

Historic Preservation Plan and Design Standards Galveston, Texas



Galveston has long been a popular vacation destination along the Gulf of Mexico.

Services:

- Assistance with the Comprehensive Plan update and land use mapping
- Action plan for implementation of historic preservation policies
- Updated design standards for treatment of historic resources and new development in historic districts
- Public workshops and focus groups

Client:

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Winter & Company has teamed with HDR Inc., the prime consultant to the City of Galveston for Progress Galveston, a planning project which will update the City's Comprehensive Plan, prepare specialized plans and streamline the City's ordinances and regulations.

In addition to assisting with the overall planning effort, Winter & Company will work with the City to prepare a specialized Historic Preservation Plan and update to the Design Standards for Historic Properties.

Historic Preservation Plan

A new Historic Preservation Plan will build on goals and objectives set forth in the Comprehensive Plan, and will help the community protect its architectural, archeological, cultural and historic resources.

Key elements of the plan will include:

- An action plan establishing clear priorities, responsibilities and implementation timelines;
- Strategies for balancing preservation objectives with other community objectives;
- Strategies for the identification and management of historic resources.



Galveston is updating the policies and objectives that promote preservation of its historic resources.

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Historic Downtown Galveston covers over 70 blocks and includes a wide variety of architectural styles.



Public open houses introduce participants to key elements of the Progress Galveston project.

Design Standards Update

The Design Standards for Historic Properties in Galveston guide Landmark Preservation Commission review of historic rehabilitation projects and new construction in historic districts. Winter & Company is assisting the City with an extensive update to its 2004 standards.

Topics addressed will include:

- The types of alterations, restorations, rehabilitation, and changes that are appropriate to maintain the integrity of historic resources;
- Context-sensitive development and redevelopment in historic districts;
- Sustainable design;
- Energy efficiency in historic structures.

The project includes extensive public outreach with community workshops, open houses, focus groups and stakeholder meetings. It is scheduled for completion in 2012.

