

What We Heard from You: **Historic Preservation**

Preserve and enhance the unique cultural heritage, beauty, and identity of the District of Columbia by respecting the historic physical form of the city and the enduring value of its historic structures and places, recognizing their importance to the citizens of the District and the nation, and sharing mutual responsibilities for their protection and stewardship.

Public Comment

- Welcome needed development in the city in a way that is sensitive to historic character.
- Protect landmarks and valued places, while encouraging new contemporary architecture.
- Achieve preservation without causing displacement of long-time residents.
- Promote an inclusive approach to recognizing and sustaining the city's cultural heritage.
- Increase public education about local history, and encourage awareness of historic resources.

Agency Input

- Expand discussion of DC's historic character beyond its role as the national capital.
- Clarify and highlight the essential role of preservation planning.
- Reflect a revised Federal Historic Preservation Element (2016) and revised zoning (ZR-16).
- Reflect recent progress, including the online data source HistoryQuest DC, in the Historic survey policies.
- Balance preservation needs with programs that support housing affordability.
- Emphasize the need to adapt historic properties and enhance neighborhoods.
- Address sustainability, resilience, and use of historic buildings for affordable housing.
- Emphasize cultural inclusiveness and public access to information.

Priorities that Will Shape our City

Balance Growth & Historic Character

Encourage Vital & Authentic Places

Manage Change

Adapt Historic Buildings

Expand Affordable Preservation

Build Strong Neighborhoods

Preserve & Share Inspiring Stories

Celebrate Civic Identity