listed as **Ongoing** with respect to timeframe. For the most part, these Ongoing recommendations are best practices to be included in the regular activities of the responsible entity.

As discussed in Chapter 1, Chapters 2 through 5 include a number of Preservation Plan conclusions titled as **Guidance**. These items are activities in current practice and do not represent a recommended change or future action. "Guidance" items are very important to the Historic Preservation Plan but are not included in the Summary of Recommendations below.

Please note that the City or responsible entities may choose not to implement recommendations of the Historic Preservation Plan either within the timeframes listed or ever. The plan's recommendations are just that – recommendations. They are not mandated. Some recommendations require the support of local residents and in some cases must be initiated by them. Some recommendations may be implemented in a different way than suggested here. Changing conditions and priorities may occur and evolve. New issues, opportunities, and initiatives may arise. A great deal is dependent upon the interests and capacities of residents, neighborhoods, and partnering organizations.

Abbreviations

AEDC	Allentown Economic Development Corporation
ANIZDA	Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone Development Authority
BSS	Bureau of Building Standards and Safety
CED	Department of Community and Economic Development
HARB	Historic Architectural Review Board
HFG	Office of Housing and Federal Grants
Parks	Department of Parks and Recreation
Planning	Bureau of Planning and Zoning
Zoning	Zoning Hearing Board

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Chapter 2 - Historical Development & Resources				
2.1	Prepare an update of Allentown's history from 1987 to the present as a continuation of <i>Allentown 1762-1987</i> . Use articles prepared covering 1987 to 1997 and prepare new writings weaving them together and continuing the history to the present.	Medium and Long Term	Historical Commission, HARB	Action may be implemented by a partner such as the Lehigh County Historical Society
Chapter 3 - Planning Context				
Downtown Allentown				
3.1	Within the Center City Hamilton Street corridor, establish as City policy that remaining historic buildings should be preserved and rehabilitated as part of the Center City urban aesthetic. Exceptions should only be allowed under extraordinary circumstances.	High Priority / Short Term	Planning, ANIZDA, Historical Commission	Seek support from the Mayor and City Council
3.2	Strengthen the Hamilton Street Overlay District review process in the preservation and appropriate treatment of historic buildings and building fabric in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.	High Priority / Short Term	Planning, ANIZDA, Historical Commission	
3.3	Prepare a Master Plan for Adaptive Reuse for existing historic buildings along Center City's Hamilton Street corridor that applies the same level of thoughtfulness and creativity to the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of remaining historic buildings that was given to the design of new buildings in <i>Downtown Allentown</i> . Incorporate the Master Plan into the planning and implementation of projects in Center City.	High Priority / Short Term	Planning, ANIZDA, Historical Commission	

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Hamilton Street Historic Resource Survey				
3.4	Prepare nominations for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for Grade A buildings along Hamilton Street in Center City that have been determined to be eligible but that are not yet listed.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, ANIZDA, Historical Commission	
3.5	Use the <i>Hamilton Street Historic Resource Inventory</i> to help guide the future treatment of inventoried historic buildings in Center City. Add information to the GIS data compiled for individual buildings including identification of character defining features and materials and the identification of non-contributing features that may be removed.	Medium Priority / Short Term to become Ongoing	Planning, ANIZDA, Historical Commission	
Upside Allentown: Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods				
3.6	Actively support implementation of the <i>Upside Allentown</i> plan for the revitalization and enhancement of Center City neighborhoods. Use state and federal CLG and other sources of historic preservation funding to support the plan where possible.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	CED, Planning, HFG	
3.7	Amend <i>Upside Allentown's</i> guiding principles to include the recognition and enhancement of existing historic neighborhood character .	Medium Priority / Mid Term	CED, Planning, Historical Commission	
3.8	Amend the design portion of the <i>Upside Allentown</i> plan to promote, encourage, and support treatments that preserve and enhance historic building and neighborhood character.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	CED, Planning, Historical Commission	

