

Exhibit A

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Chapter 16 ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT

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Section 16.1. Background

16.1.A. *Introduction.* Arts, culture and history are vital to the quality of life in Martin County. An economic and social impact study of the nation's nonprofit arts and cultural industry conducted by Americans for the Arts collected surveys from 16,399 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and 224,677 attendees of their events in 2022. Results from the study found that 83 percent of respondents felt that "this venue or facility is an important pillar for me within my community;" 86 percent stated "I would feel a great sense of loss if this activity or venue were no longer available;" 87 percent stated "this activity or venue is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community;" and 85 percent believe "my attendance is my way of ensuring that this activity or venue is preserved for future generations." Surveys completed in Martin County show an appreciation for the positive impacts of arts and culture are for the well-being of the community and its residents. Arts institutions add value to our communities, regardless of whether people engage with the arts or not. In summary, a large majority of the public not only support the arts but are personally and deeply affected by them.

~~Arts, culture and history are vital to the quality of life in Martin County. A study conducted by Americans for the Arts and Public Affairs of 3,000 American adults (December 2015) found that: 63 percent of the population believe the arts "lift me up beyond everyday experiences," 64 percent feel the arts give them "pure pleasure to experience and participate in," and 73 percent say the arts are a "positive experience in a troubled world," 87 percent believe they are important to quality of life, and 82 percent believe they are important to local businesses and the economy.~~

Other studies have shown that cultural opportunity is a primary consideration in business and corporate relocation decisions. Economic studies have shown the multiplication effect of dollars spent for the arts on other areas, such as tourist development, real estate values, retail sales, employment opportunities and industry expansion.

Historic resources are cultural opportunities that provide visible or tangible records of past human occupation of the land. These resources provide a sense of place, enhance quality of life and establish social continuity through links to the past. Preserving historic structures enhances the environment, the economy and the community.

Nationally, heritage tourism is the second most popular form of tourism. People love to learn about the history of the place they are visiting. In Florida, more than ~~\$3.7~~ \$4.13 billion was spent on heritage tourism in 2008, according to the study Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in Florida. Every community has a unique

history, and preserved structures reflect this character. Communities that respect and retain their historic buildings also preserve their unique sense of place. These communities truly stand out, and new development should maintain the scale of the existing community.

Archaeological resources are remnants of the past, such as buildings and neighborhoods. They are typically the only evidence of a history that has left no written record. Archaeological resources are one of a kind; once lost, they can never be regained. Preserving buildings preserves both history and resources - preservation reuses materials that might otherwise take up space in the landfill and conserves the energy that would be used to demolish the old and build the new. Preservation also makes an economic contribution, providing jobs in construction and research.

This element aims to enable Martin County to preserve its artistic heritage and historic resources. Providing opportunities for exposure to art, culture, and history in all forms can help humanize, beautify and refine the lives of residents.

Section 16.2. Existing Conditions

~~In 2016, the Arts Council of Martin County participated in the Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) study 5 (AEP5) study that took place in 300+ communities across the United States of America. This study was completed with the cooperation of the 20 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Martin County that provided detailed financial and event attendance information about their organization: Artists For A Cause; Arts Council Of Martin County; Arts Foundation For Martin County; Audubon of Martin County; Barn Theatre; Children's Museum Of The Treasure Coast; Duck in the Truck Puppets; Elliott Museum/The House Of Refuge; Florida Oceanographic Society; Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce; Jensen Beach Art League; Library Foundation Of Martin County; Lyric Theatre; Martin County Fair; Martin County Library System; Palm City Art Associates; Treasure Coast Community Singers; Treasure Coast Music Teachers Association; Treasure Coast Youth Symphony; and Visionary School of Arts. Additionally, the study could not have been completed without the cooperation of the 723 arts and cultural audience members who generously took the time to complete the audience intercept survey while attending a performance, event, or exhibit within Martin County during calendar year 2016.~~

~~The study found that the nonprofit arts and culture sector is a significant industry in Martin County—one that generates \$27.2 million in total economic activity. This spending—\$14.3 million by nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and an additional \$12.9 million in event-related spending by their audiences—supports 752 full-time equivalent jobs, generates \$14.4 million in household income to local residents, and delivers \$3 million in local and state government revenue. Further, the sector's spending by the organizations and its audiences generated \$1,015,000 to local government revenues, and another \$1,994,000 to state government revenues. This economic impact study sends a strong signal that when we support the arts, we not only enhance our quality of life, but we also invest in Martin County's economic well-being.~~

