



Existing Building



CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

A Proposed Policy Tool That May Support Preservation and Compatible Development

In Collaboration With:

Various Legacy Community Organizations & Academic Institutions
Legacy Residents & Advocates
COH Planning Dept.

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AN ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO PRESERVATION

HFTC is seeking feedback regarding residents interest in creating a Conservation District for Freedmen's Town. This proposed but not yet city council approved preservation tool could provide protection for historic structures and parcels (as selected by property owners). Conservation Districts are a preservation tool that could provide protection for historical structures and parcels. The City of Houston is currently proposing conservation districts as a way to support the efforts of preservation in Houston for neighborhoods like Freedmen's Town. They provide a more flexible way for property owners to protect their community's character and address concerns stemming from redevelopment.

What elements of a community's character can a Conservation District regulate? The current proposal for Houston's Conservation Districts includes the following list of attributes. A district may include some or all of these standards:

- **Building height or number of stories**
- Building size and massing, (the general shape and form of the structure)
- Front-facing building features
- Lot size and coverage
- Front and side building setbacks
- Off-street parking and yard parking
- Roof line and pitch
- Paving and hardscape covering
- General site planning (location of primary and secondary structures)
- **Architectural style and detailing**
- Building materials
- Garage entrance location
- Fences and walls
- **Building relocation and demolitions**
- Alterations to existing structures

BENEFITS & IMPACTS

Potential benefits of creating a Conservation District for your community could include:

- Protect the character, look and feel of an area or neighborhood
- Support compatible development and new construction
- Promote livability and quality of life
- Includes structures of any age

KEY STAKEHOLDERS / PARTNERS

Community-Led Effort

Houston Freedmen's Town Conservancy (Advocacy Partner)

