



Historic Preservation Commission

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Dear Joint City-County Planning Committee Members,

I am pleased to present the Durham Historic Preservation Commission's Certified Local Government Report for 2017.

This was an eventful and important year for the Commission. The Historic Preservation Commission works to identify and protect Durham's historic Resources and hears requests for Certificates of Appropriateness for properties within Durham's Local Historic Districts and for our locally designated landmarks during our monthly meetings. We are also pleased to report several other significant accomplishments.

In addition to our regular hearings for Certificates of Appropriateness, the Commission produced a new informational brochure that includes the new Golden Belt District. This new resource was mailed to all property owners of/in local landmarks and districts. We also began conversations that will guide us as we plan to update the current Local Review Criteria. In one notable instance we were able to save a house from demolition. A 365-day delay on the proposed demolition led to the homebuyer passing on the house and a new buyer renovating it instead.

The Commission also welcomed several new members after consideration of applications from across the city and county. We are pleased that our new members have enthusiastically accepted their roles as partners in safeguarding our historic districts. The Commission remains committed to working with the citizens of Durham and their elected representatives to preserve and protect Durham's most important assets.

With Highest Regards,

Joseph F. Jordan, Chair
Durham Historic Preservation Commission