



Dear Neighbor:

Welcome to the Opelousas Historic District! On behalf of the City of Opelousas Historic District Commission, we welcome and thank you for your interest and contributions to the preservation of the City's historic properties.

The Historic District(s) are a source of overwhelming pride and they are recognized as an invaluable asset to our City. We recognize the importance that these properties play in our history as well as preserving a unique quality of life. The Commission's objective is to find common goals while maintaining the historic integrity of the community.

We offer this handbook as a resource for historic preservation that should be considered when proposing new construction, modification, or demolition of structures within the City's Historic Districts.

This handbook includes:

1. Frequently asked questions about the Historic District.
2. A brief summary of the Historic District ordinance.
3. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, including an explanation of what is needed for a **complete** application.
4. A map of the Historic District.
5. Opelousas Historic District Walking Tour Guide

Should you have any questions, please contact Opelousas Historic District Commission at (337) 948-5227.

Together, as members of this unique City, we have a responsibility to respect and preserve our past as we continue to build Opelousas' future.