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3.9	Add information and mechanisms to <i>Upside Allentown's</i> Housing actions to assure that maintenance and improvement programs are implemented in accordance with basic historic preservation principles – preserving and appropriately treating the authentic character defining features and materials of historic residences.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	CED, Planning, Historical Commission	
Connecting Jordan Heights: Action Strategies for Neighborhood Revitalization				
3.10	Revisit the recommendations outlined in <i>Connecting Jordan Heights</i> in the context of <i>Upside Allentown</i> and <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> for possible implementation in the revitalization of the neighborhood. Update, revise, and further develop the plan as appropriate.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to Long Term	Planning	
3.11	Use <i>Connecting Jordan Heights</i> as a model for the development of neighborhood plans for other localized areas of Allentown as proposed in <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> . Develop a more complete methodology for neighborhood plans within the City based upon the experience of <i>Connecting Jordan Heights</i> .	Medium Priority / Mid Term to Long Term	Planning	
3.12	Strengthen the discussion and assessment of historic neighborhood character in the updating of <i>Connecting Jordan Heights</i> and in the preparation of neighborhood plans in general.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to Long Term	Planning	
Five-Year Consolidated Plan				
3.13	Highlight issues and strategies identified in the City's <i>Five-Year Consolidated Plan</i> in addressing the needs of Allentown's historic low income neighborhoods. Support the use these strategies for the targeted revitalization of historic low income neighborhoods.	High Priority / Ongoing	CED, Planning, HFG	

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Allentown Vision 2030				
3.14	Use Neighborhood Master Plans as a means of identifying existing conditions, assessing issues and opportunities, and implementing targeted actions for the revitalization and enhancement of Allentown's neighborhoods. Use the planning process to engage residents and build support for neighborhood action.	High Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
3.15	Use Neighborhood Mixed-use Overlay Districts to strengthen existing historic neighborhoods . Use historic preservation principles and context sensitive design in their implementation.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Planning	
3.16	Expand the concept of historical significance suggested in the comprehensive plan's action ED4a to recognize that most buildings within the City are of historical significance and should be appropriately treated.	Medium Priority / Short Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
3.17	Encourage and support the adaptive reuse and appropriate treatment of historic buildings throughout Allentown.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
3.18	Support the remediation and adaptive reuse of historic brownfield sites. Retain and adaptively reuse remaining historic buildings whenever possible.	Medium Priority / Long Term	CED, AEDC	
3.19	Support the establishment of entertainment and cultural districts and programs within the City, especially those that feature historic buildings and stories.	Medium Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning	See Chapter 5 on establishing a Citywide interpretive plan
3.20	Support housing strategies and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan that will help strengthen and enhance historic neighborhoods.	Medium Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning, HFG	

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3.21	Incorporate this Historic Preservation Plan as an implementation element of <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> , the City's 2019 Comprehensive Plan.	High Priority / Short Term to become Ongoing	CED, Planning	
3.22	Through neighborhood planning , identify actions that should be implemented to enhance historic neighborhood identity, livability, and character through streetscape improvements ; traffic calming; and gateway, wayfinding, and neighborhood branding and signage.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	CED, Planning	First of long-term program; may be phased
3.23	Support neighborhood associations in the engagement of residents and in the planning and implementation of enhancement of historic neighborhoods.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	CED, Planning	
3.24	Support placemaking and programming that strengthens neighborhood identity and engages the full range of a neighborhood's culturally diverse residents.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	CED, Planning, Non-profit Partners	
3.25	Support environmental actions that enhance neighborhood character and wellbeing. Include expansion of green infrastructure in neighborhoods and the use and treatment of Allentown's historic park system .	Medium Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning, Parks	See recommendations on the City park system in Chapter 5
3.26	Support and implement established energy efficiency techniques that preserve the character and and integrity of historic housing in neighborhoods. Be guided by energy efficiency guidelines outlined in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings.	Low Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning, HFG, Non-profit Partners	

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Chapter 4 - Allentown's Historic Preservation Program				
Whole-of-City Approach				
4.1	Take a whole-of-city approach to historic preservation in Allentown. The historic resources and historic character of every neighborhood, corridor, and area of the City should be recognized, valued, and taken into consideration when planning for change and enhancement.	High Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission, HARB	
Certified Local Government				
4.2	Implement priority actions outlined in this chapter relative to resource inventories, conservation districts, historical commission responsibilities, and public outreach to broaden and enhance the City's Historic Preservation Program.	High Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission, HARB	
4.3	Develop a menu of desirable mitigation measures that would support historic preservation in Allentown and could be used to mitigate unavoidable adverse impacts due to HUD funded projects.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.4	Consider the establishment of small grant programs for the rehabilitation of historic residences and businesses in historic low income neighborhoods as a possible mitigation vehicle.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Historical Commission, HARB	
Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)				
4.5	Concentrate upon the review of the three existing local historic districts for the foreseeable future. Do not seek to expand the existing districts or create new districts unless such initiatives have strong leadership from local property owners.	High Priority / Ongoing	HARB, Planning	

