

Historic Preservation Strategy Plan Update

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Overview



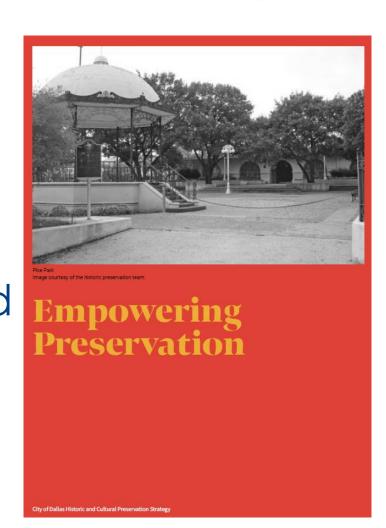
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Background



- City Council unanimously adopted the Historic and Cultural Preservation Strategy (HCPS) on April 10, 2024 introducing a vision and mission for enhanced preservation functions.
- Planning and Development provided an update on the Historic Preservation program to the Quality of Life and Arts Committee on September 16, 2024.





Updates - Ordinances



- City Council unanimously repealed a 2010 ordinance that allowed dozens of smaller historic homes, mostly in traditionally Black historic neighborhoods, to be demolished.
- A code amendment of the Demolition Delay ordinance that would allow all completed historic resource surveys to be used to better define "Demo Delay" areas was taken to CPC on 4/10/25.



Updates – Training and Education



- Yearly National Alliance of Preservation
 Commissions training for Landmark Commissioners,
 Task Force Chairs, and staff will begin this October.
- Staff will collaborate with Preservation Dallas to plan and conduct workshops and bolster educational programs.







Updates – Initiations



- Belmont Hotel CPC Re-initiated 8/8/2024
- Dallas City Hall 3/3/2025
- Eagle Ford Bridge 3/3/2025
- Colonial Theater 4/7/2025
- Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church 4/7/2025







Updates – Sites and Projects



- Economic Impact Study of the Historic Preservation and Conservation programs to be completed in September.
- Historic Resources Survey of Colonial Hills and Wheatley Place to be completed in September.
- Work continues on Queen City's Historic District initiation, the first district to be created since 2006.





Updates – Next Steps



- Refine and bring forward code amendments recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Re-convene the HCPS task force to define and explore path to establish Legacy Cultural Districts.
- Completion of Historic designations of various structures initiated in 2023.
- Prepare FY 26-27 Budget that funds a city-wide HRS, a Preservation Plan, and new staff.
- Initial research and studies into establishing a Deconstruction Program.





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