



**ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

TO: Members of the Alameda County Parks, Recreation, & Historical Commission
FROM: Angelica Gonzalez, Senior Planner
MEETING DATE: August 7, 2025
RE: Midway School Relocation and Restoration – 20030 Midway, East County

PROPOSAL

On July 15, 2025, the Alameda County Planning Department received a request from the Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG) to relocate the Midway School structure from its current location at 20030 Midway in East County to Hagemann Park that is located at the City of Livermore (Attachment 1). LHG is working in partnership with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) to complete the relocation and establish the structure in a public park setting. Once relocated, LHG is proposing to restore the Midway School to support the City of Livermore’s third-grade history program. It will also be integrated into other local history initiatives, including public open-house events at Hagemann Ranch.

BACKGROUND & STAFF ANALYSIS

Midway School is located just within the eastern boundary of unincorporated Alameda County, southeast of the intersection of Midway Road and Patterson Pass Road as shown in Figure 1. Originally constructed in 1883, the school remained in operation until the 1940s. In the 1950s, it was relocated a few hundred feet from its original location to a nearby private ranch, where it remains today. Although still standing, the structure is in a state of significant disrepair.

The subject property where the Midway School structure is located is listed in the 2005 Historical Resources Survey (2005 Survey). The Historical Resources Survey highlights that the subject property includes a “farm/ranch with house. Remnant of town” (Attachment 2). This Midway School structure is owned by LHG who will assume full responsibility for the relocation and restoration of the building, including all associated costs (Attachment 1).

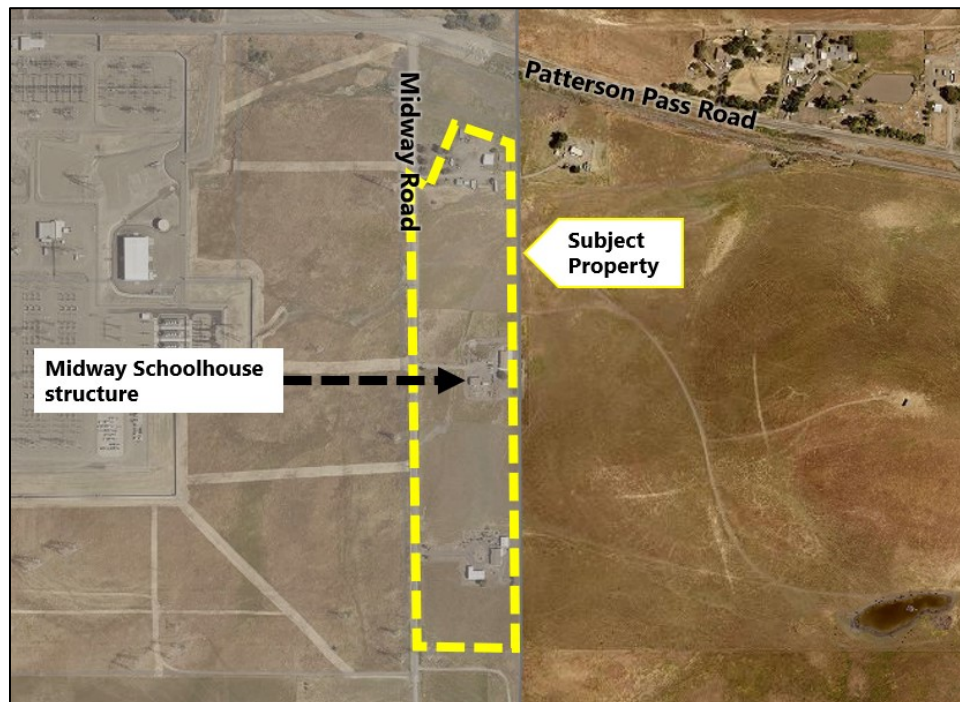


Figure 1: Location of Midway School Structure

Midway School was a public school and known as the Midway Public School that served the town of Midway in the Altamont Pass area in far Eastern Alameda County. The Town of Midway was a rail stop and no longer exists. The school was built in 1873 and served the residents as part of the Alameda County School District. When the school was shut down in 1946 the students were moved to the Livermore School District since it was also part of Alameda County. Below is a photo of the school in 1941 (Figure 2). Figure 3 shows the existing conditions of the school. In it's current condition, the porch appears to have been removed along with the Midway Public School sign that was installed on the front façade of the structure.

The proposed request includes relocation and restoration of the Midway School that is stored at a private ranch in East County. It is not listed in the Alameda County Register but the address where the structure is located is referenced in the 2005 Comprehensive Survey. The schoolhouse structure is not called out in the 2005 Survey. The proposed request aims to preserve and restore the schoolhouse structure and once it is restored will be served as a community resource. Staff supports the Applicant's request and subject to conditions in alternative to the house remaining on the private property that may result in further deterioration.



Figure 2: Midway Public School (Year: 1941), Source: LHG



Figure 3: Midway School, Source: LHG

STAFF RECOMMENDATION & CONDITIONS

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation, and Historical Commission review the staff report, take public testimony, and make a recommendation to staff on the request by the Livermore Heritage Guild (LHG). Staff recommends approval of the relocation and restoration of the Midway School structure subject to the following condition:

1. The Applicant and/or owner of the Midway School structure must obtain all required permits and approvals from the Alameda County Public Works Agency including but not limited to an Oversized Move Permit to relocate the Midway School structure.

