

Sustainability Design Guidelines Boise, Idaho



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The City of Boise, situated on the Boise River, is the most populous city in Idaho. The city includes a traditional downtown, commercial corridors, an industrial area and established residential neighborhoods. The City of Boise developed Historic Design Guidelines for its residential historic districts in 2004 and most recently revised them in 2006. Since then, issues related to sustainability arose. Winter & Company was engaged to create an update to the guidelines to address sustainability in the residential historic districts, and also to make appropriate sustainability updates to the existing guidelines.

The new guidelines recognize the inherent connection that preservation has with resource conservation. As investments are made in the city's residential historic districts it is important they maintain and enhance the districts' distinct identities as well as support economic viability and community sustainability initiatives. The update provides clear guidance to help property owners plan for improvements and to assist the City in making informed decisions about the appropriateness of sustainability projects. A wide range of sustainable development topics are addressed at the building, site and neighborhood scales. The guidelines also provide criteria for reviewing technologies which do not yet exist, focused on minimally invasive strategies for their use and maintenance of the historic building's key features.



Preserving historic places promotes the three basic categories of sustainability.