Washington Square Commercial Local Historic District

Preserving an Illinois Community's Historic Resources

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Project Purpose

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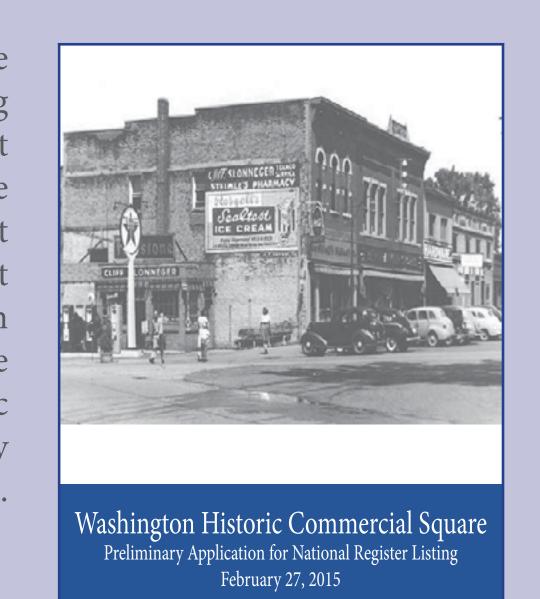
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This project worked to protect the City of Washington's historic downtown Square and celebrate its historic resources. By recording the City's historic resources, and collaborating with a variety of stakeholder groups, we achieved our goal through the designation of a local historic district and the adoption of design guidelines.

Preliminary Application for National Register Listing

This document presents the history of Washington, focusing on the Square, its significant buildings, and events that have taken occurred within it. It includes a map of the district with historic and modern photos of each side of the Square to illustrate the historic character that is still very evident throughout the Square.



Washington Historic Commercial Design Review Guidelines

The design guidelines provide information about architectural features on historic buildings recommendations property owners in the Square and the Historic Preservation Commission regarding future buildings changes to new development additional within the Square. Additional architectural features were added from the existing guidelines, all of which were described in more detail and accompanied by descriptive pictures.

Washington Square Commercial
Historic District Design Review
Guidelines
City of Washington, Illinois



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HEAT STREET, THE

Adoption of City of Washington Ordinance 3173

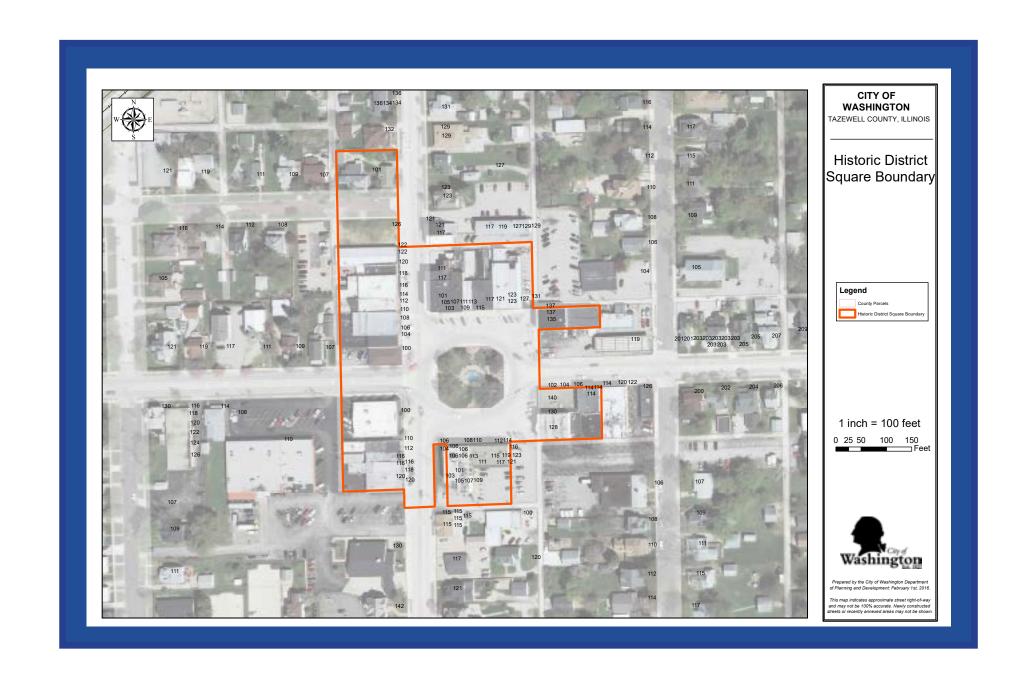
This ordinance was adopted on April 4, 2016 at the Washington City Council meeting, which marked the official designation of the Washington Square Commercial Local Historic District. The ordinance itself contains a list of properties within the district as well as the text of the design guidelines.

