

**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM
St. Frances de Sales School Cafeteria**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Vote
Welcome	Steve Ramos, President of the EWHA Board, called the monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:03PM. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting in person. No Zoom option was provided.	None
1. Assembly Minutes	The January 7 General Assembly Meeting minutes were posted on the website today. The Assembly will approve the minutes next month, once everyone has been able to review.	N/A
2. Cincinnati Police Report	<p>Officer Perry Locke presented the crime statistics for January.</p> <p><u>Crime Noted</u> 0 Rape 0 Aggravated Assault 0 Burglary/Breaking & Entering 4 Theft from Auto 5 Auto Thefts, and 0 Personal Thefts</p> <p>Note that the homicide listed on the report summary was listed in error. That should be reported in Walnut Hills.</p> <p>Officer Locke reminded everyone not to leave your car running and unattended. Particularly when it gets cold, they can be stolen and left by individuals trying to avoid walking in the cold.</p> <p>As a reminder, more undercover agents have been deployed in the area.</p> <p>Officer Perry Locke: 513-979-4433; Email: perry.locke@cincinnati-oh.gov; Supervisor, Sergeant Sellers: 513-979-4470</p>	None
3. Busch Recreation Center	<p>Ms. Vanessa Henderson presented upcoming events for the Bush Recreation Center.</p> <p>Some of the key events for the month include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor’s Job Fair is being held February 14 at TQL Stadium for individuals 14-21 years of age, looking for summer employment • Mt Auburn is holding Float Meditation at their pool. Contact the Aquatics Division for more information. • Busch Recreation Center is looking for summer lifeguards. Contact them if you know anyone interested. • Registration is coming up for Summer Day Camp for children 6-12 year olds. • Mrs Henderson is interested in starting Mahjong at the Busch Recreation Center. Reach out to her if you have experience and/or are interested. • Busch hours M-F 11AM-8PM <p>Additional information on the above events and other Cincinnati Recreation Commission information is attached.</p> <p>Vanessa L. Henderson, Service Area Coordinator at Bush Recreation Center 513-281-1286 or 513-281-1218; cincyrec.org</p>	None
4. Fire Department	<p>Station 23 Lieutenant presented.</p> <p>January Run Totals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine 23 had 383 runs (270 EMS, 113 Fire) • Truck 23 had 219 runs (72 EMS, 147 Fire) • Medic 23 had 426 runs <p>The lieutenant also cautioned everyone to be particularly careful with in-home heating appliances (space heaters, stoves, etc), as they tend to be risky fire hazards in the winter.</p>	None

5. Guest Speaker	<p>Beth Johnson, Executive Director at Cincinnati Preservation, presented to the Assembly on a potential East Walnut Hills Historic District Expansion. Beth Sullenberger, consultant, was also in attendance and Drew Gores, President of DeSales Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (DCDC), introduced Beth.</p> <p>The full presentation is attached to the minutes and posted to the website. This presentation was intended to be an initial informative session to familiarize the neighborhood and impacted areas with the efforts, gauge initial reactions, and answer questions. The presentation included basic information on historic designations, the specific boundaries proposed, and different considerations / practical impacts for the properties in the proposed historic district.</p> <p>During the Q&A the following questions and points were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Evanston resident wants to ensure the Evanston Community Council is included. While Drew and Beth assured the Assembly that they will absolutely be included in the process, the resident emphasized that the Evanston Community Council should have been included in the first presentation / meeting. • There was a question as to the border of the proposed area and specifically why the historic district did not extend south of Taft. Beth and Drew said they are open to discussing the inclusion of additional areas either during this process or expanding the district in the future. However, they are cautious to control the scope. • A resident inquired around historic Certification of Appropriateness (COAs) applications that were submitted to the board to gain perspective on the number of acceptances, rejections, etc. Beth indicated that someone is pulling the statistics to understand the COAs, which she will share with the group once complete. • Beth emphasized that homes in historic districts don't need to upgrade materials. They just need to maintain homes with similar materials that are currently in place. • There are approximately 200 houses included in the proposed historic district. <p>Beth summarized the next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This same presentation will be shared with the Evanston Community Council. • The team will continue to share information in future meetings and on social media platforms, keeping the community informed and answering questions / soliciting feedback. • The team wants to use multiple communication platforms to capture feedback and answer questions from those that might not feel as comfortable asking in public. • Anyone is encouraged to use the contact information on the East Walnut Hills website to provide thoughts and/or ask questions. • Beth and Drew emphasized that this will be a long process, approximately two years. 	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>Brandi Yoder presented the October Treasurer's report on behalf of Vince Accorinti. It was also posted to the website.</p> <p>There was a point made that the membership dues (income) is lower than we see at this point in the year, historically.</p>	None
Adjournment	There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.	None

Assembly meeting pre-reading: [Agenda, December 2025 Treasurer's Report, and January 2026 Meeting Minutes.](#)

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 4th AT 7:00P.M.

Meetings will take place at the St. Francis de Sales School cafeteria.

Submitted by Brandi Yoder, Secretary

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**THE EAST WALNUT HILLS ASSEMBLY, INC.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

**February 4, 2026, 7:00-8:30 pm Saint
Francis De Sales School Cafeteria**

AGENDA

1. Delivery of Minutes from General Assembly Meeting on January 7, 2026
2. Cincinnati Police Report from Officer Locke
3. Bush Recreation Center Report from Ms. Vanessa Henderson
4. Treasurer's Report from Vince Accorinti
5. Presentation on East Walnut Hills Historic District Expansion from Beth Johnson, Executive Director, Cincinnati Preservation
6. Presentation Q&A:
7. General Q&A
8. Adjournment

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING: 7 pm on March 4, 2026 at St. Francis de Sales School Cafeteria

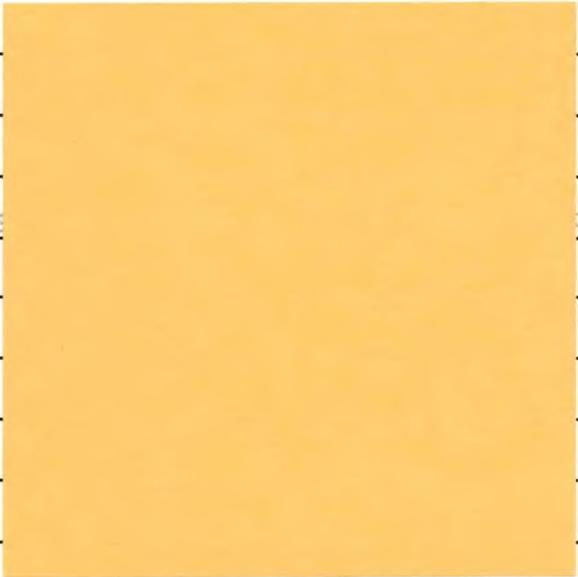
THE EWH BOARD WILL MEET: 7 pm on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

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**East Walnut Hills Assembly
Sign In**

Name (please print)	Are you a resident of EWH (y/n)?	Are you receiving emails from EWH Assembly (y/n)?	If you wish to be added to the EWH Assembly email list, please provide your email address.	Are you a Member of the EWH Assembly (y/n)? Must be current on dues.
Kate Walker		✓		✓
Jane Self		✓		✓
John McHugh		✓		✓
FRED MARTIN	Y	Y		Y ✓
ROB TRACER	Y	Y		✓
Marcia Brown	Y	N	W	N
Shannon Miranda	Y	Y		Y
Kayce Flowers	Y	Y		
Jeff Buttaband	Y	Y		
VHendersch	N	yes		
Diana Martens	Y	yes		
Wendy Lavende	N	N		N
Colton Birth	Y	N		N

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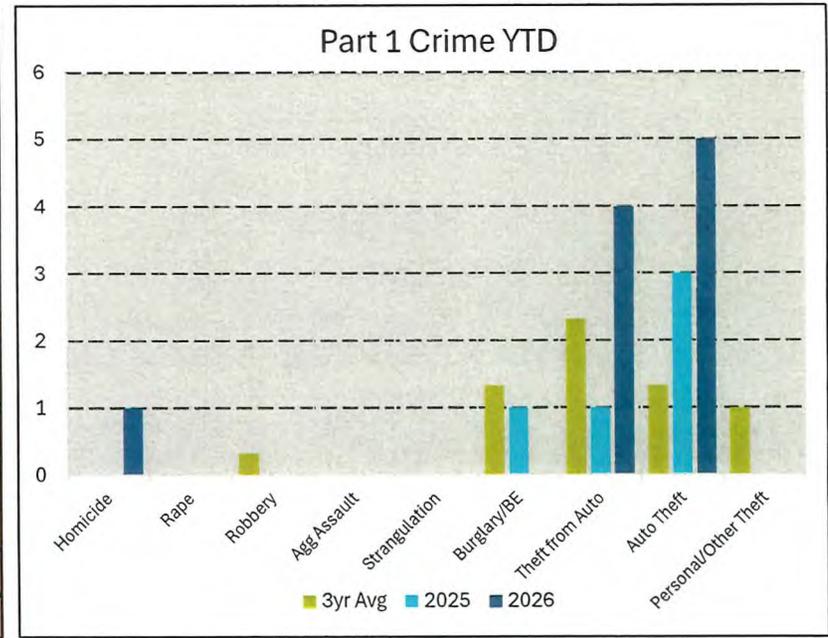
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R. BOYD STON	Y	Y		X	
Ann Saluke	Y	Y		Y	
DON YELTON	Y	Y		Y	
BETH COULSON	Y	Y		Y	
STEVE BERTKE	N	N		s com	N
PATTY BERTKE	N	N			N
BRANDI YODER	Y	Y			Y