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4.6	Establish and maintain a close working relationship between staff of Building Permits and Inspections and the Bureau of Planning in the resolution of code violations in a manner that respects HARB processes and historic district <i>Guidelines</i> . Establish a formal structure through which such coordination as a matter of regular process.	Medium Priority / Short Term to become Ongoing	Planning, BSS	
4.7	Participate in periodic, ongoing training in historic preservation to enhance the qualifications and experience of members of the HARB.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	HARB, Planning	
4.8	Require Bureau of Planning and Zoning and Building Permits and Inspections staff to participate in periodic, ongoing training in historic preservation principles and application of the <i>Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties</i> .	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, BSS	
Historical Commission				
4.9	Consider establishing a Historical Commission separate from the HARB to focus on topics and issues related to historic preservation Citywide. Maintain a close, coordinated relationship with the HARB.	High Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Historical Commission	Requires approval of Mayor and City Council
4.10	If a Historical Commission is not established, expand the role of the HARB in addressing Citywide preservation issues in a systematic manner as outlined below.	High Priority / Mid Term	Planning, HARB	
4.11	Organize the Historical Commission to take on the roles and responsibilities of a municipal historical commission and the leadership and coordination of Allentown's Historic Preservation Program as outlined in this plan.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	

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4.12	Have the Historic Preservation Planning Officer in the Bureau of Planning and Zoning provide staff services to the Historical Commission as he/she does for the HARB.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
4.13	Organize Historical Commission members to engage, monitor, and maintain relationships with City boards, commissions, and committees and their activities.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.14	Prepare a work plan for the year crafted within the capabilities of the appointed membership of the Historical Commission. Include elements related to key topics outlined in this chapter. Assess the progress in execution of the work plan at monthly meetings and make adjustments as necessary.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.15	Prepare an annual report to the Mayor, City Council, and Planning Commission, reviewing the condition of historic resources in Allentown.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.16	Have the professional historic preservation consultant serving the HARB provide background, support, and recommendations to the Historical Commission for design review and other Citywide preservation issues on an as-needed basis.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
Local Historic Districts				
4.17	Continue to target the three local historic districts for public improvements such as curbs and sidewalks, street signage, pedestrian lighting, street trees, and other supporting infrastructure.	Medium Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning, HFG	
4.18	Establish a program of incentives for the rehabilitation and appropriate treatment of historic buildings within the three historic districts, perhaps working with local banks on a low interest loan program and small grants program focused on lower income property owners.	Medium Priority / Medium Term	CED, Planning, Non-profit Partners	

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4.19	Establish and promote an awards program for property owners who have undertaken exemplary rehabilitation projects within the historic districts.	Low Priority / Long Term	HARB	
4.20	Organize special training programs for landlords that also benefit tenants that not just inform on property maintenance but on property management and maintaining safety as well.	Low Priority / Long Term	CED, Planning, Non-profit Partners	
Local Historic Landmarks				
4.21	Establish a Local Historic Landmarks program in Allentown through the designation of single site historic districts focusing on prominent public buildings and landscapes worthy of enhanced long-term oversight and protection. Establish a list of public properties to be designated as Local Landmarks.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.22	Invite non-profit organizations to have their historic buildings and landscapes designated as Local Historic Landscapes in order to provide long-term oversight and protection.	Low Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.23	Invite the private owners of historic properties to participate in the Landmarks program as a means of providing long-term protection of their historic properties.	Low Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
Historic Resource Inventories				
4.24	Undertake a long-term program of inventory of historic resources in Allentown in support of neighborhood and community planning as outlined in <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> . Use the City's CLG grants as a primary source of funding for the long-term program.	High Priority / Medium to become Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	Focus for future CLG grants
4.25	Include the inventory of historic resources in neighborhood plans being prepared by the City to inform planning efforts and the revitalization of historic neighborhoods.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to become Ongoing	Planning	

