

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 21, 2026	4.c

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Chelsea Schnabel, Community Development Director

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Consideration to Adopt Resolution 26-08 Coos Bay Heritage Resource Disaster Resilience Plan

SUMMARY:

This planning effort was conducted at the community level to build capacity and energize collaborative efforts across Coos Bay's heritage and cultural network. This plan was informed by background research, an organizational questionnaire, interviews and partner outreach, a community survey and outreach event, site visits, and a disaster resilience workshop. Representatives from Coos Bay's All-Star heritage organizations provided insights, information, and guidance throughout the planning process. These methods shaped Coos Bay's heritage profile, vulnerability assessment, and resilience strategies.

The plan includes six goals for increasing disaster resilience for heritage resources, with corresponding strategies and action items:

- Goal 1: Build community capacity in the heritage sector.
- Goal 2: Acknowledge natural resources as critical heritage resources.
- Goal 3: Foster community awareness of cultural history.
- Goal 4: Enhance downtown pride and community cohesiveness.
- Goal 5: Plan for long-term recovery.
- Goal 6: Develop funding plan.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, adopt Resolution 26-08 adopting the Coos Bay Heritage Resource Disaster Resilience Plan as a refinement plan to the Coos Bay addendum to the Coos County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Disaster Resilience Plan for Heritage Resources in the City of Coos Bay is the result of a partnership among the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Oregon Heritage Office, the City of Coos Bay, the Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE) at the University of Oregon, and heritage organizations in Coos Bay. The project is part of a larger effort led by Oregon Heritage and IPRE to create heritage resource disaster plans for six Oregon All-Star Heritage Communities across the state, including the City of Coos Bay. The plan is part of the City's broader commitment to heritage conservation and community collaboration.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The project is funded by the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Adopting this plan and appending it to the City's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) increases the opportunities for future

funding to complete heritage disaster resilience related work.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution 26-08 Adopt Coos Bay Heritage Resource Disaster Resilience Plan.pdf
- Final Draft_Coos Bay Heritage Resource Disaster Resilience Plan (April 2026).pdf