

# Building Our Future Together

**TYLER 1<sup>st</sup>**



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION FACTS

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTIES:

- 27 individual commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential properties
- 6 districts:
  - Azalea District
  - Brick Streets District
  - Charnwood District
  - Donnybrook Duplex District
  - East Ferguson District
  - Short-Line District

### STATE-LEVEL HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS:

- 10 Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHLs)
- 37 historical subject markers from the Texas Historical Commission

### TYLER HISTORIC LANDMARKS:

- Two Historic overlay districts containing over 70 residential, institutional, and commercial properties:
  - Heritage Neighborhoods No. 1 and No. 2
- 96 total designated landmarks
  - 32 added since 2006
- Fifteen miles of historic brick streets in downtown and adjacent residential neighborhoods
- Historic preservation tax incentives offered by the City of Tyler:
  - Abatement on 50% of the assessed value of a designated Tyler Historic Landmark
  - Abatement on 100% of the increase in property value following an approved rehabilitation project
  - 35 landmarks with a total of \$4,709.06 abated (2012)

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Tyler has developed a strong constituency that supports designation of historic properties.
- The majority of Tyler's historic properties are not protected from inappropriate alternations or demolitions.
- Many individual historic properties throughout the city have not been recognized for potential designation.
- Tyler has more designated individual properties than cities of comparable size, such as McAllen, Round Rock, and Waco.
- Last historic resources survey completed in 1999 identified over 7,000 properties throughout the city that are at least 50 years old.
- 348 "High" priority properties for preservation are likely candidates for the National Register.
- Historic Tyler, Inc. has been instrumental in getting six historic districts and many individual properties named to the National Register since 1995.

- Half Mile of History Program
  - Ceremonies held quarterly
  - 39 marker stones downtown
- 7 subject markers installed
- 4 historic signs (new in 2010)

### NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS IN TYLER

NAME	CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES	NON-CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES	DATE LISTED IN NATIONAL REGISTER
Charnwood District	166 buildings and 42 structures	98 buildings, 21 structures, and 4 objects	1999
Donnybrook Duplex District	24 buildings, 3 structures, and 1 site	8 buildings and 1 structure	2002
East Ferguson Street District	8 buildings, 3 structures, and 1 site	1 building	2002
Short-Line District	9 buildings	2 buildings	2002
Azalea District	1,023 buildings, 22 structures, 1 site, and 1 object	502 buildings and 65 structures	2003
Brick Streets District	352 buildings and 17 structures	178 buildings and 39 structures	2004

NOTE: The National Park Service defines a "building" as "a structure created to shelter any form of human activity." This usually refers to a dwelling or commercial building, but also includes sheds, garages, and barns. "Structures" usually are infrastructure or engineering projects, like bridges, water towers, canals, or highways, but the category also includes property features such as fences/walls or gazebos. "Objects" are things that are movable, but related to a specific historic environment, such as statues, monuments, or fountains.

**Sources:** City of Tyler and the Texas Historical Commission