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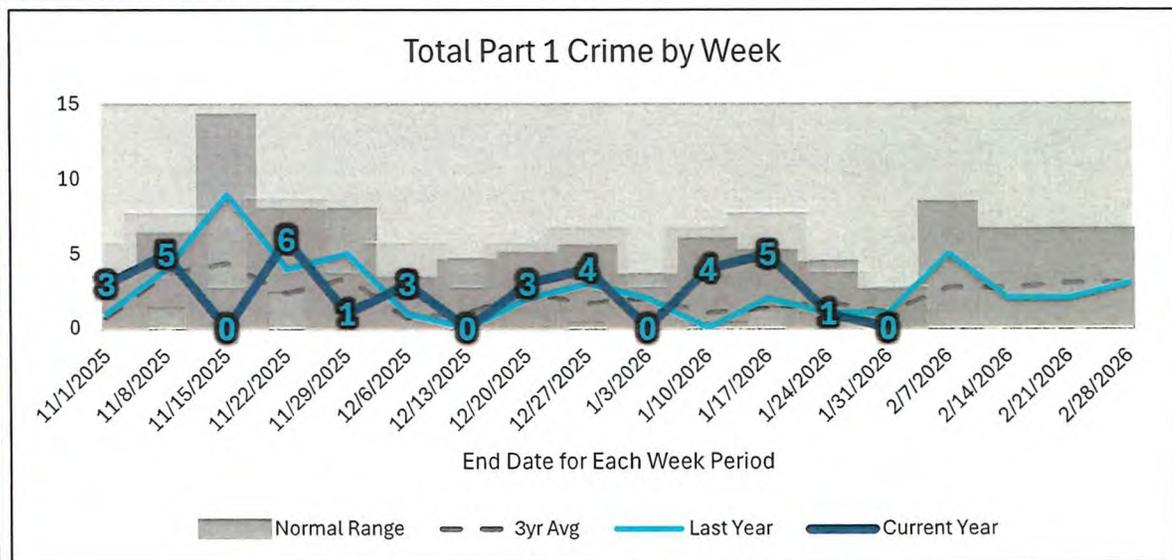
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John McHugh	Y	Y		Y
CHRIS DAVIS	Y	Y		Y
Freeman Durham	Y	Y		Y
Ed Catlett	N	Y		Y
Nick Wright	Y	Y		Y
Christopher Marshburn	Y	Y		Y
ALICE RYAN NTUC	N	Y	ALICE	Y
Roxana Holloway	N	N		N
Christine Johnson	Y	Y		Y
James Madden	N	N	James	N
Jenna Norman	N	N	Jenna	N
Donald	N			
Jay Zhang	Y	Y	Jay	N
Missy Fox	Y	Y		

East Walnut Hills Neighborhood Report

Part 1 Crime YTD	3yr Avg	2025	2026	% Change: 3yr Avg / 26	% Change: 2025 / 2026
Homicide	0.00	0	1	+1	+1
Rape	0.00	0	0	N/C	N/C
Robbery	0.33	0	0	-0.33	N/C
Agg Assault	0.00	0	0	N/C	N/C
Strangulation	--	0	0	--	N/C
Part 1 Violent	0.33	0	1	200.00%	+1
Burglary/BE	1.33	1	0	-1.33	-1
Theft from Auto	2.33	1	4	71.43%	300.00%
Auto Theft	1.33	3	5	275.00%	66.67%
Personal/Other Theft	1.00	0	0	-1	N/C
Part 1 Property	6.00	5	9	50.00%	80.00%
Part 1 Total	6.33	5	10	57.89%	100.00%



Part 1 Crime 28 Day	Last 28 Days	Current 28 Days	% Change
Homicide	0	1	+1
Rape	0	0	N/C
Robbery	0	0	N/C
Agg Assault	0	0	N/C
Strangulation	0	0	N/C
Part 1 Violent	0	1	+1
Burglary/BE	0	0	N/C
Theft from Auto	1	4	300.00%
Auto Theft	5	5	N/C
Personal/Other Theft	1	0	-1
Part 1 Property	7	9	28.57%
Part 1 Total	7	10	42.86%



Current 28-Day Period: 01/04/26 - 01/31/26

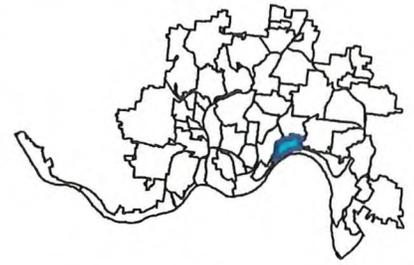
Strangulations are a subcategory of Agg Assaults which were introduced into the ORC in April 2023, therefore, are excluded from categories pre-dating 2024





NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT: EAST WALNUT HILLS

Current 28-Day Period:
1/4/2026 - 1/31/2026



**All information shown here is preliminary and subject to change*

- ▲ Auto Theft
- ★ Burglary/BE
- Personal/Other Theft
- ◆ Theft from Auto
- Agg Assault
- ◆ Rape
- ▲ Robbery
- Strangulation
- ★ Homicides

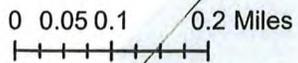
Gilbert Av



Riverside Dr

Ohio River

4th Ave





Neighborhood Block Report

28-Day Period: 1/4/2026 - 1/31/2026

EAST WALNUT HILLS

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Part 1 Property - Auto Theft

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
2026-INC-000327	Auto Theft	1/6/2026 8:33:00 AM	24XX SALUTARIS AVE
2026-INC-000329	Auto Theft	1/6/2026 8:33:00 AM	24XX SALUTARIS AVE
2026-INC-000686	Auto Theft	1/11/2026 12:40:00 PM	14XX LOCUST ST
2026-INC-000690	Auto Theft	1/11/2026 1:33:00 PM	23XX VICTORY PKWY
2026-INC-001219	Auto Theft	1/19/2026 10:48:00 AM	25XX WOODBURN AVE

Part 1 Property - Theft from Auto

Incident No	Offense	Date of Offense	Street Block
2026-INC-000330	Theft from Auto	1/6/2026 8:55:00 AM	17XX MADISON RD
2026-INC-000350	Theft from Auto	1/6/2026 2:15:00 PM	26XX CLEINVIEW AVE
2026-INC-000690	Theft from Auto	1/11/2026 1:33:00 PM	23XX VICTORY PKWY
2026-INC-000885	Theft from Auto	1/14/2026 8:32:00 AM	26XX VICTORY PKWY

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

MACA, EWAC, and WHAC Month – February 2026
Bush Recreation Center 2640 Kemper Lane – 281-1286

Report Topics –

20th Annual Mayor's Career Expo will be held on Saturday, February 14th at TQL Stadium First Financial Club 1501 Central Parkway. 9am – 1pm City Departments have part time, seasonal, Y2K, and full-time positions available.

Aquatics will host Float Mediation on 2/27, 4/10, and 4/30/26. Pool membership is required. Free Red Cross Lifeguard Trainings Courses – complete the course and work for CRC. Warm water indoor pool from swimming lessons to water exercise. Located at Mt. Auburn Pool 2034 Young Street. For more information about CRC Aquatic's programs, please call 513-357-7665.

Bush hours 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Monday – Friday.

Upcoming events:

- February 13th Valentine's Day party for ASDC 3:30 – 5:00pm.
- CRC Athletics Adult Leagues Softball, Kickball, Volleyball, Pickleball, and Soccer. Register at www.cincyrec.org. Call Athletics at 513-961-1584.
- Summer Day Camp registration continues until all camps are filled. Participants must be between the ages of 5 -12 years (5 years old must have completed all-day kindergarten are eligible). SDC will run for 10 weeks 6/8 – 8/14/26. The hours are 7:00am – 6:00pm. Application fees are not included. Please complete online registration <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/cincinnati.html> or cincyrec.org
- MAHJONG? We want to offer Mahjong at Bush Center in the Spring. If you are a skilled player and willing to teach others, please let me know.

CRC Center Membership Information – cards are valid at all CRC centers. At Bush Recreation Center your membership includes the fitness room. Other centers may have an additional fitness fee.

Seniors \$10.00 (50 plus)

Adults \$25.00 (25 – 49 yr)

Young Adults \$10.00 (18 – 24 yr)

Junior \$2.00 (5 – 17 yr)

Float Meditation

float ~ breathe ~ let go

Floating Meditation combines mindful breathing and guided reflection to calm the mind and restore the body. The feeling of weightlessness invites deep rest & relaxation. Rejuvenate your mind, body and spirit—*discover how stillness can change your life.*

(F) February 27 - 7:00-8:00pm

(F) April 10 - 7:00-8:00pm

(TH) April 30 - 7:30-8:30pm

\$25 w/ CRC Pool Membership

\$35 non-member

(walk-in only if space available)

Summer sessions run June-August...**OUTDOORS!**



**Scan to reserve your spot now or
call 513-357-7665 to register by phone**

Mt. Auburn Indoor Pool

2034 Young St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Aquatics

FREE Red Cross Certified Lifeguard Training Courses From CRC GET YOUR SUMMER 2026 JOB NOW!

