

### **1 | Introduction - Purpose of the HPP**

- Meridian's rich history and its contribution to the community
- The importance of historic preservation in maintaining Meridian's character
- The need for an historic preservation plan

### **2 | Regulations, Programs & Management**

- The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- Federal government's responsibility to protect historic resources
- Partnership with the state, tribes, and local governments

#### **National Register of Historic Places**

- Recognition of historic properties
- Listing on the National Register

#### **Certified Local Government Program**

- Partnership between local, state, and national governments
- Assistance for local historic preservation efforts

### **3 | History of Meridian**

- Settlement and development linked to irrigation
- Establishment of canals and irrigation districts
- Growth of agriculture, fruit orchards, and dairy industry
- Meridian's history with minority groups such as Chinese, Hispanic, and Indigenous populations
- Transition from rural center to urban community

## **4 | Meridian HPC**

- Establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission/CLG
- Review of City of Meridian's current code and regulations regarding preservation
- Meridian's designation as an Idaho Heritage City (need date)
- Programs, surveys, reports since 2014

### **Planning Process**

- Summary of issues and concerns from the public, qualified experts, the HPC, County and City government boards, and Idaho SHPO.
- SWOT analysis
- Public Survey

### **Programs**

- Historic resources surveys and documentation
- Current historic preservation tools and conditions
- Investigate current incentive programs in the City of Meridian and other cities

## **5 | Vision, Goals, Objective, and Strategies for Future Preservation Efforts**

- Recommendations for Historic Preservation Districts in Meridian
- Recommendations for educational programs to expand the public's awareness of historic preservation
- Recommendations for preservation incentives, tax, grant or policy programs
- Implementation plan with priorities and resources

## **6 | Appendices**

- Reference information
- Maps and surveys
- Survey of National Register of Historic Places Nomination Forms
- Historic sites inventory