Introduction

In 1966 the National Historic Preservation Act called for a program to recognize cultural properties throughout the nation. The National Register of Historic Places was created as a list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of national significance. The National Register plays an important role in preserving the nation’s unique cultural heritage. The National Register of Historic Places is a federal program administered by the National Park Service. The NRHP is a national program that identifies, preserves, and protects America’s shared architectural legacy. The National Register program identifies and protects the nation’s architectural heritage, which includes buildings, sites, structures, and objects. This program is designed to prevent the loss of historical resources. The National Register is a valuable tool for identifying and protecting historically significant buildings, sites, structures, and objects. The Register helps to ensure that the nation’s architectural heritage is protected and preserved for future generations.

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## Church Street

The Church Street Historic District covers one block on Wilmington’s East Side. Its developing and corner residential structures were built for industrial workers in the last three decades of the 19th century. The infill that filled these spaces — shipyards, isolated and commercial works — bordered the south of the district along the Christina River and to the east, along the pastime formed by the configuration of the Brandywine Creek and Christina River.

Within a small area the district contains a variety of architectural styles typical of the East Side. Bungalows are in style, while the large commercial buildings across the canal exhibit Second Empire and Queen Anne details. The block also offers an interesting transition from the grid street pattern in the E. 7th Street area north to a grid-street orientation toward the Old Friends churchyard and cemetery located just north of the district.

## Eastside Brandywine Historic District

This district was nominated to the National Register as a microcosm of the evolution of industrial, commercial, residential and institutional development of 19th-century Wilmington. It is located in the northeastern most portion of the East Side, just south of Brandywine Creek. The significance of the district is derived from demolition of some of the large commercial buildings and buildings in the 1990s, as well as from some block-long insensitive rehabilitation projects.

The area features a mix of theatres, schools, row houses, apartment buildings, corner commercial structures, and former factories, many of which are representative of 19th-century vernacular architecture. Some of the area’s industrial buildings were associated with nationally known companies, such as Enoch Pratt Silk Mill (demolished). Other buildings accommodated the leather industry, which had a significant role in the development of Delaware’s industrial economy in the 19th century. The district also includes the 1902 Howard High School building, a National Historic Landmark related to Brown University. Organized as an institute in 1827, Howard High was the first school in Delaware to provide high school education for black students. Of the many notable graduates and teachers of Howard High were main representatives William J. Winchester and L. M. Heavens. Despite the gained local and national recognition for their Civil Rights efforts of the 1950s and 1960s. This program receives Federal financial assistance for identification and evaluation of sites that may be nominated in the future. If you have questions regarding historic Wilmington, please call the Department of Planning and Development at 302-576-3107.

## Wawaset Park

Located on the western edge of the City, Wawaset Park was developed as a planned community at the end of World War I. It is significant as an example of the park-residential development principle developed by Frederick L. Olmsted and applied here by his student Edward D. Tilton. The site's linear structure and simple features give the neighborhood the setting of a suburb within the City.

Wawaset Park was designed for the professional employees of the DuPont Company, whose work force had expanded during World War I. There are two rows, two-detached houses, single-family houses and an apartment house within the district. The buildings were erected in the first 20 years of the 20th century. Most of the houses were built around pre-fab farm cottages and bungalow nurseries. The distinct elevations and proportions of the houses reflect the architectural elements of the Picturesque and Gothic styles as well.

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