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National Register of Historic Places				
4.26	Encourage the nomination of individual buildings and neighborhood historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places. Focus especially on entire historic neighborhoods	Low Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.27	Focus CLG grant funding on historic resource inventories as discussed in the previous section of this plan, but consider the preparation of National Register nominations that include resource inventories in lieu of inventories alone when opportunities permit.	Low Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.28	Seek other funding sources to support the preparation of nominations of both individual resources and historic districts to the National Register.	Low Priority / Long Term	Planning, Historical Commission	
Conservation Districts				
4.29	Establish a program for the designation of Local Conservation Districts in Allentown under the City's Historic District Ordinance. Use the program to support neighborhood and corridor planning as outlined in <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> .	High Priority / Medium to Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
4.30	Encourage individual neighborhood groups to use the Local Conservation District program to protect the character of their historic neighborhoods.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	
Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay Districts (THDO)				
4.31	Include basic requirements for the appropriate treatment of existing historic buildings and building fabric within the THDO District.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Zoning	Requires ordinance revision

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4.32	Prepare a set of design guidelines for the TNDO to include context sensitive design for new construction and basic guidelines for the treatment of historic buildings. The design guidelines should be more specific than those currently in the Article 1314.02 and should be illustrated.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning	
4.33	Specify that reviews and approvals are to be undertaken by Bureau of Planning and Zoning staff with appeals to the HARB.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Zoning	
4.34	Facilitate the process for approval of appropriate retail and commercial uses in residential areas provided that the uses serve surrounding residents, increase the vitality of the neighborhood, and are supported by residents.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Zoning	
4.35	Take the former use of buildings proposed for commercial use into account. Buildings that previously housed neighborhood commercial uses and retain historic commercial features should be considered more appropriate for commercial use today than buildings that never had commercial uses. Their commercial features should be preserved and rehabilitated in the new approved use.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Zoning	
4.36	Locations in existing historic neighborhoods to be zoned as Mixed-use Neighborhood Overlay Districts as proposed in <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> should be locations of previous historic neighborhood commercial activity and should prioritize preservation and rehabilitation of historic commercial buildings.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Zoning	
Historic Building Demolition Overlay District (HBDO)				
4.37	Explicitly state in the ordinance's purpose that it is City policy that historic buildings should be preserved and appropriately treated in support of historic neighborhood character and that partial demolition and demolition by neglect should not be permitted.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Zoning	Requires ordinance revision

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4.38	Expand the area of the Historic Building Demolition Overlay District (HBDO) to match the area of the Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District (TNDO).	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Zoning	
4.39	When demolition of a historic building is permitted for any reason, require mitigation measures that will directly support historic preservation in Allentown over and above any other potential public benefit. Mitigation measures should be negotiated between the Zoning Hearing Board and the applicant with input from the HARB and Historical Commission.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Zoning, HARB, Historical Commission	
4.40	Closely coordinate issues related to partial demolition and demolition by neglect with the Bureau of Building Standards and Safety.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
4.41	Require members of the Zoning Hearing Board to attend periodic workshops and training sessions on City planning related to implementation of <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> , historic preservation principles and processes, and the preservation of historic neighborhood character in Allentown. Training would be similar to that proposed for the Bureau of Building and Standards staff and HARB members.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Zoning	
Neighborhoods and Public Outreach				
4.42	Provide information and links to information on the maintenance and appropriate treatment of historic properties on the Historic Preservation page on the City's website .	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Planning, Historical Commission	Requires approval of Mayor and City Council
4.43	Work with neighborhood associations representing historic neighborhoods in Allentown in providing information, workshops, and technical assistance to property owners on the maintenance and appropriate treatment of historic properties.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning, Historical Commission	Requires approval of Mayor and City Council

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Chapter 5 - Muncpal Planning and Policy				
City Policy and Leadership				
5.1	Continue to provide leadership in establishing municipal economic and revitalization policies that enhance community character and allocate the necessary resources toward their realization.	High Priority / Ongoing	Mayor, City Council	
5.2	Recognize the role of historic and cultural resources as character defining features in community identity, character, and local quality of life.	High Priority / Ongoing	Mayor, City Council	
5.3	Incorporate historic preservation values, principles, and processes into municipal policy, planning, and programs at all levels of municipal activity.	High Priority / Ongoing	Mayor, City Council	
Allentown Vision 2030				
5.4	Recognize this Historic Preservation Plan as <i>Allentown Vision 2030's</i> historic preservation element and implement the Preservation Plan's strategies and recommendations in support of the Comprehensive Plan.	High Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
5.5	Recognize historic and cultural resources as character defining features of community identity, character, and local quality of life in the City's vision.	High Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
5.6	Support the key themes, strategies, and recommendations of <i>Allentown Vision 2030</i> through adoption of historic preservation values, principles, and processes in addressing actions to be undertaken in implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.	High Priority / Ongoing	Planning	

