



**Hidalgo County Historical Commission
Statement of Preservation Goals and Objectives**

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Historical Commission shall be to advise the Commissioners Court of Hidalgo County, assist the Texas Historical Commission, and to initiate and conduct programs in the promotion of preserving the county's historic and cultural resources.

— Bylaws, Article 2, Section 1

I. RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION.

- Conduct and promote historic resource surveys across Hidalgo County to identify endangered sites
- Create a historic resource inventory to keep track of priority sites
- Create a countywide preservation plan

II. PROMOTE LANDMARK DESIGNATIONS

- Encourage owners of historic properties to apply for RTHLs and National Register designations through incentives and positive publicity

III. RESOURCE INTERPRETATION

- Create educational and interpretive resources to highlight Hidalgo County's historic landmarks and sites
- Promote heritage tourism through partnerships, media and publicity

IV. PRESERVATION ADVOCACY

- Work with local municipalities to adopt and improve local preservation programs, ordinances, and CLGs
- Advocate for the preservation of endangered landmarks and potential landmarks and provide alternatives to demolition

V. EDUCATION

- Work with educational institutions to promote preservation efforts in the community and train new leaders