STATUS TO MULTIPLE PROPERTIES ON THE WASHINGTON SQUARE WHEREAS, the City of Washington has an historical preservation ordinance which des, among other things, the procedure to follow to obtain historic district designation; and **WHEREAS,** the City of Washington, Illinois, filed a properly completed Historic District Designation application on February 5, 2015, as Case No. 16-01, pursuant to Washington's Municipal Code § 154.604 requesting district status for many properties around **WHEREAS,** notice of the hearing in front of the Historic Preservation C published in a timely fashion and a hearing was held on March 3, 2016; and WHEREAS, a quorum of the Historic Preservation Commission determined the perties met the standards set forth in the Historic Preservation Ordinance and recommende mously, that the City Council grant District Designation to the properties in Washington, WHEREAS, the following properties are included in the District Designation 101-105 ZINSER PL. (PIN: 02-02-23-203-014) 112 S. MAIN ST. (PIN: 02-02-23-213-025) 118 S. MAIN ST. (PIN: 02-02-23-213-027) 120 S. MAIN ST. (PIN: 02-02-23-213-028) 106-110 WASHINGTON SO. (PIN: 02-02-24-108-002 112-118 WASHINGTON SQ. (PIN: 02-02-24-108-003) 128 WASHINGTON SQ. (PIN: 02-02-24-108-017)

140 WASHINGTON SQ. AND 106 WALNUT ST. (PIN: 02-02-24-108-016)

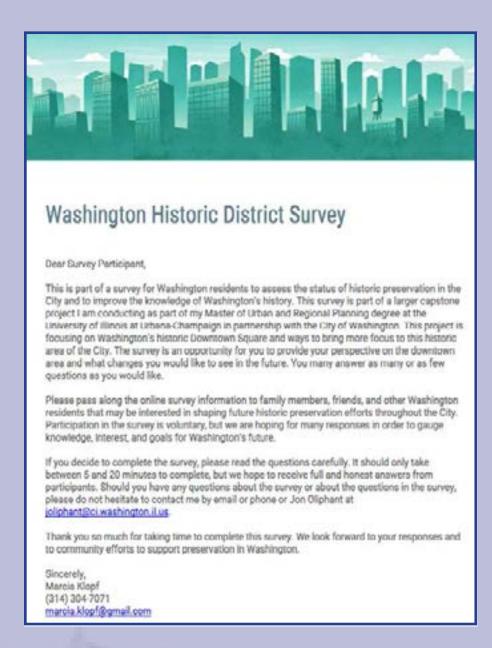
Process and Stakeholders

Partnerships and meetings with a variety of stakeholders including the Planning and Development Director, Historic Preservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce and City Council were all vital to securing the support of property owners prior to the April 4, 2016 historic district designation.



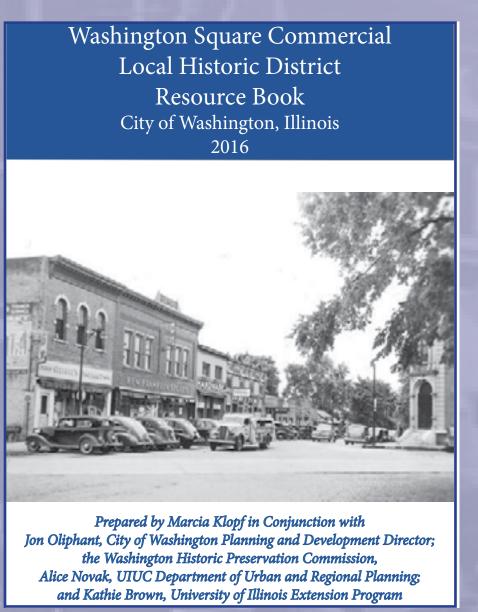
Washington Historic District Survey

This survey was a series of 19 questions regarding the use of the Square, knowledge about the history of the Square, ideas for future events, and demographic questions about the participant, and received 158 responses from Washington residents and visitors. Survey results were accompanied by question analyses which were distributed to property owners in the Square, the City, and the Chamber of Commerce.



Washington Square Commercial Historic District Resource Book

This document aims to assist property owners in Washington Square with projects they may do to update their building(s). It consists of two parts: a list of historic preservation experts in the area and a compilation of Preservation Briefs published by the National Parks Service on topics related to historic elements in Washington and maintenance.







April 4, 2016