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5.7	Develop models of best practices in planning that focus on preservation and enhancement of neighborhood and community character.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	Planning	
Neighborhood Revitalization - Office of Housing and Federal Grants				
5.8	Coordinate HUD funded projects with the policies, recommendations, and priorities outlined in Allentown Vision 2030 , the City's 2019 Comprehensive Plan.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	CED, HFG	
5.9	Support non-profit housing and community development organizations in the revitalization of Allentown's low income communities.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	CED, HFG	
5.10	Coordinate non-profit programs with revitalization initiatives outlined in Allentown Vision 2030 and local neighborhood revitalization plans.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	CED, HFG	
5.11	Encourage incorporation of historic preservation principles into non-profit programs supporting the enhancement of historic neighborhood character.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	CED, HFG, Non-profit Partners	
Code Enforcement - Bureau of Standards and Safety				
5.12	Acknowledge the importance of the City's property maintenance and inspection programs not only for life safety but also with respect to the preserving historic neighborhood character, especially with regard to demolition by neglect.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	BSS	
5.13	Develop a formal process through which close coordination is established between Bureau of Building Standards and Safety staff and Bureau of Planning staff with respect to code violations in the City's three local historic districts.	Medium Priority / Short Term to become Ongoing	BSS, Planning	

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5.14	Develop a process through which code violations within the three local historic districts are immediately transmitted to Bureau of Planning staff when citations are issued for review and compliance with Historic District Ordinance guidelines. If necessary, bring citations to the HARB for review.	Medium Priority / Short Term to become Ongoing	BSS, Planning	
5.15	Continue to actively assure that demolition by neglect is not permitted within the City and that property owners are required to stabilize, maintain, and prevent deterioration that may threaten the features, fabric, and structure of historic buildings.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	BSS, Planning	
5.16	Provide periodic workshops and training to code enforcement staff on historic preservation principles and treatment guidelines so that they can encourage appropriate treatment of historic buildings and help educate property owners and residents on a day-to-day basis.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	BSS	
5.17	Encourage maintenance approaches that preserve historic building fabric and features throughout the City and in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.	Medium Priority / Ongoing	BSS, Planning	
Allentown's Historic Park System				
5.18	Prepare an updated Master Plan for Allentown's park system recognizing the historical significance of its landscapes and features and using a cultural landscape approach to its assessment and treatment.	High Priority / Mid Term	Parks, Planning	Potential for non-profit grant
5.19	Prepare a history of the park system's development in support of the Master Plan, the recognition of historic features and landscapes, and as a basis for future interpretation.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Parks	Potential for non-profit grant
5.20	Beginning with the Master Plan, undertake a long-term historic resource inventory of historic features within the park system.	High Priority / Long Term	Parks	Potential for non-profit grant

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5.21	Implement a long-term program for interpretation of the parks and their resources using web-based content, downloadable and printed content, onsite exhibits and artwork, and living history programming.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Parks	See Community Interpretative Presentation below
5.22	Prepare cultural landscape reports for historically significant parks within the system outlining the history, significance, condition, and guidelines for their future treatment.	High Priority / Long Term	Parks	Potential for non-profit grants
5.23	Prepare historic structure reports for historic buildings within the park system outlining their history, significance, condition, and treatment guidelines.	High Term / Long term	Parks	Potential for non-profit grants
Community Interpretive Presentation				
5.24	Develop a coordinated community interpretive presentation telling Allentown's history through specific stories associated with the City's historic places, resources, neighborhoods, and landscapes.	Medium Priority / Mid Term to Long Term	CED, Parks, Planning, Partners	
5.25	Prepare a simple interpretive plan to guide coordinated interpretation of sites and locations throughout Allentown.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Parks, Planning, Partners	
5.26	Establish a working group of local historians and professional interpreters to prepare a simple interpretive plan organizing, prioritizing, and overseeing the community interpretive program.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Parks, Planning, Partners	
5.27	Develop a set of Citywide storylines and themes to organize and guide the interpretation of individual sites and resources and to connect those sites to the City's larger contexts and to each other.	Medium Priority / Mid Term	Parks, Planning, Partners	
5.28	Encourage the use of public art for interpretation as a key component of the community interpretive presentation.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Parks, Planning, Arts Commission	

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5.29	Work with neighborhood associations in developing and installing exhibits interpreting historic neighborhoods as part of the community interpretive presentation.	Medium Priority / Long Term	Planning, Arts Commission	