- Work the Water with CRC! Pay rates start at \$16 per hour.
- Course is FREE for those who work full-time for CRC for the entire 2026 summer season!
- Course fee is \$400 for non-CRC lifeguards.
- \$40 fee required for the current American Red Cross Lifeguard manual and course materials.
- Participants must turn 15 by the end of the lifeguard course.
- Attendance at pre-screening and every class within the course is mandatory.*

Course Entrance Requirements

1. Demonstrate proper technique for front crawl and breast stroke.
2. Continuously swim 150 yards utilizing front crawl and/or breast stroke - tread water keeping your face above the water only using your legs for 2 minutes - swim 50 yards utilizing front crawl and/or breast stroke.
3. Timed event: swim 20 yards, surface dive to 10 feet, retrieve a 10 pound brick, return to the surface & swim back to the starting point, keeping face at/near surface, holding the 10 pound brick with both hands.

Course	Location	Dates & Times
COURSE #1	Mt. Auburn Pool 2034 Young St., 45219	Dec 5 & 12 (Friday) from 5:00pm-9:00pm Dec 6, 7, 13, & 14 (sat & sun) from 9:00am-5:00pm
COURSE #2	Mt. Auburn Pool 2034 Young St., 45219	Jan 31, Feb 7 & 14 (sat) from 2:00pm-6:00pm Feb 1, 8 & 15 (sun) from 9:00am-5:00pm
COURSE #3	Mt. Auburn Pool 2034 Young St., 45219	Mar 6 & 13 (Friday) from 5:00pm-9:00pm Mar 7, 8, 14 & 15 (sat & sun) from 9:00am-5:00pm
COURSE #4	Walnut Hills High School 1515 Jonathan Ave., 45207	Pre-Screening: March 23 from 9:00am-10:30am Mar 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 (mon-fri) from 9:00am-5:00pm
COURSE #5	Mt. Auburn Pool 2034 Young St., 45219	Apr 11, 18 & 25 (sat) from 2:00pm-6:00pm Apr 12, 19 & 26 (sun) from 9:00am-5:00pm

Course Includes

American Red Cross Lifeguarding
CPR for the Professional Rescuer/AED



Pre-register for a screening online with QR code!

Candidates must successfully pass a pre-screening prior to course registration.

Cincinnati Recreation Commission
Mt. Auburn

Warm Water Indoor Pool
 Winter 2026 ~ January 5th- February 28TH

TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8:00 AM						
8:30 AM						
9:00 AM	Water Exercise 9:00-10:00	Swim Lessons L1- 9:15-9:45 L2- 9:45-10:15 L3- 10:15-10:45	Water Exercise 9:00-10:00	Aqua Stretch/Pilates 9:00-9:45	Water Exercise 9:00-10:00	
9:30 AM		Lap Swim 9:00-11:00				
10:00 AM						
10:30 AM	Open/Lap Swim 10:00-12:15	Open/Lap Swim 11:00-12:15	Open/Lap Swim 10:00-12:15	Swim Lessons Adult-9:45-10:15 Open/Lap Swim 10:00-12:15	Swim Lessons P&C-10:15-10:45 L1- 10:45-11:15 L2/3- 11:15-11:45	TR-Adapted AQ 9:00-12:00
11:00 AM						
11:30 AM						
12:00 PM						
12:30 PM						
1:00 PM					Open/Lap Swim 11:00-2:00	
1:30 PM						
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3:00 PM						
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM	Swim Lessons L1- 4:15-4:45 L2- 4:50-5:20 L3- 5:25-5:55	Swim Lessons Parent + Child- 4:00-4:30	Swim Lessons L1- 4:15-4:45 L2- 4:50-5:20 L3- 5:25-5:55	Open/Family Swim 4:00-7:00	Open/Family Swim 4:00-6:00	
4:30 PM		TR-Adapted AQ 4:30-7:00		Pre- Lifeguarding 4:00-7:00		
5:00 PM						
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM	Water Exercise 6:00-7:00		Water Exercise 6:00-7:00			
6:30 PM						
7:00 PM	Open Swim 7:00-9:00	Open Swim 7:00-9:00	Open Swim 7:00-9:00	Swim Lessons Adult- 7:00-7:45 L3/4- 7:00-7:45	Kayak Skills 6:00pm - 8:00pm (Jan. 9 - Feb. 20)	
7:30 PM	Pre- Lifeguarding 7:00-9:00		Pre- Lifeguarding 7:00-9:00			
8:00 PM						
8:30 PM						
9:00 PM						

- Pool Membership or Daily User fee required for entry.
- Participation in pool classes/ programs requires membership
- Class fees due in advance
- Not open on Holidays
- Schedule subject to change
- ADDRESS- 2034 Young St. 45219
- INFORMATION- CRC Aquatics office 513-357-POOL(7665)
- POOL PHONE- 513-381-6780
- CRC WEBSITE- cincyrec.org for information, class registration and to purchase pool memberships

Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Group Swim Lessons

(No classes 1/19 & 2/16)

PARENT & CHILD LESSONS:

FEE: \$40 per child + child membership

Ages 6 mos.-3 yrs old: 1 child to 1 Adult in the water

LEVEL 1, 2 & 3 SWIM LESSONS:

FEE: \$40 per student + membership

Ages 3 years - 14 years old

LEVEL 3/4 & ADULT LESSONS:

FEE: \$40 per student + membership

Ages 3 years-14 years ~ Adult 18+

Tuesday - 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Session 1 - January 6 - February 24

Monday/Wednesday - Level 1 4:15pm-4:45pm

Level 2 4:50pm-5:20pm

Level 3 5:25pm-5:55pm

• Session 1- January 5 - January 28

• Session 2- February 2 - February 25

Tuesdays (1 day a week)* - Level 1 9:15am-9:45am

Level 2 9:45am-10:15am

Level 3 10:15am-10:45am

Fridays (1 day a week) -Level 1 10:45am-11:15am**

Level 2/3 11:15am-11:45am

*1 Session runs January 6 - February 24

**1 Session runs January 9 - February 27

Both Thursday - 7:00-7:45pm

• Session 1- January 8 - February 26

Adult Thursday - 9:45am-10:15am

Session 1 - January 8 - February 26

Open, Lap, Family Swim

Membership or daily fee required for all swimmers

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ages 7 and younger must always swim with an adult within arm's reach.

Open to All Ages

January 5th - February 27th (Closed 1/19 & 2/16)

Mon, Wed

10:00am - 12:15pm

Tues

11:00am - 12:15pm

Thur

10:00am - 12:15pm

Fri

11:00am - 2:00pm

Mon, Tues, Wed

Thur

Fri

7:00pm - 9:00pm

4:00pm - 7:00pm

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Water Exercise/Aqua Stretch

January 5th - February 27th (No class 1/19 & 2/16)

\$5 /1 class, \$40 /10 classes, \$72 /20 Classes

An aerobic water workout designed to get your heart pumping. Your first class is free, so come and try it!

Aqua Stretch targets the muscles with a gentle stretch improving flexibility and posture and

Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00am - 10:00am

Instructor: M. Smith

Mon, Wed 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Instructor: B. Phillips

Thur 9:00am - 9:45am

Instructor: C. Venuto

Membership Required

Pre-Lifeguard Classes

January 5th - February 28th (No class 1/19 & 2/16)

Free Instruction

Pre-Lifeguard Classes teach and refine swimming skills in preparation for American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Courses. Get prepared now for a summer job with CRC! See cincyrec.org for Lifeguard Course Schedule. Ages 14 years & older. Adults & Seniors welcome!

Mon, Wed 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Thurs 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Adapted Aquatics

- Session 1 - JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 21

Tues 4:30pm - 6:45pm

Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

Individualized swim and water safety lessons include all ability levels by incorporating American Red Cross swim progression and the IR Sequential Swim Progression for individuals with physical, neurological, developmental, and cognitive impairments. Call 513-352-4013 for more information and specific class times.

Please visit www.cincyrec.org for more information

ADULT SPRING LEAGUES

SOFTBALL



Mens + Co-Rec Adult Softball League at Schmidt/Oakley
 Registration: December 1st - March 9th
 Program Begins: March 16th - May 7th
 7 week league play + tournament
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

\$450 per team

KICKBALL



Adult Kickball League at Oakley
 Registration: December 1st - March 30th
 Program Begins: April 7th - May 26th
 7 week league play + tournament
 Tuesdays

\$450 Per team

3 V 3 BASKETBALL



Co-Rec Adult 3 v 3 Basketball League at Clifton
 Registration: January 21st - March 15th
 Program Begins: March 26th - May 28th
 7 week league play + tournament
 Thursdays

\$300 per team

4 V 4 SOCCER



Adult 4 v 4 Soccer League at CRC Mini Pitch (Various)
 Registration: January 5th - March 31st
 Program Begins: April 5th - June 7th
 7 week league play + tournament

\$300 per team

Sundays

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



Co-Rec Adult Indoor Volleyball League at North Avondale
 Registration: January 5th - March 31st
 Program Begins: April 6th - June 1st
 7 week league play + tournament
 Mondays

\$450 per team

PICKLEBALL 55+



Adult 55+ Pickleball League at North Avondale
 Registration: January 1st
 Program Begins: February 26th - April 16th
 8 week league play
 Thursdays

\$40 per person

MIXED PICKLEBALL (DOUBLES DUEL)



