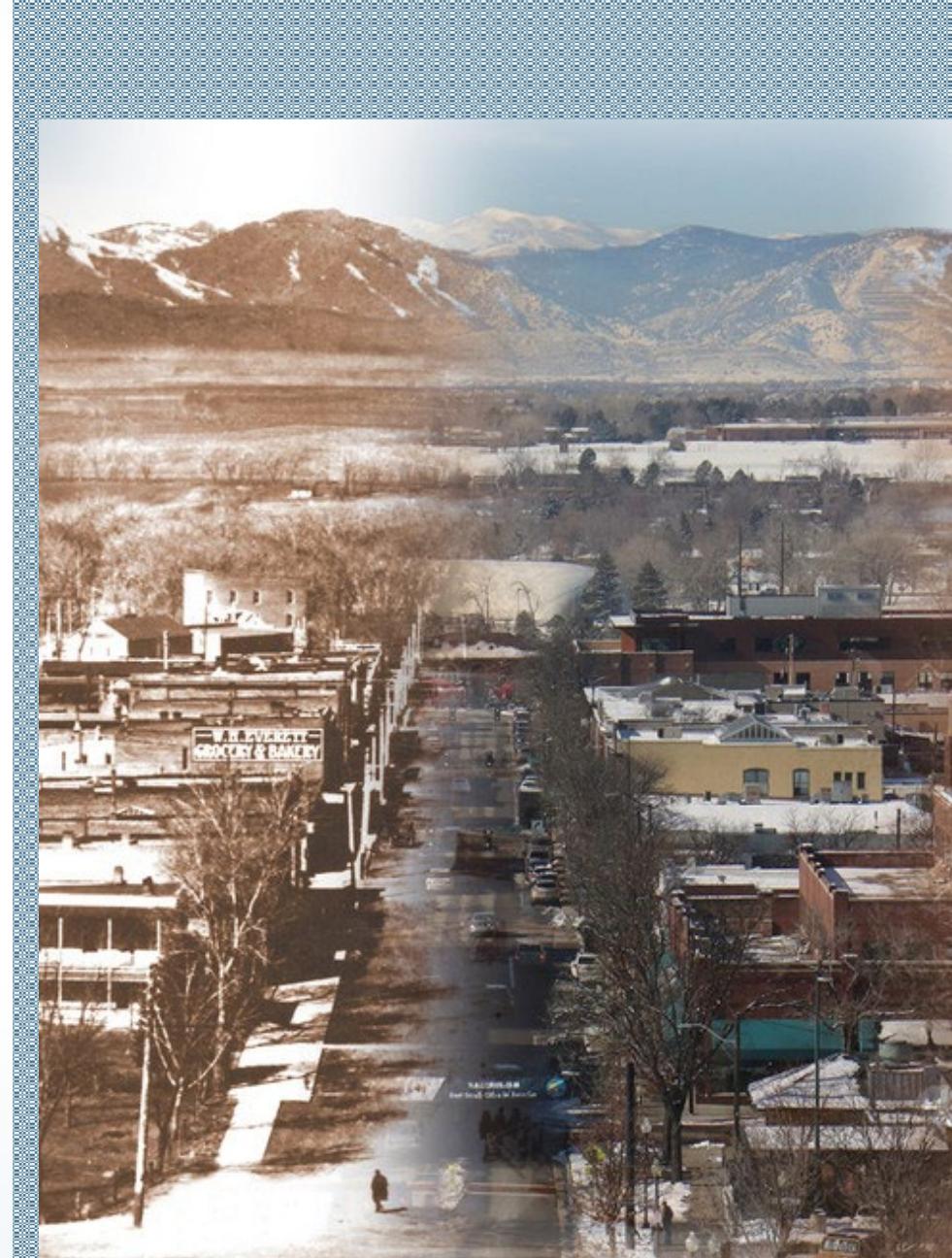


Historic Preservation Program and Process Overview

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OVERVIEW

- Program Overview
- Process Overview
- Education and Outreach



Why Historic Preservation?