In 2022, the Arts Council of Martin County participated in the Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) Study. The Study was completed with the cooperation of 25 nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in Martin County that provided detailed financial and event attendance information about their organization. The organizations include: Apollo School Foundation ; Art Associates of Martin County ; Arts Foundation for Martin County ; Childrens Museum of the Treasure Coast ; Duck in the Truck Puppets ; Elliott Museum (The House of Refuge); Florida Oceanographic Society; Historical Society of Martin County ; Hobe Sound Fine Arts League; Jupiter Island Arts Council; Lyric Theatre; Marie and J Calvin Jureit Foundation (For Jureit Musicales); Martin Artisans Guild; Martin County Agricultural Fair Association; Martin County Fair; Martin County Library System; Southeast Florida Archeological Society; Stuart Community Concert Band; The Arts Council; The Barn Theatre; The Library Foundation of Martin County; Theatre Intrepide; Treasure Coast Classical Guitar Society; Treasure Coast Community Singers; Wings To Fly Dance Company. The study found that in 2022, the nonprofit arts and culture industry in Martin County, generated \$31.3 million in economic activity—\$16.2 million in spending by arts and culture organizations and an additional \$15.1 million in event-related expenditures by their audiences. That economic activity supported 378 jobs, provided \$14.4 million in personal income to residents, and generated \$4.2 million in tax revenue to local, state, and federal governments.

The results from the study indicate that the arts and cultural sector in Martin County is a significant industry that, when supported, contributes to economic and community well-being.

In 2007, the Arts Council of Martin County (a nonprofit arts agency) adopted a State of the Arts study conducted by Insights, Inc. and funded by Martin County, the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The study found that the community has a strong interest and commitment to the arts, and it illustrated the value of the arts to the local economy. Martin County ranked highest in per capita arts spending compared to Collier, Indian River, Sarasota and Palm Beach counties.

The State of the Arts pointed to a great need for cultural facilities of all kinds, along with art education and access to the arts by groups such as people with handicaps, senior citizens, people with economic disadvantages and rural residents.

The State of the Arts found that cultural opportunity was limited by a lack of adequate facilities. Nearly one-third of the arts-related activities in which Martin County residents participated were located outside the County. This represents a significant potential for expanding local arts offerings.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners has designated the Arts Council as the official local arts agency of Martin County. The Council coordinates programs that have increased awareness of the importance of arts, culture and history to the quality of life in Martin County and encourages participation in the arts of all forms: performing, literary and visual. These efforts have also facilitated a growing partnership of support and involvement by public, private and corporate entities. The Council's mission is to inspire passion and participation for arts activities in the community. The Council supports programs such as fine art exhibitions in the historic Court House Cultural Center, the annual two-day ArtsFest, and arts education programs for all ages.

Opportunities to participate in the arts in Martin County are diverse and plentiful ~~have expanded rapidly— after having experienced a decline due to the recession in the mid-2000s~~ through organizations such as: the Lyric Theater, Historical Society of Martin County, Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, the Martin Artisans Guild ~~Maritime and Yacht Museum~~, Stuart Heritage, StarStruck Theatre, the Barn Theatre, Treasure Coast Youth Symphony, the Stuart Community Band, and organizations of individual artists such as Martin County Art Associates, Palm City Art Associates and the Hobe Sound Fine Art League.

In 1997, Martin County conducted an architectural survey, identifying around 850 properties with some architectural or historical significance. In 2003, the Board of County Commissioners established a historic preservation ordinance and appointed a Historic Preservation Board to advise the BCC on implementing the ordinance. The Historic Preservation Board consists of persons selected by the BCC whose members and number are defined by ordinance. The Historic Preservation Board has created the Local Register of Historic Places, which lists 12 properties in the Local Register; 7 in the National Register; and 7 that are listed in both the Local and National registers. ~~with eight properties registered as of 2009.~~ Each property receives a plaque to be placed on the structure identifying its historic or archeological significance.