Adult Mixed Pickleball Doubles League at Clifton
 Registration: January 4th - March 4th
 Program Begins: March 11th - April 29th
 8 week league play
 Wednesdays

\$80 per team

REGISTER NOW

Visit our website for more upcoming events

CINCYREC.ORG





HISTORIC PRESERVATION
IN EAST WALNUT HILLS



Cincinnati
Preservation

WHAT IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Historic preservation is often defined as **the process of identifying, protecting, and enhancing buildings, places, and objects of historical and cultural significance.**- *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Historic preservation is a **conversation with our past about our future.** It provides us with opportunities to ask, "What is important in our history?" and "What parts of our past should we preserve for the future?" Through historic preservation, we look at history in different ways, ask questions of the past, and learn new things about our history and ourselves. Historic preservation is an important way for us to transmit our understanding of the past to future generations.- *National Park Service*



REASONS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

To promote the public health, safety and welfare;

To foster the beauty of the city;

To stabilize and increase property values;

To strengthen the local economy;

To maintain and enhance the distinctive character of historic buildings and areas;

To safeguard the heritage of the city by preserving districts and landmarks which reflect elements of its history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture;

To protect and enhance the city's attractions to current and prospective residents, businesses and tourists;

To facilitate reinvestment in and revitalization of certain districts and neighborhoods;

To facilitate and encourage economic development, public and private investment, and tourism in the city;

To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing built environment; and

To maintain the historic urban fabric of the city.

- From the City of Cincinnati Zoning Code



2 BASIC HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS LEVELS



National Register of Historic Places- established by the National Preservation Act of 1966



Local Preservation Designation- established by local ordinance 1976, most recently updated 2011

WHAT THE NATIONAL REGISTER DOES DO...



Recognition of historic properties and their importance (planning/education tool)

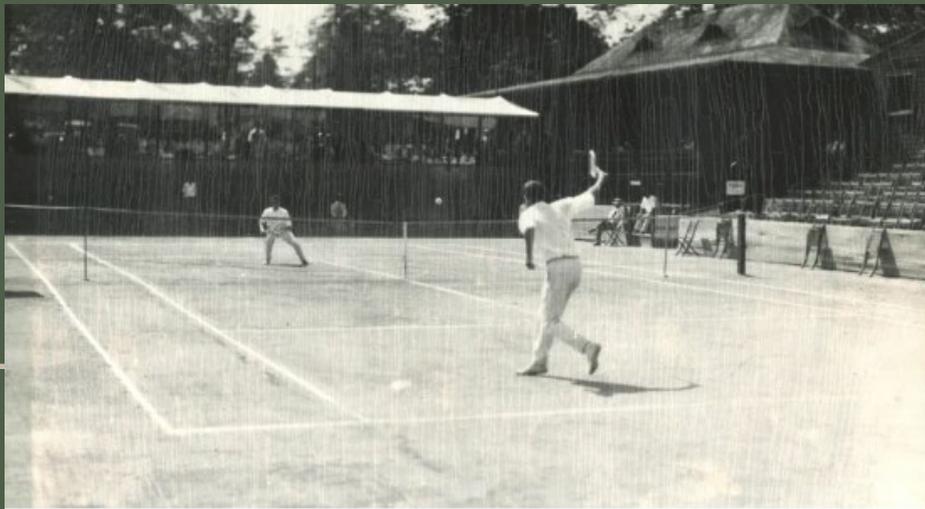
Consideration in planning federal and federally assisted projects (Section 106 Review Process)

Eligibility for federal and state tax benefits (income-producing contributing properties)

Qualifying preservation projects for federal grant assistance



WHAT THE NATIONAL REGISTER DOES NOT DO...

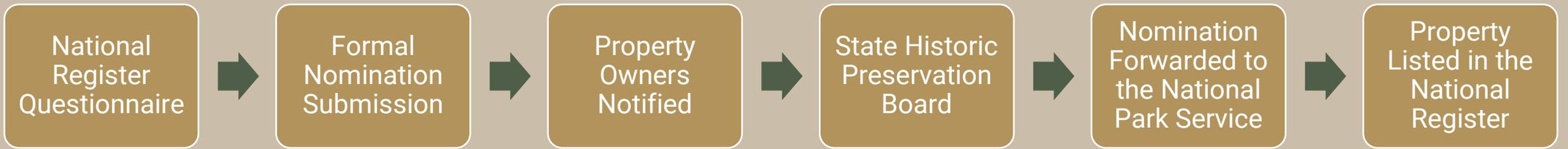


Prevent owner from remodeling, repairing, altering, selling, or demolishing with other than federal funds

