Voluntary Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program for Historic Preservation

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About the program

A Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a companion Zoning Text Amendment are being proposed to implement a voluntary Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program within the City of Sarasota's downtown to incentivize the preservation of designated historic buildings.

The voluntary TDR program provides a market-based incentive for preserving designated historic buildings by allowing the unused development rights on a site with an existing, designated historic building to be transferred to another site. Transferring the development rights helps to reduce the economic incentive to demolish the designated historic building.

What is a designated historic building?

The Zoning Text Amendment proposes to include a definition of designated historic building as part of the voluntary TDR program. Please refer to the drafted definition presented below:

Designated historic building: A building (structure intended for human habitation or activity) that is:

- Locally designated by the City of Sarasota as a significant historic property;
- A building located within a City of Sarasota Local Historic District and identified by the City of Sarasota as a contributing property to such historic district;
- A building individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places; or
- A building located within a historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places and identified as a contributing property to such historic district.

Historic Designations in Sarasota

Use the filters on the map link below or by scanning the QR Code below with your phone camera to identify designated historic buildings within the city.

Link: https://bit.ly/HistoricSearch



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Proposed Transfer of Development Rights Zones

See the proposed draft map to identify Sending and Receiving Zones that may utilize the voluntary TDR program.

Click on the link below or scan the QR Code below with your phone camera to view the map.

Link: https://bit.ly/tdrmap



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