The County of Santa Cruz has many resources available to individuals that are interested in purchasing or selling a property. The Planning Department provides pre-purchase services during our **Zoning Counter hours** for review of permit history, printouts of parcel specific information and review of development potential for the property and setbacks. Though many of the pre-purchase services are available to the public free of charge a fee may be charged at Zoning Counter based on the complexity of the questions.

**Permit History:**

- For a list of permits from the year 1985 to current, go to: [http://planningapplicationstatus.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/](http://planningapplicationstatus.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/)

- For a list of permits issued prior to the year 1985, please visit the Zoning Counter or Records Room Monday - Thursday 8-12 and 1-3.

**GIS and Mapping** allows the public to view various parcel characteristics including Zoning and land use designations, School and Fire districts, topographical contours, and geologic constraints. This application is available at: [http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/default.aspx?tabid=93](http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/default.aspx?tabid=93)

The following **Frequently Asked Questions** can be answered by visiting the Planning Department website: [www.sccoplanning.com](http://www.sccoplanning.com).

- What’s my zoning?
- What are the uses allowed in the Zone district?
- Is the parcel buildable?
- What are the uses allowed on a vacant parcel?

Additional questions may be answered by reviewing various sections of the **County Code** available on the Planning website.

For all other questions or assistance with navigating our website, please contact the Zoning Information Phone Line, Monday – Friday 1-4pm at (831) 454-2130.