Obligate owner to make repairs or improvements to property

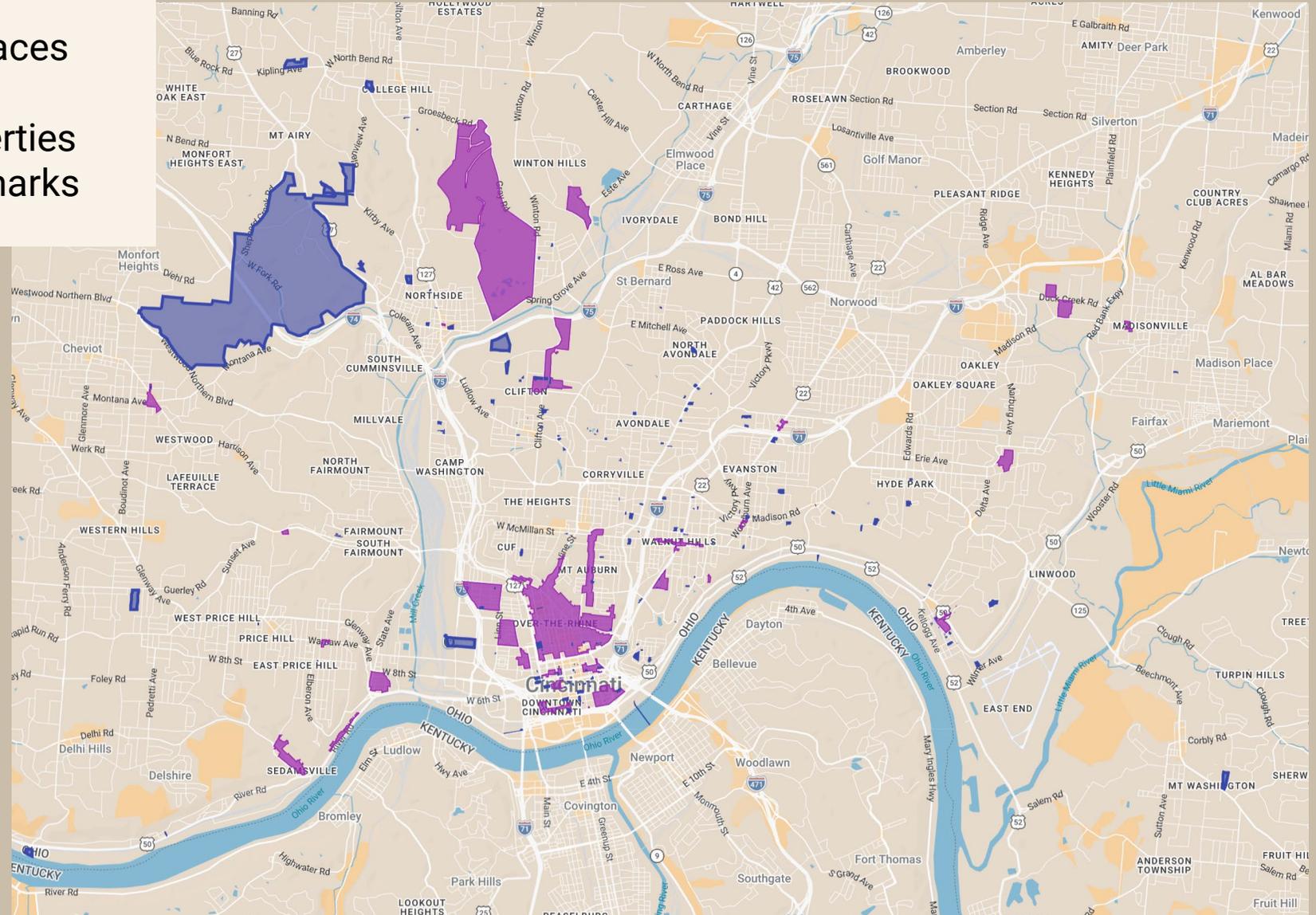


NATIONAL REGISTER DESIGNATION PROCESS



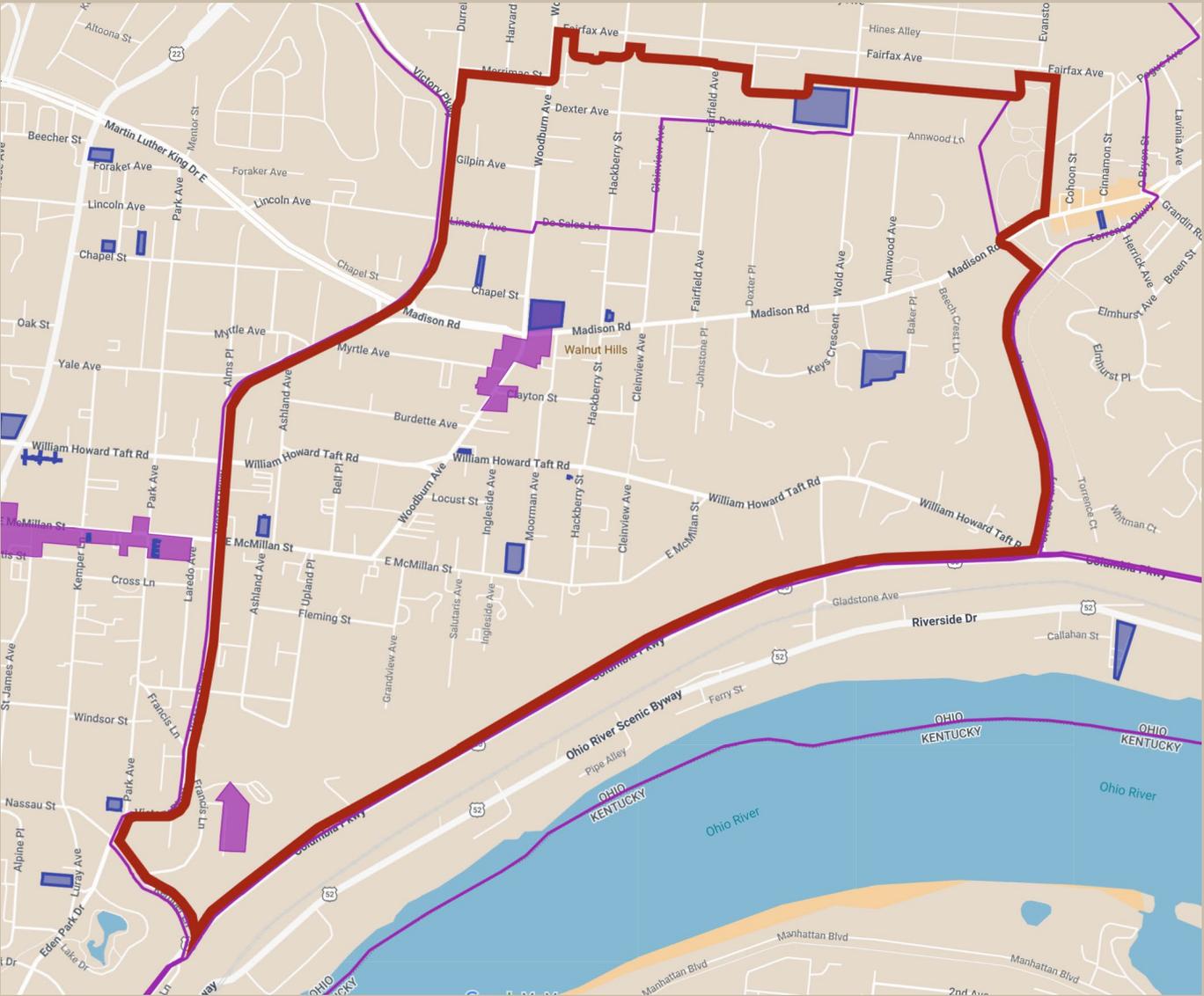
WHAT WE HAVE IN CINCINNATI ...

National Register of Historic Places
41 Historic Districts
242 Individual Listed Properties
10 National Historic Landmarks



WHAT EAST WALNUT HAS

National Register of Historic Places
2 Historic District
8 Individual Listings



LOCAL DESIGNATION

Local legislation is one of the best ways to protect the historic character of buildings, streetscapes, neighborhoods, and special landmarks from inappropriate alterations, inappropriate new construction, and other poorly conceived work, as well as outright demolition.

"The preservation ordinance is nothing more than local legislation enacted to protect buildings and neighborhoods from destruction or insensitive rehabilitation..." - *Pratt Cassity, Maintaining Community Character: How to Establish a Local Historic District. National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2000.*



WHAT THE LOCAL DESIGNATION DOES DO...



Establishes an objective process for designating historic properties and districts

Provides protection of historic properties and districts.
(Integrity and Demolition)

Tool to manage sympathetic change with design guidelines and review process

A thoughtful process to determine if demolition is the right answer

Stabilizes declining neighborhoods and protects and enhances property values.

Heritage Tourism... Studies show that people come to visit and then decide to stay longer in protected historic districts



WHAT THE LOCAL DESIGNATION DOES NOT DO...



Require improvements, changes, or restoration of the property

Require that historic properties be open for tours

Restrict the sale of the property

Require approval of interior changes or alterations

Prevent new construction within historic areas

Require approval for ordinary repair or maintenance



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

The Local District and Landmark ordinances require that prior to (exterior) material changes, (exterior) major alterations or demolition to a designated historic resource, the Historic Conservation Board or Staff must approve a Certificate of Appropriateness.

NOT REQUIRED FOR:

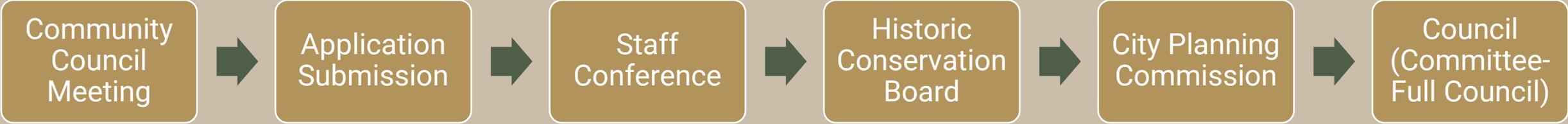
Paint colors

Ordinary repair
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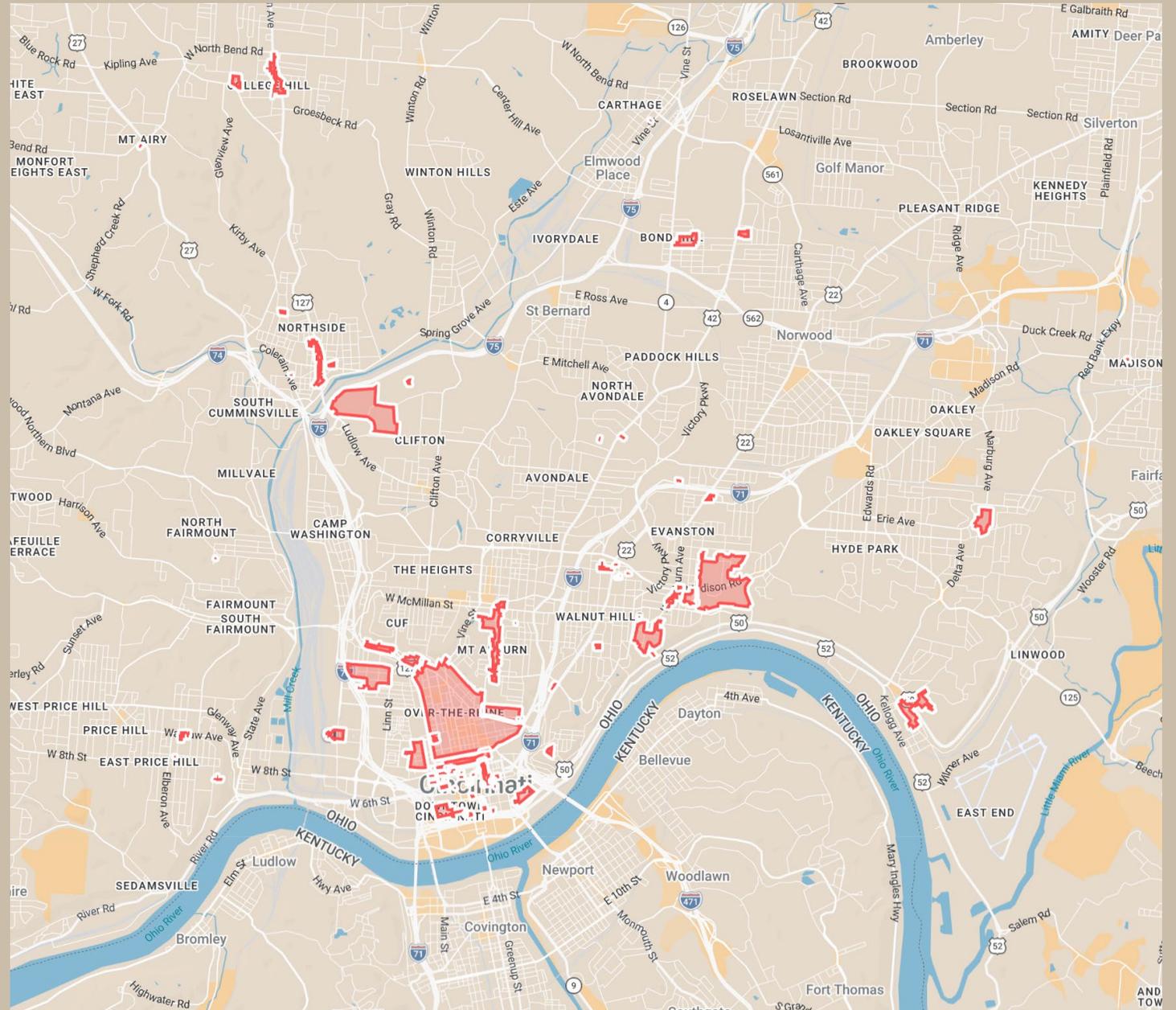
Interior
alterations

