What is Historic Preservation?

The identification, documentation, and preservation of significant historic and cultural resources.
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- By preserving historic structures and cultural resources, we are able to tell our story through the spaces and environments of generations past.
National Register of Historic Places

- Official list of historic and cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation
- Resources are documented and evaluated according to uniform standards
- Helpful in the consideration of planning and development
Benefits of the NR

• National recognition of historic significance
• Consideration in the planning of federal or federally funded projects (106)
• Eligibility for federal and state rehabilitation tax credits and other incentives
• Credibility to preservation efforts
• Helps communities recognize, understand and appreciate their historic resources
Historic Preservation District

- Initiated by local concerned citizens, primarily in response to extensive demolition or changes
- Establishes the review process for exterior changes including demolition
- Guidelines developed on the basis of recommendations of neighborhood property owners to address neighborhood character
- Public input concerning significant changes in the neighborhood
Design Overlay District

• Overlay Districts are intended to promote compatibility of development with existing land use and design features.

• Proposed developments and physical changes to the exterior of a building are reviewed in accordance with established principles and guidelines.
Local vs. National

• National Register listing is a national designation administered by the National Park Service

• National Register provides recognition and tax credit possibilities but no protection from demolition, unless Federal money involved

• Local Designation is a local act and administered by Landmarks Commission

• Many locally designated districts are also National Register Districts

• Has local oversight including specific protection against demolition and unkind alterations
NR vs. HP Districts

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- Eligibility for incentives
- Consideration in the planning
- Consideration in federally funded projects (106)

**Historic Preservation**
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- Guidelines developed on the basis of neighborhood character
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