



Benefits of Local Historic Districts

- Local historic district designation is one of the most effective ways to preserve and protect a community's unique historic structures and neighborhoods
- Local districts protect the investments of owners and residents. Buyers know that the aspects that make a particular area attractive will be protected over a period of time.
- The protection of local historic districts can enhance business recruitment potential. Companies continually re-locate to communities that offer their workers a higher quality of life, which is greatly enhanced by successful local preservation programs and stable historic districts.
- A local district can result in a positive economic impact from tourism. A historic district that is aesthetically cohesive and well promoted can be a community's most important attraction. The retention of historic areas as a way to attract tourist dollars makes good economic sense.
- Local districts encourage improved design. Local district designation encourages a greater sense of relatedness, more innovative use of materials, and greater public appeal within historic districts than in areas without historic designations.
- Local districts help the environment. Historic preservation and historic district revitalization results in the retention and reuse of a significant amount of material that may otherwise be disposed of in landfills. Historic preservation is the ultimate in recycling and should be part of a comprehensive environmental policy.
- The educational benefits of creating local districts are the same as those derived from any historic preservation effort. Districts help explain the development of a place, the source of inspiration, and technological advances. They are a record of our communities and us.
- Preserving and protecting the historic architecture – buildings and districts – of a community helps improve that community's Quality of Place
 - Establishes unique identity
 - Stabilizes neighborhoods
 - Protects investment

Additional benefits:

Certified Local Government (CLG)

- Adoption of a historic preservation ordinance and creation of a historic preservation commission qualifies the City to apply for CLG status
- CLG status links local governments to the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
- CLG communities have a competitive edge in applying for historic preservation grants
- CLG status provides a community direct participation in the National Register process

Preserve America

- Adoption of a historic preservation ordinance and creation of a historic preservation commission would greatly strengthen an application by the City of Terre Haute to become a Preserve America community
 - Demonstrates a commitment to preservation
- Preserve America status qualifies a community to pursue Preserve America grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$250,000 for heritage tourism, education, and historic preservation planning projects.