

Historic Preservation in Washington, DC



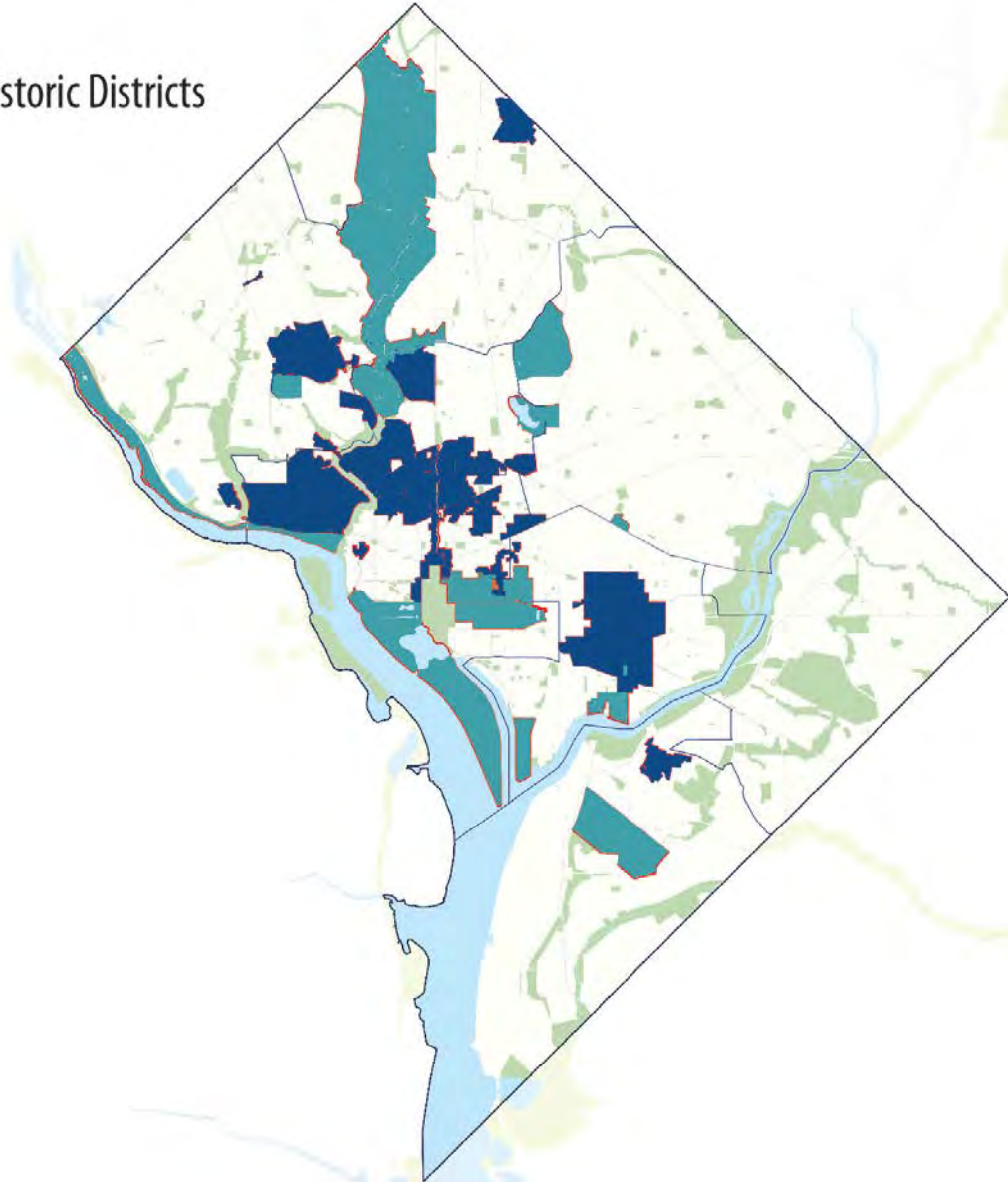
Purposes of the D.C. Historic Preservation Law

- Protect, enhance and perpetuate the distinctive elements of the city's social, cultural, economic, political and architectural past;
- Promote the use of historic landmarks and districts for the pleasure and welfare of the city's residents and tourists;
- Safeguard the city's heritage



DC Historic Districts

Map of Historic Districts

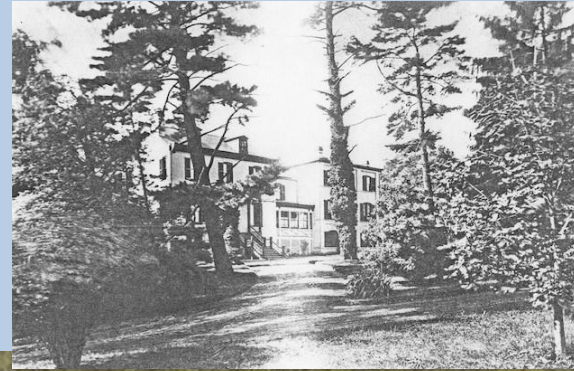


55 Historic District (25 Neighborhoods)

Anacostia
Blagden Alley/Naylor Ct
Capitol Hill
Cleveland Park
Dupont Circle
Foggy Bottom
Fourteenth Street
Foxhall Village
Georgetown
Grant Circle
Grant Road
Kalorama Triangle
LeDroit Park
Logan Circle
Massachusetts Avenue
Mount Pleasant
Mount Vernon Square
Mount Vernon Triangle
Shaw
Sheridan-Kalorama
Sixteenth Street
Strivers Section
Takoma Park
U Street
Woodley Park

Why Designate?

- Educates residents and visitors about the history of a place;
- Contributes to and/or reclaims a sense of community identity;
- Fosters civic pride



Benefits of Designation

- Saves and restores historic buildings
- Recycles old buildings for new uses



Benefits of Designation

- Provides tax incentives such as rehabilitation tax credits
- Allows for community involvement in managing change



Historic Preservation Review-Why?



- Helps to ensure compatibility with the historic character of the property or district
- Minimizes the loss of historic materials and information

Key Preservation Concept: Compatibility

- Possessing characteristics that allow for a harmonious relationship.



Key Preservation Concept: Compatibility

- Compatibility does not require matching or copying of attributes and may involve the relation of dissimilar things that are juxtaposed to produce an agreeable effect



Key Preservation Concept: Incompatibility

- Characterized by clashing or conflicting qualities that lead to an incongruous, discordant, or disagreeable relationship





3541 S Street NW



3712 R Street NW



Historic Preservation Review-What?

Over-the-Counter Review

- Interior Work
- Windows and Doors
- In-Kind replacement
- Fences
- Rear decks, patios, sheds and site features (not visible from street)
- Garage door, parking pads
- Underground work
- Skylights, solar panels, (not visible from street)

HPRB Review

- Substantial Demolition
- New Construction
- Additions greater than 500 sf
- Roof additions
- Major alterations, major repairs



Historic District Designation Process

- Conduct research and compile information on the history and architecture of the neighborhood
- Conduct outreach and educate community about historic district designation



Historic District Designation Process

- Prepare and submit Historic District Application to the D.C. Historic Preservation Office for review and hearing before HPRB
- If approved, consult with HPO to develop Design Guidelines for Burleith



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