In summary, the desire for arts, cultural and historic preservation opportunities and the economic importance of such opportunities have been well established. Martin County has the audience, interest, organizations and talent available to implement cultural/historic development for the benefit of the entire community.

Section 16.3. Future Needs

To ensure that arts and cultural resources are available and accessible to all the citizens of Martin County, arts planning should address performing arts facilities, visual arts facilities, art in public places and educational opportunities for citizens and visitors of all ages. The arts are a vehicle to mobilize and unify communities for a purpose, across generations and across cultures.

Existing arts facilities have been identified as insufficient, so planning for additional future populations must certainly address expansion of facilities and opportunities. To serve additional growth in the community,

participants in the State of the Arts study indicated they were most likely to support a new or enhanced multipurpose arts and cultural center, a performing arts center and expanded program offerings at existing facilities.

The State of the Arts also found that in planning for arts and culture Martin County should (1) embrace thematic tourism focusing on arts and cultural attractions and amenities; (2) invest in arts education; (3) recognize that attracting the arts brings people together; and (4) support community activism to bring in additional revenues for beautification and to provide a vibrant community spirit. The County's active role in achieving these goals is vital to their success.

To continue to promote the preservation of historic properties, and given the volatility of property values in the area, the County should explore opportunities to relocate properties when demolition is imminent. This could possibly lead to designation of a historic village. The long-term strategy should also address opportunities to make historic preservation of privately owned structures and sites more economically attractive.

Section 16.4. Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goal 16.1To ensure the availability of arts opportunities and information about cultural resources to the citizens of Martin County.

Objective 16.1A. To increase public awareness of and participation in arts and cultural programs available in Martin County.

Policy 16.1A.1. Designation of agency for the arts. Martin County shall designate the Arts Council to serve as the local agency for the arts to support mutual arts-related goals.

Policy 16.1A.2. Dissemination of arts information. The County shall assist the Arts Council to disseminate information about the arts by making this information available at government facilities and in public awareness programs such as MCTV, the County web site and other available resources.

Policy 16.1A.3. Encouragement of arts partnerships. The County shall encourage and assist in public/private partnerships that provide arts and cultural programs for the population of Martin County. This assistance could include establishment, construction and operation of a cultural and performing arts center and festivals.

Objective 16.1B. To promote the availability of art, culture and history for the residents of Martin County through the use of public buildings and properties.

Policy 16.1B.1. Percent for Art Ordinance. The Percent for Art Ordinance authorizes allocation of funds for the following:

- (1) Purchase of artworks for display in public areas of County buildings or property;
- (2) Purchase of artworks for display in public parks and other appropriate public lands;
- (3) Architectural enhancements of artistic merit for appropriate public buildings (such as fountains, arches, display areas);
- (4) Maintenance of such works and areas belonging to the County.

Policy 16.1B.2. Art in public places. The County in consultation with ~~the Education Foundation of Martin County,~~ the Arts Council of Martin County, as well as other local arts organizations, shall ~~develop an Art in Public Places Five Year Plan in accordance with the Public Art Master Plan.~~ operate under the guidelines and procedures of the Program Manual to govern the manner and the method of selection of artists, proposed sites, works of art, as well as architectural enhancements and special landscape treatments; and the process for program funding, implementation and placement of public art.

Policy 16.1B.3. The Public Art ~~Site Selection Advisory~~ Committee shall have the duty and responsibility to review Chapter 13, Art in Public Places, General Ordinances, Martin County Code, and the Program Manual ~~the Public Art Master Plan and the Art in Public Places Five Year Plan~~ for review and approval by the Board of County Commissioners, to identify sites in accordance with the Program Manual, to identify sources of funding for art in public places exhibitions, and to hold public meetings to solicit public comment for specific art projects.

Policy 16.1B.4. Martin County staff shall develop a Public Art Master Plan in consultation with the Education Foundation of Martin County, the Arts Council of Martin County, as well as other arts organizations and the Public Art Site Selection Committee, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners before its utilization by the Public Art Site Selection Committee.

Policy 16.1B.45. County arts liaison. The County shall designate a staff person to work as liaison and to assist the Arts Council and the Public Art ~~Site Selection Advisory~~ Committee ~~which oversees the Art in Public Places Five Year Plan~~ in accomplishing the policies of this element.