Landscaping

LOCAL DESIGNATION PROCESS

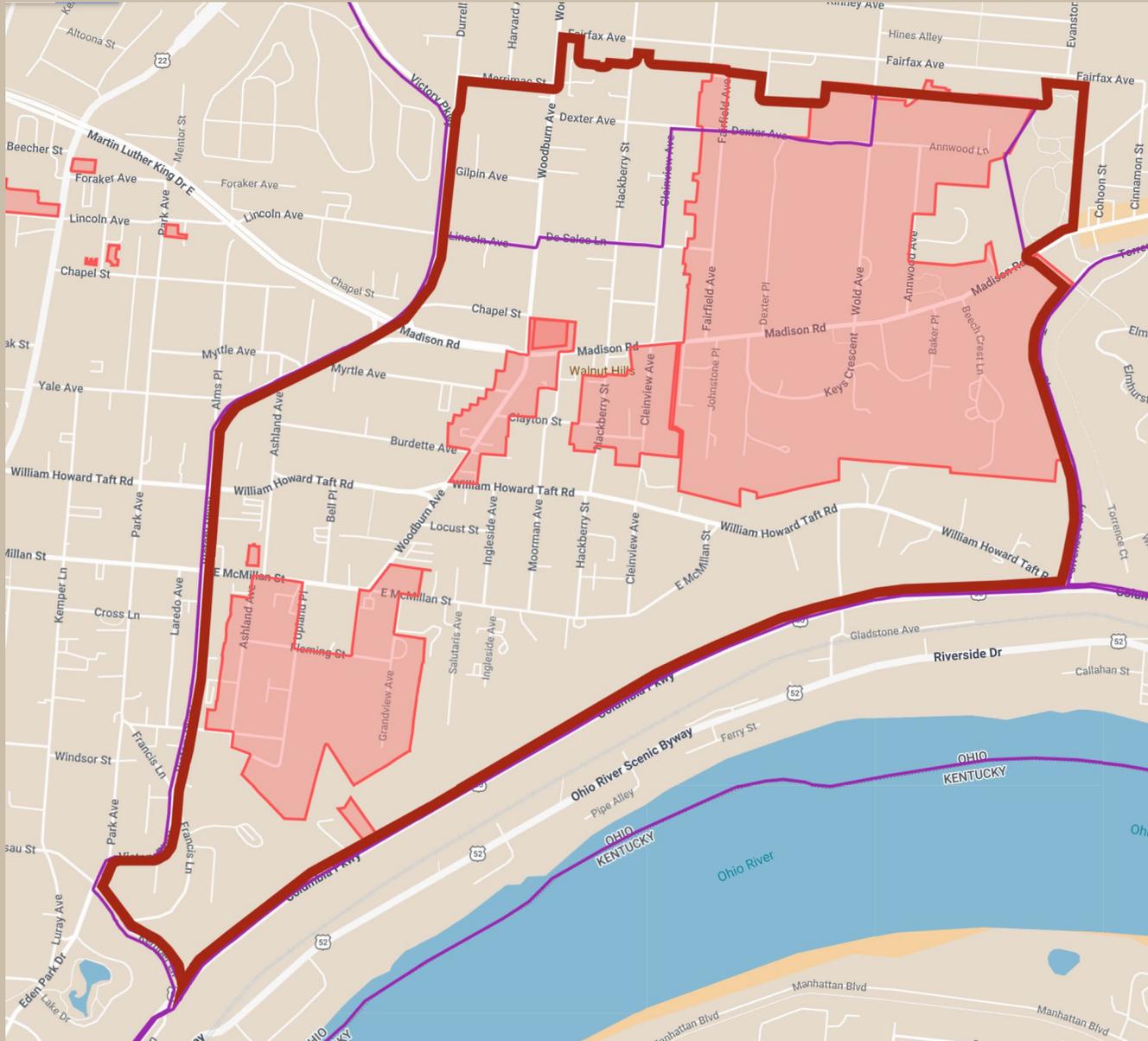


WHAT WE HAVE IN CINCINNATI ...



Local Designation
27 Historic Districts
53 Individual
Landmarks

WHAT EAST WALNUT HILLS HAS



Local Landmarks

- St. Francis Desales Church
- Benn Pitman House
- Williams YMCA

Local Historic Districts

- Cleinview-Hackberry
- East Walnut Hills
- Uplands
- Woodburn Ave NBD

OTHER PROTECTIONS- EASEMENTS



A preservation easement is a legal agreement between a grantor and a grantee that provides permanent protection from unsympathetic new construction, alterations, and demolition.

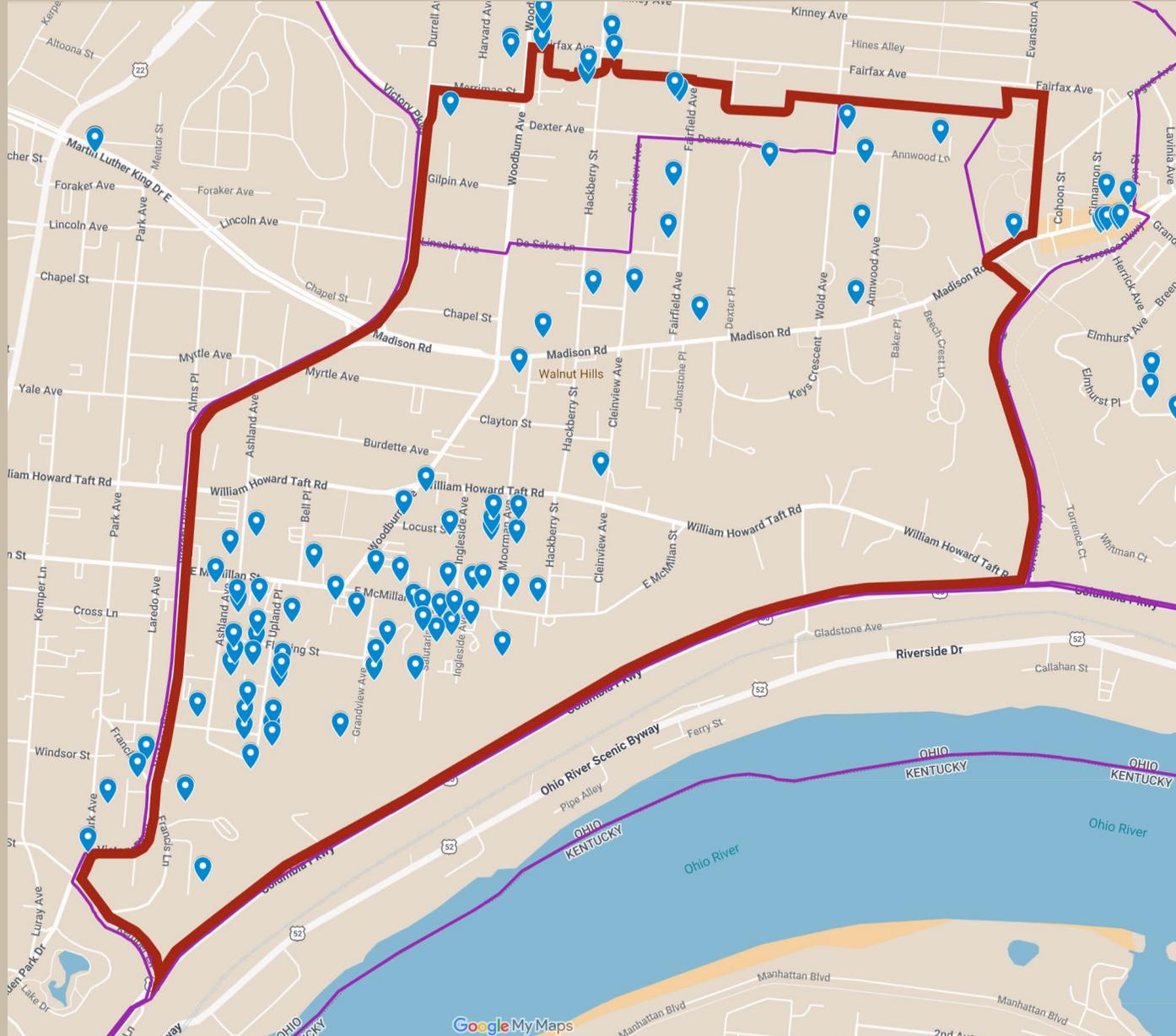
Can include interior and exterior, landscaping, open space and outbuildings.

Cincinnati Preservation Holds 89 Easements in the Greater Cincinnati Region.

Changes to the property approved by Cincinnati Preservation

Follow the Secretary of the Interiors Standards

WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED?

