

Dallas Historic and Cultural Preservation

STRATEGIC PLAN

What is historic preservation?

Historic preservation is the practice of identifying, protecting, and celebrating physical spaces (usually buildings, neighborhoods, sites, and landscapes) that are historically and culturally important.

To protect these spaces, city governments regulate demolition and renovations to historically designated properties.

What does the City of Dallas' historic preservation program do?

The City's preservation program currently has four main components:

1 Landmark Commission

Responsible for making decisions on Certificates of Appropriateness applications within all City of Dallas historic districts and individually designated structures and reviewing applications for historic designation and demolitions. The Landmark Commission, a quasi-judicial body, is made up of fifteen members and three alternates, all appointed by the City Council.

2 Landmark Designation

The City's preservation program gives a designation to individual landmarks and neighborhoods (landmark historic districts) that are significant to the history and culture of Dallas. These designations protect the designated buildings from being significantly changed or demolished.

3 Certificates of Appropriateness

Design review through the Certificate of Appropriateness process ensures that proposed work is sympathetic to the historic character of designated properties. Certificates of Appropriateness are reviewed by Landmark Commission or staff.

4 Historic Tax Incentives

The Historic Tax Exemption program encourages rehabilitation of individual Landmark properties and those in historic districts. These incentives make it financially easier and more appealing for developers and property owners to save historic structures.

Why does the program need a strategic plan?

The City of Dallas recently adopted a Racial Equity Plan, an Equitable Economic Development Policy, and a Housing Policy. These policies seek to eliminate disparities for Dallas residents, foster full participation in cultural and civic life, and eliminate the racial wealth gap. The City now must ensure the historic preservation program is consistent with adopted equity policies.

The preservation strategic plan will define a vision, mission, and goals, recommendations, and priorities to implement the City of Dallas Racial Equity Plan. The plan will list the steps necessary to achieve that vision, including necessary resources, updates to ordinances and processes, partnerships, and new tools.

How can I help?

We need your help to define a mission and vision for the City's historic preservation program!

1. Fill out this brief survey.



2. Join us at one of our community workshops next month.

Date + Time	Location
Tue. Sept. 12, 6 - 7pm	Browder Springs Hall, Old City Park, 2814 Main St, Dallas, TX 75215
Wed. Sept. 13, 6 - 7pm	Samuell-Gran Recreation Center, 6200 E Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75223
Sat. Sept. 16, 10:30 - 11:30am	West Dallas Multipurpose Center, 2828 Fish Trap Road, Dallas, TX 75212

3. Sign up for our email list to receive updates and reminders.



4. Could your neighborhood benefit from a historic district designation? Take the survey or sign up to receive updates.