

## **SB2 – Historic Resource Evaluation**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Historic Resource Evaluation Initiative is to proactively identify properties within Santa Rosa's Downtown Station Area Specific Plan (DSASP) planning area that have historic significance, particularly among those properties that are considered age-eligible, meaning the age of the structure(s) flags it as potentially significant.

**Quantifiable Impact on Housing Production:** There are 1,114 properties within the DSASP boundary that are considered age-eligible, having been constructed between 1870 and 1974. The City of Santa Rosa has measures in place for regulating development within historic preservation districts, but 627 of the age-eligible properties within the DSASP boundary are outside of a preservation district. This means that a potential developer for any of these sites would be responsible for conducting an historic resource evaluation prior to any entitlement action, a requirement that adds both time and financial cost to the project. The City is presently updating the DSASP with the objective of clearing the entitlement path for production of 7000 housing units. Since the majority of developable properties within the DSASP area are outside of a preservation district, a historic resource survey and evaluation conducted by the City, would reduce the time and financial cost associated with up to 7000 new dwelling units.

**Goals:** The Historic Resource Evaluation Initiative will accomplish the following:

- Identify potentially historic structures within the City's downtown.
- Facilitate the construction of up to 7000 new units of housing within a transit rich priority development area.

Scope of Work: The Historic Resource Evaluation Initiative will involve the following steps:

- Preparation of an historic context statement for the plan area
- Identification of age-eligible properties
- Intensive survey of age-eligible properties
- Documentation of eligible properties on State of California DPR 523 survey forms

Budget: The Historic Resource Evaluation Initiative will require the following budget support:

- Historic Context Statement \$50k
- Intensive-level survey \$110k
- Documentation of eligible properties \$25k
- TOTAL = \$185k

**Timeframe:** Timeframe is estimated to be 12 months from initiation to documentation.

