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Using the Resource Book

The following resource book was written in conjunction with the Design Guidelines for the Washington Square Commerical Historic District. This book is written primarily for property owners in the historic district, as well as city staff and potential future property owners in the district. This book provides recommendations for businesses that assist with a variety of components to potential historic building updates as well as information from the National Park Service on how to carry out simpler projects without the help of consultants or professionals. The book finishes with a list of online resources that can be consulted for further information. It is also accompanied by a website linked to the City of Washington's website that compiles testimonies from historic property owners in Washington to read about their experiences and recommendations. While this book contains extensive lists of businesses and advice for preservation projects, it is important to keep in mind that in no way is it a complete list and in no way does the City endorse or recommend any of the listed businesses. It is recommended that property owners consult with multiple businesses and conduct research about previous projects before embarking on their own project.



Washington Historic District

Before presenting resources for property owners in the historic district, the map below serves as a reminder for what properties are subject to historic district guidelines and may find value in the resources within this book. However, Washington has a wealth of historic properties that are not in the Squre Commercial Historic District, and these additional property owners are encouraged to utilize this resource book to assist in their project completion as well.

