

Preservation at the National Level

National Register of Historic Places

The U.S. Government established the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966 in response to rapid urban renewal wiping out historic neighborhoods.

The Act created the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register contains structures, neighborhoods, cultural sites, engineering feats, and large objects that represent historical significance in the United States.

The nomination process is rigorous. But listing provides a place with much prestige. The only protections provided at this level are from Federal undertakings. Incentives include tax credits for rehabilitating income producing properties.

Preservation at the Local Level

Local Register of Historic Resources

Through the city's land development regulations, it established architectural control districts and the local register. This helps the city to maintain the strategic goal of "Preserving the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning."

The architectural control districts are neighborhoods in the city where it wishes to maintain a certain aesthetic. Design guidelines are based on the look of the original homes built here in the 1920s.

The Local Register of Historic Resources encourages listing of individual structures in Venice. It provides many benefits and obligations to ensure the long-term preservation of a place.

Other Preservation Tools

National Park Service

The National Park Service established guidelines for documenting in detail historic buildings, engineering structures, and historic landscapes. Those drawings are preserved at the Library of Congress and become a permanent record.

Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation

This county-wide nonprofit offers a couple of preservation tools. Easements are an agreement between them and a property owner to preserve their building. The easement allows for reassessing your property value bases on the easement and can lower your property taxes.

What is Historic Preservation?

In its simplest terms historic preservation is how we document and save our built and cultural environment . This is so we can preserve the past and share it for future generations.

Documentation takes place by photographing buildings and having architects draw up plans and condition assessments. Documentation can also mean taking area surveys to gather basic information about properties and neighborhoods. These reports help us better understand the historic places around us.

Saving places comes when we nominate them at the local or national level, which can provide certain protections.

Want to Learn More?

The Historic and Architectural Preservation Board meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

For more information about historic preservation in Venice, please contact the Venice Division of Historical Resources at 941-486-2487 or visit us at venicegov.com.



Historic Preservation in Venice

How We Save Our Historic Places