Policy 16.1B.56. Inventory of public art. The County shall make provisions for maintaining an inventory of its public art collections as the number of pieces in the collections grows.

Policy 16.1B.67. Percentage of construction funds for art. After reviewing other municipalities' programs requiring private developers to install public art, the County shall consider adopting an ordinance that requires developers to allocate a percentage of construction or renovation funds for the purchase of public art.

Goal 16.2To encourage the development of privately operated arts and cultural programs and facilities that will increase arts and cultural opportunities for the citizens of Martin County.

Objective 16.2A. To increase the facilities available for arts and cultural purposes throughout Martin County.

Policy 16.2A.1. Development of cultural/performing arts center. The County shall assist in developing a cultural and performing arts center and other facilities as they come to be needed, such as the efforts to renovate and repurpose the historic Stuart High School building. This may include assistance with location, zoning, grants, interlocal agreements, public/private partnerships and financing options.

Goal 16.3To endeavor to identify funding sources and allocate funding to promote art, culture and history in the community, aimed at enhancing the quality of life and the economic base of business, tourism and manufacturing.

Objective 16.3A. To foster economic growth through greater availability of cultural, arts and similar community-supported facilities and programs.

Policy 16.3A.1. Use of Tourism Development Tax for arts. The County shall support the development or renovation of arts and cultural facilities and an arts and cultural marketing plan through the Tourism Development Tax, as amended in 2008.

Policy 16.3A.2. Funding mechanisms for arts. The County shall consider other funding mechanisms that allow for the continued growth and influence of the arts, culture and history sector, recognizing its positive impact on the quality of life. The County shall support the efforts of nonprofit organizations such as the Arts Council to apply for grants to support public education programs, capital projects and special programming opportunities.

Policy 16.3A.3. Impact fees for arts. Whenever the impact fee process is being reviewed, the County shall consider the inclusion of impact fees or impact fee credits for arts facilities.

Goal 16.4To encourage and facilitate interlocal agreements to maximize use of revenues and cultural opportunities.

Objective 16.4A. To encourage and enter into interlocal agreements with other governmental entities when such agreements would result in unusual and/or outstanding cultural opportunities for the County.

Policy 16.4A.1. Support to cooperative arts ventures. Martin County shall collaborate with and support the Arts Council's involvement in cooperative ventures in the region, such as the South Florida Cultural Consortium to bring outside cultural funds and/or opportunities to the County.

Policy 16.4A.2. Arts curricula. Martin County shall encourage the development of arts curricula that offer elementary, middle, and secondary school students the opportunity to become knowledgeable in the arts. These curricula could include after-school and summer arts programs, workshops and performance settings that use appropriate County properties.

Policy 16.4A.3. Education planning and performing arts. As part of education planning, Martin County shall encourage the inclusion of theatres and auditoriums in future educational facilities or the use of interlocal agreements for shared participation in a community cultural or performing arts center.

Policy 16.4A.4. Environmental art. Martin County should work with the Arts Council to create artist fellowships, residencies and develop cultural programs at museums and parks that foster environmental art practices.

Policy 16.4A.5. Collaborative partnerships. Martin County should encourage collaborative partnerships with the Martin County School District, environmental advocacy groups and the Arts Council to bring environmental artists and scientists into local schools, to inspire American students to become more excited about the study of science and learn about energy efficiency and green design.

Goal 16.5. To protect historical resources in the County.

~~*Policy 16.5.1. Dissemination of information on local history.* The County shall assist the Historical Society of Martin County in disseminating information about local history and its preservation by making this information available at government facilities and assisting in public awareness programs.~~ **Moved under Objective 16.5H and renumber as 16.5H.4**

Objective 16.5A. To establish procedures in the Land Development Regulations to ensure that all public and private development and redevelopment proposals, including those for infrastructure, are reviewed for their impact on historic resources. These procedures shall ensure that, at a minimum:

- a. Historic resources are defined as those listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic Architectural Survey of Martin County, Florida, the Florida Master Site File and the Local Register of Historic Places, as well as future inventories; and
- b. If a determination is made that there will be a potentially negative impact to a historic resource, the County will notify the Division of Historical Resources of the Florida Department of State; and
- c. Every effort will be taken during the review process to preserve the resource. Where preservation is not a feasible alternative the following options shall be pursued: the resource will either be relocated, or information regarding the resource will be documented; or elements of the resource will be salvaged for further study.