- Celebration of city values as defined in Vision 2040
- City heritage and community character included in Envision Littleton
- Historic Preservation provides economic, environmental, and social benefits
- Preservation Ethos
 - Designated properties are not meant to be frozen in time
 - Balance celebrating the past with present day needs
 - Guiding property owners, residents, businesses through process



Historic Preservation in Littleton



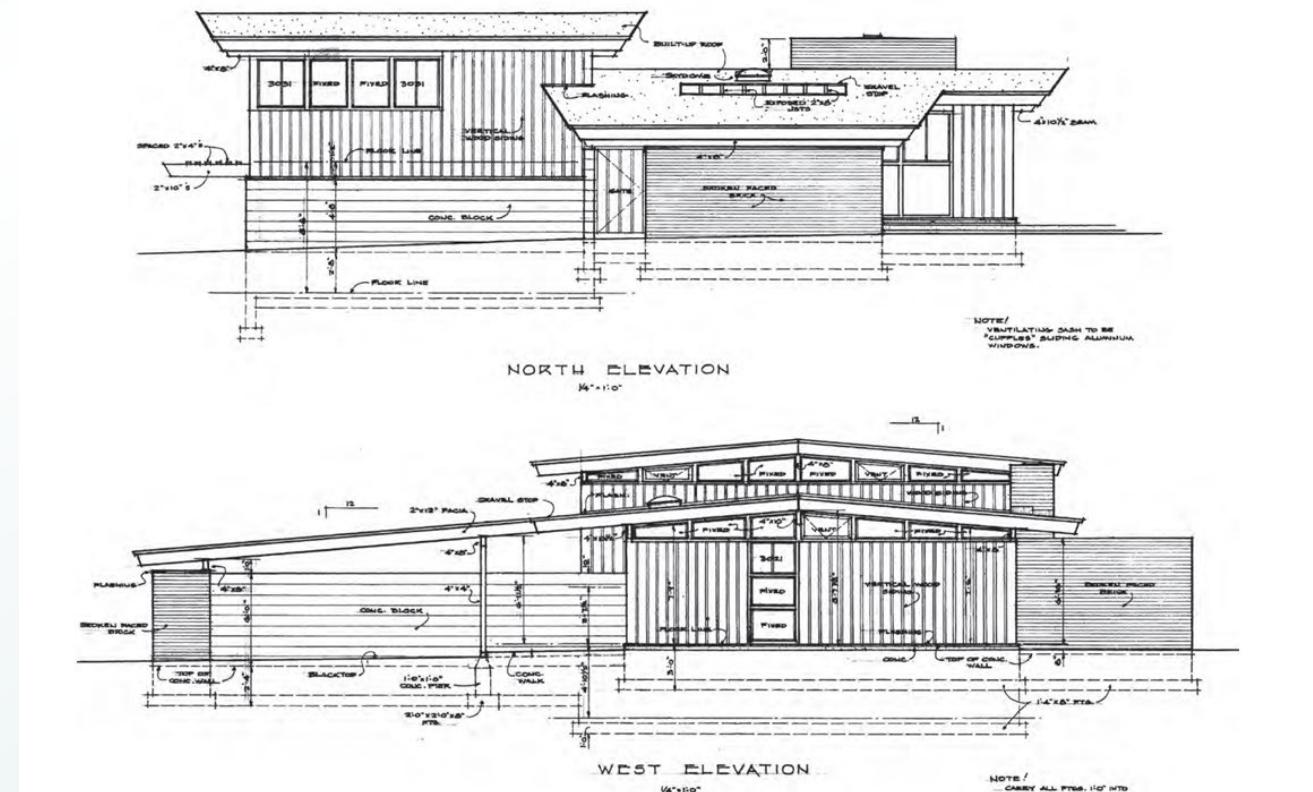
Program Overview

- Certified Local Government
- Local Designations
 - 2 Historic Districts
 - Littleton Downtown Historic District
 - Louthan Heights Historic District
 - 30 Local Landmarks



Program Overview (cont'd)

- National Register Designations
 - 2 Historic Districts
 - Arapaho Hills Historic District
 - Littleton Main Street Historic District
 - 4 Individually Listed Properties



Program Overview (cont'd)



- **Key differences**
 - **National Designation**
 - Federal and State Tax Credits
 - No regulatory protection provided
 - Exception if project uses federal money
 - **Local Designation**
 - Provides regulatory protection
 - State tax credits and grant opportunities
 - Specific to Colorado



Program Overview (cont'd)

- Primary Duties of HPC/Staff
 - Review and decide on:
 - Certificates of Appropriateness (COA)
 - Certificates of Demolition (COD)
 - Economic Hardship requests
 - State Residential Tax Credit Applications
 - Review and recommend to City Council:
 - Designations of local landmarks and historic districts
 - Review and administer Downtown Historic District Grant Program

