

# Greensboro Heritage Community Recognition



## What is a Heritage Community?

The City Council may officially recognize a neighborhood or area that played an important role in Greensboro's history as a Heritage Community. Historic significance may not be apparent today because of physical changes that have occurred over time. The purpose of Heritage Community recognition is commemorative and educational. It is acknowledgment that the community is historically and/or culturally significant but is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or local Historic District designation.

Heritage Community recognition has no effect on property rights, zoning, or taxation. There are no regulations and it does not take the place of other forms of recognition such as listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Heritage Communities will have general rather than exact boundaries, e. g., "the area generally south of Lee Street, west of South Elm-Eugene Street, north of Florida Street and east of Freeman Mill Road."

## Criteria for Consideration for Heritage Community Recognition

Documented evidence must be provided that demonstrates the following:

- That the community contributed significantly to the social, cultural, industrial, political, or economic life of Greensboro over a sustained period
- That the community was associated with events of regional or national significance (e.g. Reconstruction, Urban Renewal, World War II)
- That there is strong support on the part of the community
- That the neighborhood generally does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

## Applying for Heritage Community Recognition

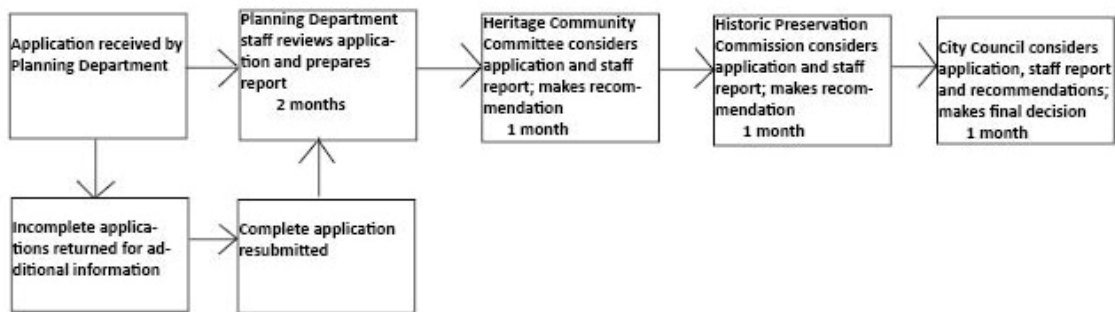
Applications are available on the City's website or by calling the Planning Department, 336-373-2144.

- The application must include documentary evidence of the area's historical significance. Documentation can be newspaper or magazine articles, books, photographs, maps, archaeological surveys, scholarly articles, reports, or oral

histories. Resources include the Greensboro Public Library, the Greensboro Historical Museum, local colleges and universities, and churches.

- Any recognized neighborhood association or group of at least five property owners, community organizations, academic institutions or City staff may apply.
- All required documentation must be provided in order to be considered. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet minimum criteria may be rejected.
- Applications are reviewed by the Heritage Community Review Committee and the Historic Preservation Commission. The final decision is made by the City Council.

### HERITAGE COMMUNITY PROCESS FLOW CHART



### Benefits of Heritage Community Recognition

- The Heritage Community is honored by resolution of the City Council.
- A webpage will be added to the City’s website with an interactive map and historical information about the Heritage Community.
- Copies of the applications are provided to the Greensboro Historical Museum, the Greensboro Public Library, the Neighborhood Congress, and the Greensboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, and made available to the public on the City’s website.

### Signage Opportunities

Heritage Communities could be physically identified with signage. Of the options explored by City staff, street name sign toppers would be the most practical and cost effective. The cost of the sign toppers is approximately \$160 per sign which would be

the responsibility of the applicant community. The City would fabricate and install the signs on a limited basis. The City would determine the locations for the signs.

If recognized as a Heritage Community, the applicant is given permission to use the term "Greensboro Heritage Community" on additional types of signage. Signage costs and installation are the responsibility of the applicant community however; City Staff will provide guidance in identifying potential grants and funding opportunities.

### **Contact Information:**

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City of Greensboro Planning Department

(336) 373-2144

# Greensboro Heritage Community Application



## Contact Information

Name of Applicant	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Neighborhood/Community	

## Neighborhood/Community Basic Information

My neighborhood (check all that apply):

\*Please provide documentation exhibiting one or more of these qualifications

\_\_\_ is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization\*

\_\_\_ is registered with the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress\*

\_\_\_ has elected officers and holds regular meetings with recorded meeting minutes\*

\_\_\_ has the signatures and addresses of 5 community representatives interested in recognition as a Heritage Community\*

\_\_\_ is filing the application in conjunction with the City of Greensboro

## Application Documentation

Please attach documentation exhibiting each of the below requirements:

\_\_\_ Statement of Significance (500 words or less) summarizing the importance of the community.

\_\_\_ Current Map of the general area of the Community to be recognized

\_\_\_ Historical maps of the community.

\_\_\_ Documented evidence that the community contributed significantly to the social, cultural, political, or economic life of Greensboro over a sustained period. *Documentation are items such as newspaper or magazine articles, books, photographs, archaeological surveys, scholarly articles, or oral histories gathered and archived from residents and/or their descendants.*

\_\_\_ Narrative description of the community's activities and contributions (no more than 3 pages).

\_\_\_ Additional documentation of the community's contributions to events of regional or national significance is also welcome, but not required.

## Statement of Significance

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## Narrative Description

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## Narrative Description Continued

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### Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that applications will be reviewed for completeness and merit by the Heritage Community Review Committee and then by the Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) where public comment is heard. The HPC makes a recommendation to the Greensboro City Council. The City Council hears public comment and formally authorizes recognition. Recognition as a Heritage Community places no restrictions on property and is not a form of zoning regulation. The contents of the application become public information.

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*Additional signatures are welcome and may be attached to the application.*