Objective 16.5B. To ensure, through procedures in the Land Development Regulations that all public and private development and redevelopment activities, including those for infrastructure, shall temporarily cease when historic, archaeological or paleontological artifacts and resources are discovered to allow for an evaluation of significance. These procedures shall ensure that, at a minimum:

- a. Immediately upon discovery of the artifact or resource, notification will be given to the Division of Historical Resources of the Florida Department of State; and
- b. Ground-disturbing activities will be suspended within 20 feet of the discovery for up to 30 days from the date of notification to allow for an initial evaluation of significance. If the resource is found to be potentially significant, activities will be further suspended for up to an additional 30 days to allow for further evaluation. Ground-disturbing activities will be undertaken with caution

in the surrounding area. Efforts will be taken to evaluate the site in a timely and reasonable manner; and

- c. Where the discovery is determined to be significant, every effort will be taken to preserve the resource. Where preservation is not a feasible alternative the following options shall be pursued: the resource will either be relocated, or information regarding the resource will be documented; or elements of the resource will be salvaged for further study, at public expense.

Objective 16.5C. To update the Martin County Land Development Regulations as required to remain in compliance with the state law regarding historic preservation. At a minimum, the historic preservation component of the Land Development Regulations shall:

- a. Provide protection for resources determined to have local historic significance;
- b. Outline standards for identifying and evaluating historic resources;
- c. Use the Standards for Rehabilitation established by the U.S. Department of the Interior in reviewing alterations to historic buildings; and
- d. Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic properties through incentives and regulate activities that would harm or destroy the historic value of such resources.

Objective 16.5D. To aid and cooperate with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Historical Society of Martin County, and other groups interested in historic preservation in identifying and mapping significant historical, archaeological, and paleontological resources in the County.

Policy 16.5D.1. Access to historic resources. Access to these resources shall be evaluated, and increased when appropriate, for scientific, educational, and recreational purposes.

Policy 16.5D.2. Acquisition of historic resources. Historic resources and their environments or sites shall be included in public acquisition programs for recreation, open space, and conservation areas that, at a minimum:

- (1) Ensure that development or activities planned for such sites are passive in nature and do not endanger the integrity or character of the resource; and
- (2) Encourage the incorporation of these sites into educational programs.

Policy 16.5D.3. Preservation of historic sites. Development proposals on or near such sites shall be required to preserve these areas or buffer zones adjacent to them.

Objective 16.5E. To encourage the conservation and rehabilitation of housing that is historically significant or has the potential to be.

Policy 16.5E.1. Identification of historic housing conservation programs. Martin County shall continue to identify programs for the conservation and rehabilitation of historically significant housing.

Policy 16.5E.2. Adoption of historic resources inventory. Martin County shall adopt the Historic Architectural Survey of Martin County, Florida, June 1997 as the official inventory of historic architecture, and shall periodically update this inventory as necessary at least once every seven years. This survey shall include all identified historic resources in the Florida Master Site File. Historic structures may be protected by the historic preservation component of the Land Development Regulations.

Policy 16.5E.3. Assistance to historic preservation groups. The County shall assist the Historical Society of Martin County and other historic preservation groups to provide the public with relevant information and technical assistance. County assistance shall consist of an ongoing program that provides information on developing and implementing the historic preservation component of the Land Development Regulations and on rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.

Policy 16.5E.4. Mitigation measures. Martin County shall investigate various techniques to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse impacts on historic resources in the County. These techniques shall include establishing conservation easements, protective covenants and local historic designations. Mitigation may include other measures to assure preservation of significant elements of the resources disturbed. These could include transfer to a public or nonprofit agency contribution to a special fund dedicated to historic preservation or architectural salvage, or HABS (Historic American Building Survey) documentation. Priority shall be given to methods that lead to saving an intact resource on site or, if not feasible, off site.

