

What are the benefits of being in a Local Historic District?

1. Old Homes are built better. They are generally of much higher quality construction than homes built today. The lumber used to build them came from mature trees that were properly seasoned and milled to full dimension, which yields stronger framing. Structures were thoughtfully detailed, and the finishes, including fixtures, wood floors and trim, were typically site-built and handmade. Comparable detailing in today's new construction is very expensive.
2. Old neighborhoods are convenient. Our human-scaled, pedestrian-friendly district is eminently livable, close to downtown, and rich in amenities that don't require a car to navigate.
3. Old Homes are Green. "Recycling" historical structures saves energy and reduces the need for producing new construction materials.
4. Old Homes hold their value. Time and again, studies have documented that where local historic districts are established, property values rise.
5. Saving Old Homes is good business: Historic preservation creates ripple effects throughout our local economy, including urban revitalization, job creation, small business incubation, and tourism.
6. Homes in the Historic District have the ability to obtain National and State Tax credits.