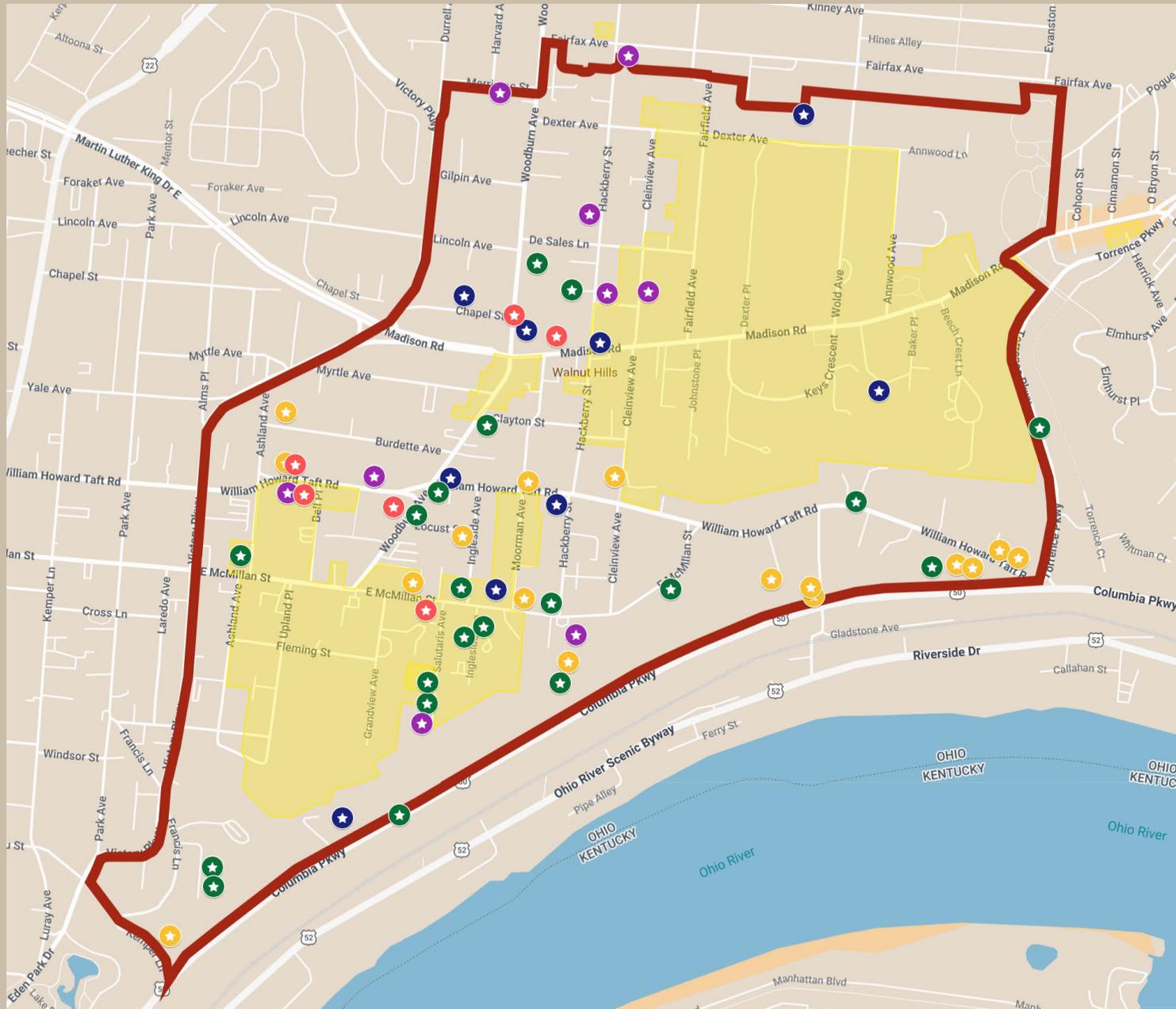


Ohio Historic Inventory Forms- 208 sites

- Basic Documentation- No formal findings

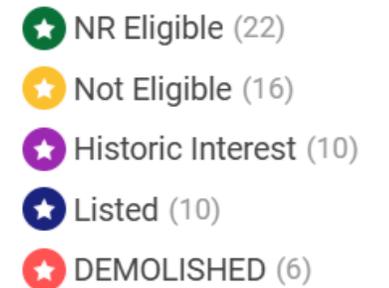
OHIO Historic Preservation Office 800 E. 17th Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 614/298-2000		OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY Draft Form - Not Reviewed by OHPO	
Section 106/EPF Review: _____		EPF Number: _____	
1. No. HAM0918731 NEW	4. Project Name(s): 3334 Montgomery		
2. County: Hamilton	5. Historic or Other Name(s): Druggist Flats		
6. Specific Address or Location: 3334 Montgomery Road	19a. Design Source(s):	33. Plan Shape: Rectangular	7. District: _____
6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number: DR. PT LOTS 1-4 C M HOLLOWAY SUB	20. Contractor or Builder:	36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17b. Original/ Most significant construction: 17b.	
7. City or Village: Evansville	21. Building Type or Plan: Other Commercial	37. Window Type(s): 1 over 1	4. Project or Historic Value(s): _____
9. U.T.M. Reference: Quadrangle Name: Cincinnati East	22. Original Use, if appropiate: Apartment House Retail store/shop	38. Building Dimensions: 41' x 34'	
10. Classification: Building	23. Present Use: VACANT/NOT IN USE	39. Endangered? YES By What? Vacancy	5. Specific Address or Location: 3334 Montgomery Road
11. On National Register? NO	24. Ownership: Public	40. Chimney Placement: No chimney observed	
12. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO	25. Owner's Name & Address, if known: Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation 3 East Fourth Street, Suite 300 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202	41. Distance from & Frontage on Road: 47' x 41'	6. Specific Address or Location: 3334 Montgomery Road
13. Other Designation (NR or Local):	26. Property Address: 0 146	42. Condition of Property: Good/Fair	
14. Thematic Association:	27. Other Surveys:	43. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies: Structure Type(s):	7. District: _____
15. Date(s) or Period: 1915	28. Burial(s)? Unknown	44. Date(s):	
16. Style Class and Design: None	29. Foundation Material: Unknown	45. Associated Activity:	8. Site Plan (location map) with North Arrow
17a. Style of Addition or Element(s):	30. Wall Construction: Brick bearing	46. Additional Inventory Number(s): Historic (OHD) Archaeological (OAH)	
18. Architect or Engineer:	31. Roof Type: Flat Roof Material: Standing seam (metal)	47. Date Recorded: 03/16/2020	9. Specific Address or Location: 3334 Montgomery Road
	32. No. of Bays: _____ Side Bays: 4	48. EPF Review Date:	
46. Prepared By: Carrie Rhoads		47. Organization: City of Cincinnati - AmeriCorps Survey	
49. EPF Reviewer:		48. Date Recorded: 03/16/2020	
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WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED?



- **Previous City Inventories**

- 1978 and 2001-2003



HOW TO PRIORITIZE WHAT BUILDINGS TO DESIGNATE

LOCAL
DESIGNATION

What buildings are threatened?

What buildings would negatively impact the neighborhood if they were gone?

What buildings have cultural, historic, architectural significance?

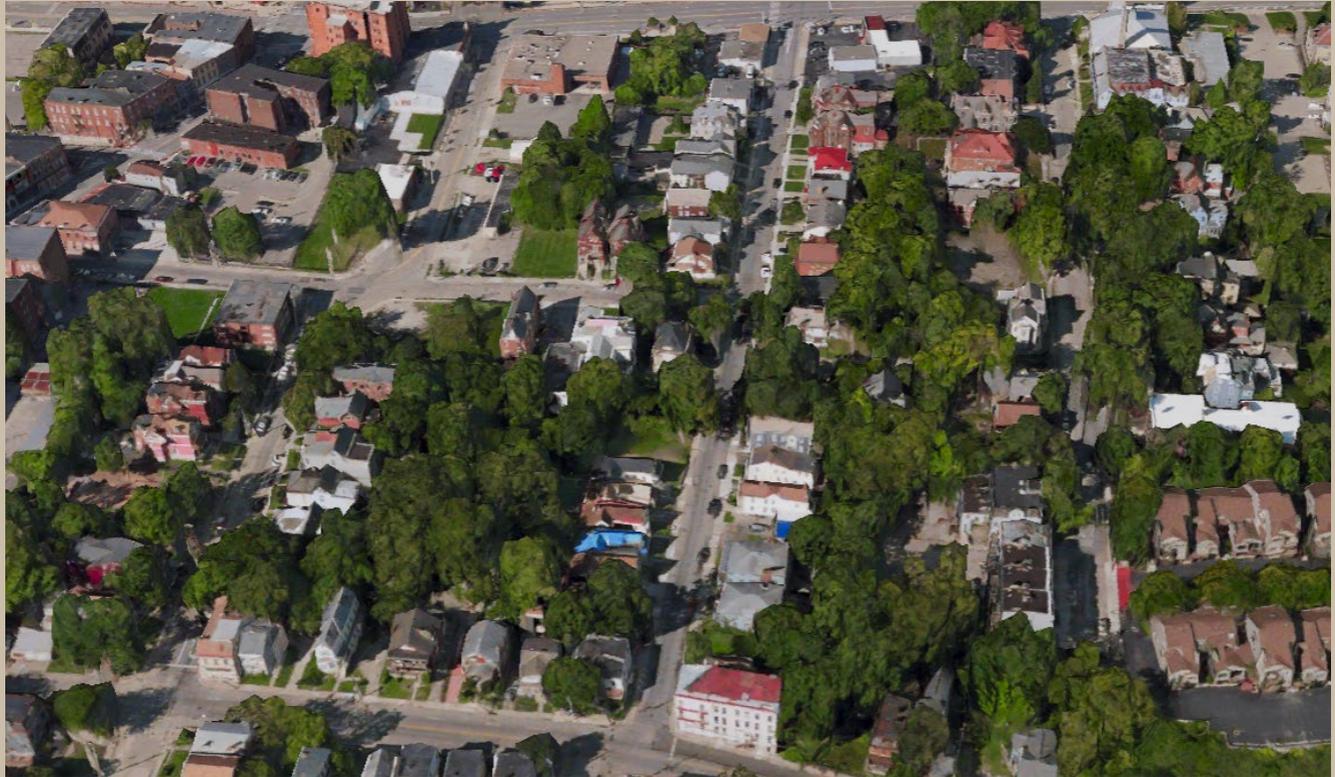
NATIONAL
REGISTER

What buildings/areas can benefit from Historic Tax Credits?

