Savannah: A City-Wide Historic Resources Survey

SURVEY PURPOSE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SURVEY RESULTS
WHAT IS AN HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY?

COLLECTS AND RECORDS INFORMATION ABOUT EXTANT HISTORIC BUILDINGS 40 YEARS OLD AND OLDER, STRUCTURES, SITES, LANDSCAPES, AND OBJECTS (RESOURCES) WITHIN A GIVEN AREA;

SURVEY INFORMATION COLLECTED TYPICALLY INCLUDES AN ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RESOURCE, PHOTOGRAPHS, ANY FIELD NOTES ON ITS AGE, HISTORY, SETTING, AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION.
WHY CONDUCT AN HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY?

ALL PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES, FROM NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATIONS TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCES, BEGIN WITH KNOWING WHAT HISTORIC RESOURCES EXIST. YOU CAN’T PROTECT OR PRESERVE HISTORIC RESOURCES WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT YOU HAVE; SURVEYS GIVE YOU AN INVENTORY TO WORK WITH. SURVEYS ARE THE BASE FOR ALL PRESERVATION PLANNING.
COMPLETED SURVEYS CAN BE USED TO:

TO IDENTIFY BUILDINGS AND DISTRICTS FOR POSSIBLE LISTING IN THE GEORGIA/NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES OR TO LOCALLY DESIGNATE RESOURCES;

TO ASSIST PRESERVATION EFFORTS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMUNITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

TO ASSIST ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES (SECTION 106 REVIEW);

TO AID IN PRESERVATION AND LAND USE PLANNING;

TO PROMOTE HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE;

TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF, AND INTEREST IN, A COMMUNITY’S HISTORIC RESOURCES.
CARVER VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

This proposed Carver Village Historic District includes the area bounded by West Savannah Street on the north, Albert Street on the east, Mercy Street on the south, and U.S. Highway 17 on the west.

Legend:
- City of Savannah
- Historic Districts
  - National Register of Historic Places Listed District
  - Eligible Historic District - needs survey

Carver Heights
Cloverdale

CARVER HEIGHTS/ CARVER VILLAGE HISTORY

The Carver Village neighborhood was once a center of African-American life in Savannah. It was founded in the late 1800s by African-American residents who were displaced from other areas due to the expansion of the city. The neighborhood was known for its strong community spirit and its role in promoting education and social welfare.

The Carver Village Historic District was designated in 2002 by the Savannah Historic District Commission. It includes approximately 200 properties that are significant in the history of Savannah and the African-American community.

The district includes a variety of buildings, including homes, churches, schools, and businesses. Many of these buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Carver Village Historic District is a unique and important aspect of Savannah's history, and it serves as a reminder of the contributions that African-American residents have made to the city.

The Carver Village Historic District is located near the Savannah Riverfront and is easily accessible by public transportation. It is also close to many of Savannah's other historic sites and attractions.

The Carver Village Historic District is open to the public, and visitors are encouraged to explore the area and learn about its rich history and culture.

The Carver Village Historic District is a beautiful and historic area that is worth visiting and exploring.

Savannah National Register of Historic Places
LISTED AND ELIGIBLE HISTORIC DISTRICTS

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Mile

Savannah

West Savannah
Albert Street
Mercy Street
U.S. Highway 17

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VICTORIAN HISTORIC DISTRICT Historic Buildings Map

Legend:
- New Contributing
- Contributing

Map of the Victorian Historic District in Savannah, Georgia.
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17.5.7 Criteria for Contributing Status
A building must meet one or more of the following criteria to be considered a contributing building within a "C2" district:

- The building is identified as contributing on the National Register Historic District or Property maps.
- The building is a least 50 years old or possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and associations.
- It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- It is associated with the lives of significant persons in our past.
- It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual integrity but are significant as a group.

The building has achieved significance within the past 50 years if it is "exceptional importance" as defined by the National Park Service.

17.5.8 Criteria for Nonconformity
Approval for demolition of a contributing building shall only be issued by the Historic Preservation Commission when one of the following conditions has been established by clear and convincing evidence pursuant to the criteria established herein:

- The demolition is required to alleviate a threat to public health or public safety.
- The demolition is required to avoid an exceptional visual influence or visual harm upon any owner of any adjacent property.
- The demolition is required to avoid an extraordinary economic burden or undue hardship upon the owner of any adjacent property. If the difficulty or hardship is economic, the applicant must be required to submit sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the application of the standards and regulations of this section depresses the applicant of a reasonable economic use or return on the subject property.

17.5.9 Additional Stipulations
In the approval of demolition, the Historic Preservation Commission may impose any reasonable and additional stipulations as will best fulfill the purpose of this ordinance, such as documentation of the building.

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CRITERIA CONSIDERATION G: PROPERTIES THAT HAVE ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN THE PAST FIFTY YEARS

A property achieving significance within the past fifty years may eligible as an exceptional property.

The criteria are as follows:

- Property must be a National Register Historic District or Property.
- Property must be an exceptional property.
- Property must have achieved significance within the past fifty years.

Understanding Exceptional Criteria: Properties that Have Achieved Significance Within the Past Fifty Years

The National Register Criteria for Evaluation includes properties that achieved significance within the past fifty years. This is a special category to ensure the ongoing importance and value of this program. This category is intended to recognize the value of properties of recent construction or completion and to ensure that the National Register is a clear and visible record.

Example of Properties that Meet Criteria: Exceptional Property That Has Achieved Significance Within the Past Fifty Years

- Property is less than forty years old.
- Property is considered to have achieved significance in a period less than fifty years.
- Property has not experienced a period of decline beyond its original construction.
- Property is more than fifty years old and has experienced a period less than fifty years.
- Property is more than forty years old.

Example of Properties That Do Not Meet Criteria: Exceptional Property That Has Achieved Significance Within the Past Fifty Years

- Property was constructed more than fifty years ago, but the demolition proposal involves the property.
- Property is more than fifty years old.
- Property is more than fifty years old.

Applying Exceptional Criteria: Exceptional Properties That Have Achieved Significance Within the Last Fifty Years

Eligibility for Exceptional Properties

The following "exceptional properties" may be applied to the extraordinary importance of an applicant that has been approved under a "C2" district regulation of an area designated as a "C2" district. "Exceptional Properties" have historically been considered to be those that have not been listed in the area, are protected by federal law, or have been specifically designated by the City or County as "Exceptional Properties".

If an application is considered for demolition, it is necessary to ensure that the property is not an "exceptional property." It is necessary to ensure that the property is not an "exceptional property" because of its exceptional and aesthetic qualities in the area. The application must be submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for approval.

- The ground floor building in New Orleans, one of the first recognized "exceptional properties," is not considered to be "exceptional." It is not considered to be "exceptional" because of its historical importance or its aesthetic qualities, as in an "exceptional" architectural style.
NEXT STEPS