CONCLUSION

Staff requests that your Commission review the staff report, take public testimony, and recommend approval on the Applicant's request to relocate the historic structure from Alameda County to the City of Livermore for restoration and to support the City of Livermore's educational programs.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Applicant's Request

Attachment 2 - 2005 Comprehensive Survey

Attachment 1

Applicant's Request:

Hello, My name is Jeff Kaskey, I am a member of Livermore's historical society, the Livermore Heritage Guild ("the Guild"). We are currently working with the City of Livermore to move the last Livermore-area one-room schoolhouse from a ranch in the east county, into town. The City would like assurances that Alameda County does not object to this. More details: Midway School sits just inside the eastern Alameda County border, near Patterson Pass Road. It was built in 1883 and was active until the 1940s. In the 1950s it was moved a few hundred feet from the original location onto a private ranch, and is still there today, standing, but in significant disrepair. The ranch owners have given the Guild ownership of the building, but need it moved off their property. The Guild also operates the City's national register listed Hagemann Ranch. Next to the Ranch is Hagemann Park (City owned, operated by LARPD), and we propose to move the school to the Park and restore it. We would incorporate it into our public open days at the Ranch, and would also incorporate it into our 3rd grade local history program. We think the school is an excellent fit for the programs we create for the public. As we go through the process of getting City and LARPD approval, they have asked if we have checked for objections from the County, since the building currently is on County land. Our hope is that the County will see this as a project to preserve history, not destroy it. But anytime we touch a historic site, it is fair to ask if this is in the public's interest. We hope the County agrees that this project is beneficial. We would be happy to provide more information on the project or make a presentation to the County if that is deemed useful. Ultimately we would like some official determination from the County that they support the project. Please let me know how to proceed. My email is listed above, and you are welcome to call/text me at 510-816-9542. Best Regards, Jeff Kaskey Curator, Livermore Heritage Guild

Attachment 2

MAP	KEY	APN	ACRES	PHOTO	YEAR	NO	STREET	CODE	COMMENT
NLV	498	099B5488001500	207.12	2-9			Goecken Rd	Q BN (1940)	Barn
NLV	504	902 00100001100		4-15		3981	North Livermore Ave	K MRA (1910) Col.	Farm/franch with house
NLV	518	905 000300700	10.11	3-26		5033	Doodan Rd	Q BN (1920)	Barn
NLV	527	903 000600404	10			1442	Hartman Rd	E+ MRA (1915)	Farm/franch with house.
NLV	531	903 000600401	5			1820	Hartman Rd	E MRA (1945)	Farm/franch with house.
NLV	532	905 000200400	304.3	3-24	1912	4388	Doodan Rd	Q MRA (1915)	Addr: 4300; farm/franch with house. Wiberger et al 1998: 51
NLV	535	905 000700400	144.37			4221	Collier Canyon Rd	E BN (1940)	Barn
NLV	543	903 000800102	100.27	3-34		1248	Hartman Rd	Q MRA (1890)	Farm/franch with house. Wiberger et al 1998: 44
AH-CA	564	099A178500107	75.76	3-6	1900		U S Hwy 50 East	Q MRA (1910)	Addr: 5996 Carroll Rd.; farm/franch with house.
NLV	571	905 000700702	30.64	3-29	1935	4221	Collier Canyon Rd	Q MRA (1940)	Farm/franch with house. Wiberger et al 1998: 44
AH-CA	584	099B788500900	0	3-3			Midway Rd	Q RRB (1910)	Stone railroad bridge.
NLV	598	903 000800203	119.78				North Livermore Av	E+ BN (1940)	Barn. Wiberger et al 1998: 46
NLV	604	905 000800111	79.35	3-23			Doodan Rd	Q L	Eucalyptus row.
NLV	629	902 000900107	9.32	3-32	1901	2747	N Livermore Ave	Q MRA (1905)	Farm/franch with house. Wiberger et al 1998: 53
AH-CA	636	099B788501200	0	3-5			Patterson Pass Rd	Q IND (1950).	PG&E Teala Substation. SW corner Patterson & Midway
AH-CA	637	099B788500600	0	3-5			Patterson Pass Rd	Q IND (1950)	PG&E Teala Substation.
AH-CA	642	099B788500800	0.86	3-4			Midway Rd	Q MRA (1960)	Addr: 20030 Midway; farm/franch with house. Remnant of town.
NLV	652	905 000100603				3457	Croak Rd.	E+ MRA (1930)	Farm/franch with house.
NLV	656	905 000100404		3-20		1881	Collier Canyon Rd	Q MRA (1930)	Farm/franch with house and big barn.
NLV	657	905 000100302	76.63	3-21		1421	Collier Canyon Rd	Q MRA (1925) *	1993 #2; tankhouse, barn, 2 houses.
NLV	666	902 000800100	122.5	7		3658	Las Colinas Rd	Q MRA (1925) B	Farm/franch with house. Wiberger et al 1998: 49
SLV	676	099B560000206	87.15	1-3	1925	9782	Flynn Rd S	Q MRA (1925) B	Farm/franch with bungalow.
AH-CA	678	099A176000100	235.5	3-10	1890	10366	Flynn Rd S	K MRA (1880)	Farm/franch with house and old barn.
AH-CA	681	099A177000202	34	3-9	1890	11761	Flynn Rd N	Q R2 (1878) GR*	1993 #12; Lone Oak Farm.
NLV	682	903 000800411	80.36	3-30	1905	2284	N Livermore Ave	Q MRA (1915) B	Farm/franch with bungalow. Wiberger et al 1998: 43
PR	697			7-32			Dublin Canyon Rd	Q BN (1925)	Barn; possibly on #729. (shown on map only)
PR	699			7-33		7901	Dublin Canyon Rd	Q MR (1900)	Two houses built 1900 & 1940.
NLV	711	905 000100403		7-31		8875	Dublin Canyon Rd	Q BN (1925)	Barn
NLV	747	905 000100202	0	3-22		3000	Doodan Rd	Q L	Barn.