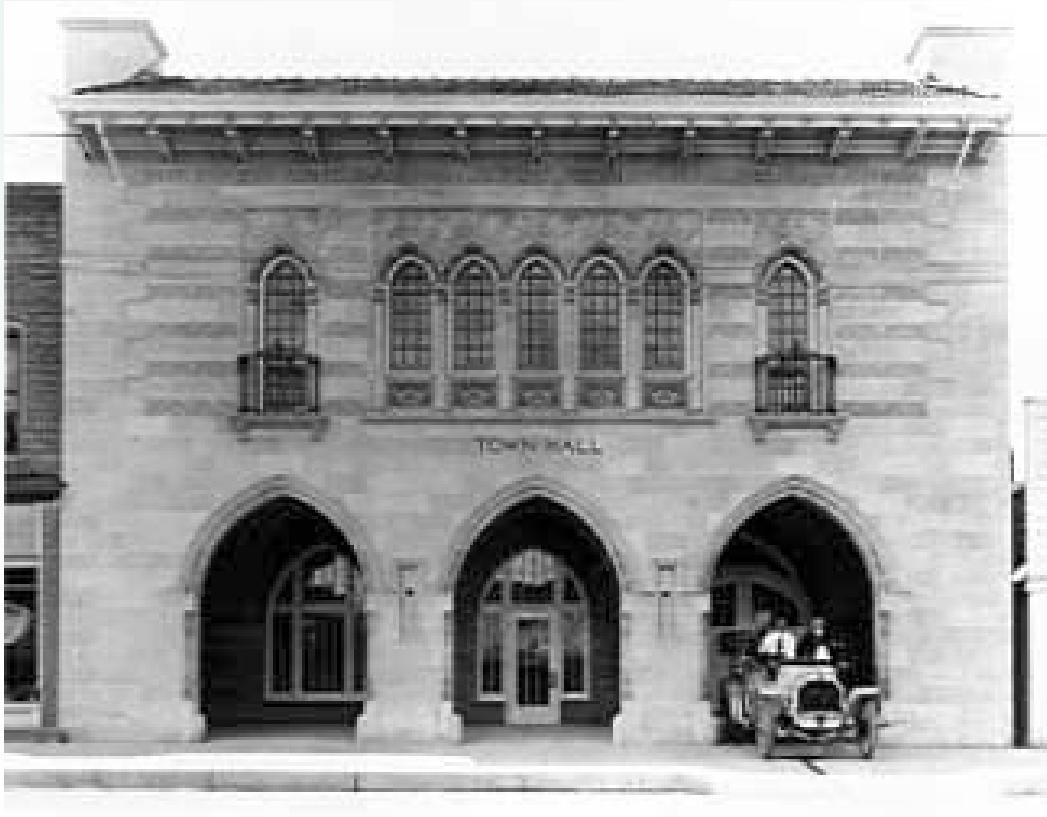


2025 Accomplishments



- COAs Reviewed
 - Two by HPC
 - Three by Staff
- Tax Credit Applications
- Downtown Grant Awards
- Survey Plan
- TAP Participation

Process Overview: COA



- Pre-application meeting with applicant
 - Guidance based on decision criteria and design guidelines (if applicable)
 - Administrative or HPC approval determination
 - Reviews application and plan set drafts
- Application submitted
 - Iterative process of review, expedited timeline
- Public Hearing
 - Discussion of project and analysis of decision criteria
 - HPC may approve, approve with conditions, or deny
- Administrative Approval
 - Similar, shorter process
 - Approval given by Director



Process Overview: Local Designation

- Pre-application meeting with applicant
 - Guidance for eligibility based on decision criteria
 - Explanation of process and required meetings
- Two neighborhood meetings are held
 - Prior to first submittal and after completion of first review
- Recommendation from HPC
- Final decision to designate lies with City Council



Education and Outreach

- Historic preservation programs require advocacy
 - Implementation of programs is voluntary, in contrast to other quasi-judicial commissions
- HPC developed a strategic plan in 2024 with 3 primary goals
 - Preservation
 - Connectedness and Outreach
 - Internal Development
- Yearly work plan established



Education and Outreach: Current Projects

■ Survey Plan

- Overview
 - Review of existing records and surveys
 - Reconnaissance survey of properties
 - Research and document historic contexts
 - Prioritized recommendations for future survey
- Future Use
 - Preservation Plan- 2027
 - Littleton Legacy List
 - Future local designations
- Implementation
 - CLG Grants
 - Community Engagement



Education and Outreach: Current Projects



- City Ditch and Slaughterhouse Gulch Flume
 - Stabilization/preservation
 - In partnership with Public Works
 - Preservation/Interpretation Plan
 - Arapahoe County Open Space Grant and/or State Historical Fund Grant

Education and Outreach: Current Projects

■ Littleton Blvd Subarea Plan

- Stakeholder group for the plan
- Milestone presentations to full HPC
- Primary focus on potential overlay and other tools for preservation in the area



DISCUSSION