Policy 16.5E.5. Relocation options. Martin County shall collaborate with the Historical Society and other groups interested in historic preservation to evaluate the availability, feasibility, demand for and need to relocate historic homes for which preservation on the original site is not an option and for which relocation would prevent demolition.

Objective 16.5F. To prevent loss of historic resources on County-owned property and to ensure protection, preservation or adaptive reuse of historic resources on private property.

Policy 16.5F.1. Procedures in the Land Development Code. The Land Development Regulations shall establish procedures that require review of all public and private development and redevelopment proposals to determine their impact on historic resources.

Policy 16.5F.2. Site plan review to protect historic resources. Applicants for site plan review shall consult the Florida Master Site File, maintained by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the Local Register of Historic Places to determine if the proposed project will affect historic or archaeological resources. These findings shall then be submitted to the Growth Management Department as part of the development and site plan review procedure.

Policy 16.5F.3. Setback requirements for historic sites. Historic and archaeological sites shall be incorporated into required setbacks, buffer strips or open spaces up to the maximum area required by the Land Development Regulations. The County shall consider the feasibility of establishing waivers for non-safety related setback requirements and site planning requirements to accommodate historic structures or sites in a proposed development.

Policy 16.5F.4. Historic site preservation alternatives. As an alternative to preserving historic or archaeological sites, the owner may allow excavation of the site prior to development. If a site is scientifically excavated, development may proceed without preservation of the site.

Policy 16.5F.5. Notification of discovery of historic resources. If any historic or archaeological resources are discovered during land development activity, the activity shall be halted immediately in that area and the Martin County Growth Management Department and Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources shall be notified. The resources shall be properly protected to the satisfaction of both agencies through preservation or excavation by qualified scientists.

Objective 16.5G. To identify, evaluate, document and promote the protection of Martin County's prehistoric and historic resources.

Policy 16.5G.1. Records management. Martin County shall establish a public access depository for archival materials relating to prehistoric and historic resources. This depository shall include photographs, oral histories and files on properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Local Register of Historic Places.

Policy 16.5G.2. Nomination of eligible County resources. Martin County shall nominate County-owned archaeological and historical resources to the Local and/or National Register of Historic Places when appropriate.

Policy 16.5G.3. Encouragement of private participation. Martin County shall encourage the nomination of eligible privately owned archaeological and historical resources to the Local and/or National Register of Historic Places by assisting the private sector in the nomination process.

Policy 16.5G.4. Incentives. Martin County shall explore the possibility of providing incentives for private property owners to pursue historic designations for their properties, sites and structures.

Policy 16.5G.5. Management of historic sites. Martin County shall consult with appropriate experts/agencies in the preservation and management of prehistoric and historic sites owned by the County (such as Indian middens, House of Refuge, Jensen/Stuart Welcome Arch, Leach Mansion, Golden Gate building and Sewall's Point Post Office) as well as those sites purchased by the County in the future.

Policy 16.5G.6. Aid for grant applications. Martin County shall support the efforts of nonprofit organizations such as the Historical Society of Martin County to apply for grant funding to conduct a feasibility study to establish the need for a historic village and to create a master plan for its eventual location and potential uses.

Policy 16.5G.7 Document and record preservation. Martin County shall support the efforts of the Library and County Clerk's office to preserve and document historical records.

Objective 16.5H. To encourage expansion of educational and public outreach programs to promote an understanding of and appreciation for Martin County's history and protection of its historical resources.

Policy 16.5H.1. Volunteer program. Martin County shall support the efforts of nonprofit organizations such as the Historical Society of Martin County to engage and expand a staff of supervised volunteers.

Policy 16.5H.2. Public education. Martin County shall support the efforts of nonprofit organizations such as the Historical Society of Martin County in educating the public about Martin County's unique and diverse heritage. This shall take place through the media, publications, lectures, exhibits and Internet presence. This effort shall serve to promote preservation and tourism and strengthen the local economy.

Policy 16.5H.3. Support for funding applications. Martin County shall support the efforts of nonprofit organizations such as the Historical Society of Martin County to apply for grant funding to support public education programs as outlined in Policy 16.5H.2.

Policy 16.5H.4-1. Dissemination of information on local history. The County shall assist the Historical Society of Martin County in disseminating information about local history and its preservation by making this information available at government facilities and assisting in public awareness programs.