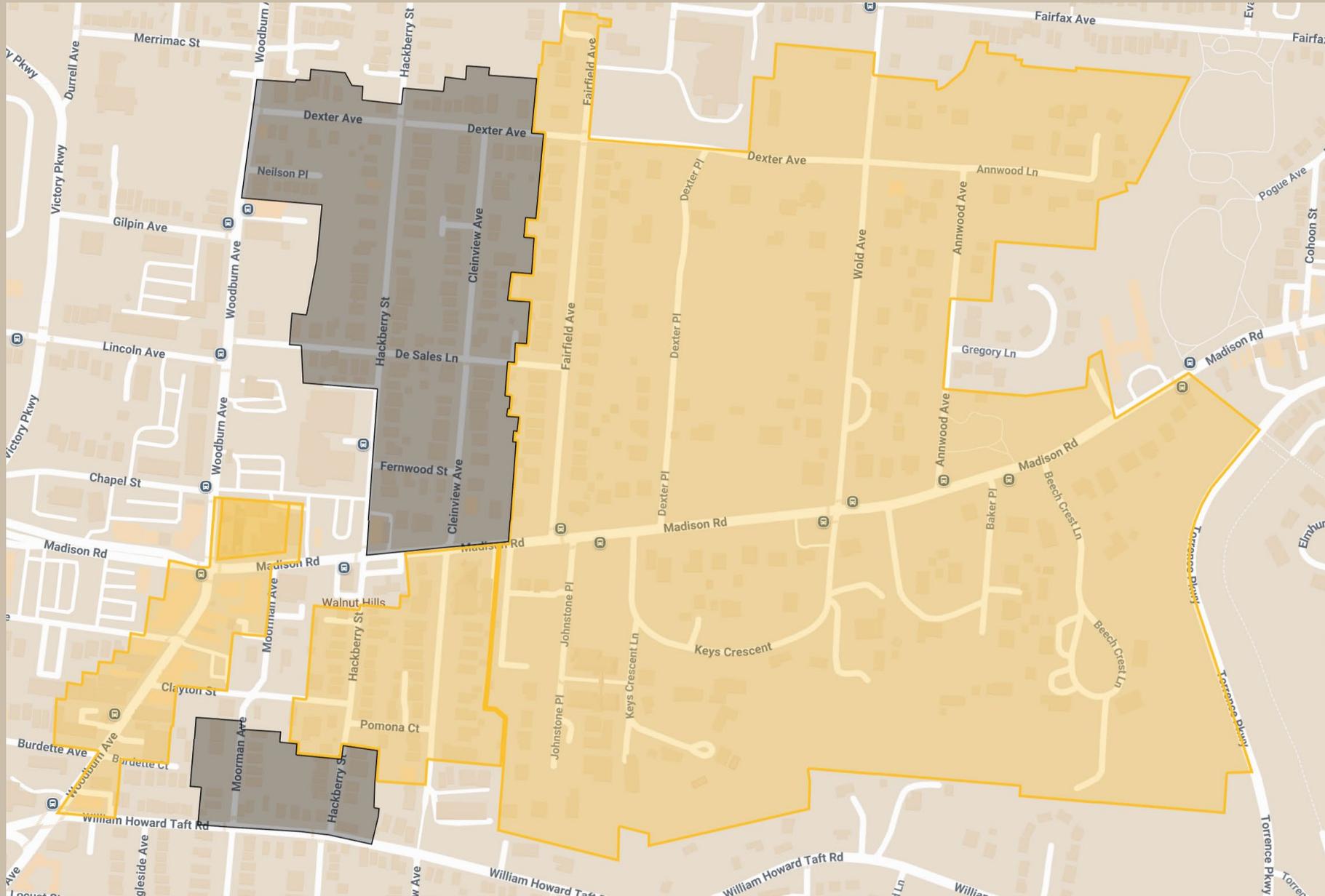


CLIENVIEW-HACKBERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Original District established in 1989
- Significance represents 3 major periods of development
 - Settlement and growth of village of Woodburn
 - Area's annexation into the City of Cincinnati
 - Rapid expansion during the early 20th century
- Period of significance 1860-1920s
- Range of architectural styles shows the development of the neighborhood over time



PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CLIENVIEW-HACKBERRY



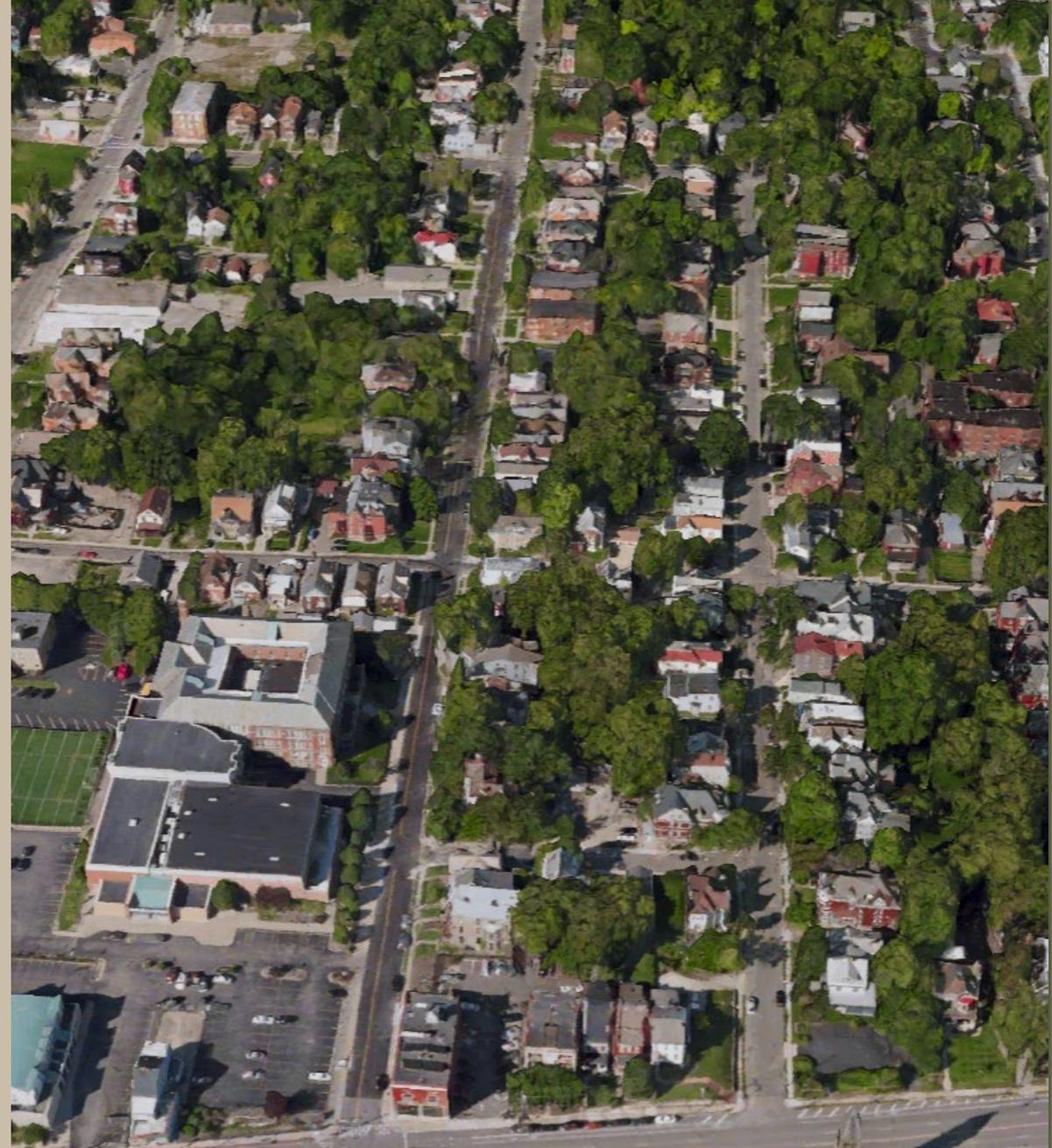
WHY EXPANSION NOW?



- **Capture the full Woodburn story**, not just part of it. Preservation today now looks to tell and protect the whole range of stories not just high style.
- **Protect more of the district's defining "look and feel"** from development pressures.
- **Prevent one-lot at a time erosion** through teardowns and incompatible development.
- **Create a more logical boundary** that doesn't cut blocks in half.
- **Support stabilization and resiliency** of property values and neighborhood confidence.

CLIENTVIEW-HACKBERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT EXPANSION

- Much of the expansion area was part of the original smaller subdivision of land in the 1850's and 1860s
- Smaller homes and lots compared to the neighboring East Walnut Hills Historic District exemplifies diversity of housing and economic class within the neighborhood during the original development
- Within the range of architectural styles with consistent forms, massing, setbacks, and materials that create a cohesive patten of development.



ITALIANATE





1942

2940

2938



SECOND EMPIRE



QUEEN ANNE





CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW





VERNACULAR



FIREHOUSE



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