

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)

A COA is a document issued by staff or Architectural Review Committee (ARC) certifying that the proposed exterior alteration to a structure or property complies with the Design Guidelines. An exterior alteration includes changes to all sides of the building, the front and rear yards, and streetscape.

When to apply for a COA?

The time to apply for a COA is **before** proceeding with any exterior changes. Any work completed without a COA could lead to fines and/or penalties. **There is no fee for COA applications.**

The COA application can be found on the Office of Planning & Design Services' website:

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/historic-preservation-urban-design>

For any questions or concerns, please contact Landmarks Staff at (502) 574-6230.

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Louisville Metro's Historic Preservation Districts



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Historic Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission



Locust Grove

Individual Landmarks

Louisville Metro has 95 locally designated Individual Landmarks. These sites were designated to preserve the architectural and historic significance of Louisville Metro's past.

Well-known Individual Landmarks:

- Chestnut St. YMCA/Knights of Pythias, 1009 W. Chestnut St.
- Colonial Gardens, 818 W. Kenwood Dr.
- Locust Grove, 561 Blankenbaker Ln.
- Little Loomhouse, 328 Kenwood Hill Rd.
- Riverside the Farnsley-Moreman Landing, 7410 Moorman Rd.
- Simmons College, 1018 S. 7th St.
- U.S. Marine Hospital, 2215 Portland Ave.

Preservation Districts

Louisville Metro has 7 historic preservation districts:

- Butchertown
- Cherokee Triangle
- Clifton
- Limerick
- Old Louisville
- Parkland Business
- West Main Street

Each district has its own unique history and characteristics that contribute to the authenticity of Louisville Metro.

Preservation Districts are locally designated and regulated. They differ from Historic Districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which are federally designated and not locally regulated.



Cherokee Triangle Preservation District



Parkland Business Preservation District

Landmarks Commission

The Landmarks Commission is comprised of 13 members that serve specific positions such as architect, attorney, and historian. The Commission, together with the Architectural Review Committees, oversees a design review process for all exterior alterations to Individual Landmarks and properties in the Preservation Districts. The Commission also oversees the designation process as well as preservation projects across Louisville Metro.

Sample preservation projects:

- Chickasaw Neighborhood Survey & National Register District Nomination
- Council District 21 Building Survey
- Portland Neighborhood Survey & National Register District expansion
- Quinn Chapel AME Church (912 W. Chestnut St.) Stabilization Project