

Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District Study

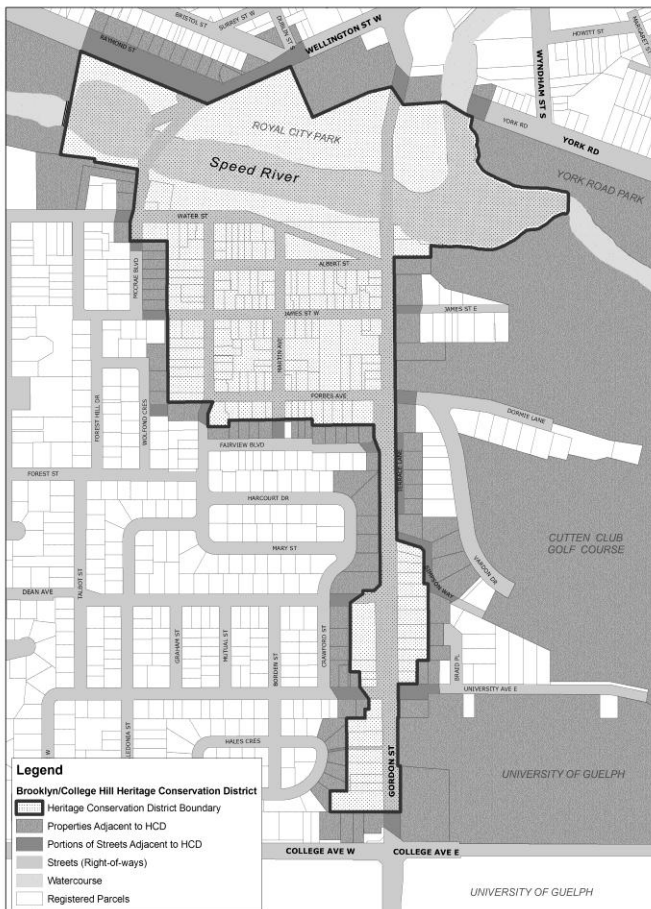
Phase 2 Newsletter: September 2013

Community Focus Workshop

Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 7-9 p.m.
Guelph Community Christian School
195 College Avenue West

You are invited to attend a community focus workshop as part of Phase 2 of the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District (HCD) process. Whether you are new to the area, a long-time resident, or just interested in the city's cultural heritage resources, this workshop will explain how heritage conservation district plans are used to guide development and change while conserving cultural heritage value.

The public has an opportunity to provide feedback at the Focus Workshop through break-out group discussions and also through an online survey about "key topics" associated with this heritage district area and the policies and guidelines that may be recommended for the district. The City will consider the feedback received in the preparation of the draft HCD Plan and detailed design guidelines.



The map shows the HCD boundary approved by Council and adjacent lands that would be affected by their proximity to the protected heritage area.

If you are unable to attend the October 2 HCD Community Focus Workshop you are welcome to review the key issues for the HCD and provide your own comments in an online survey available at guelph.ca.

Key Topics for the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District:

Guidelines for contemporary design...

- Major additions
- Infill development
- Contemporary design within heritage districts
- Design principles (massing, height, scale, etc.)

Guidelines for restoration and alterations...

- Restoration of heritage fabric
- Alterations to heritage / non-heritage fabric

HCD implementation process...

- Heritage permit approvals and incentives

How the HCD would regulate proposed changes in the public realm ...

- Streetscape (including front yards, street trees, public infrastructure)
- Open space (including urban forest, water levels, recreation, parkland as a designed landscape, etc.)



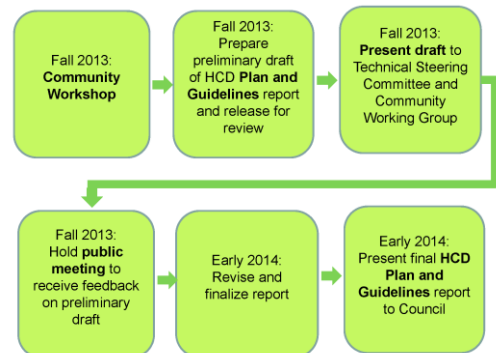
Background

The City of Guelph has commenced the second phase of a heritage conservation district (HCD) designation study for the Brooklyn and College Hill area under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Heritage district designation enables Council to manage and guide future change in a district through adoption of a district plan with policies and guidelines for conservation, protection and enhancement of the area's special character.

Typically, such heritage district studies are carried out in two phases. The first phase of the Brooklyn and College Hill Heritage Conservation District Study process began in 2011, when the City of Guelph retained MHBC Planning to undertake the project on their behalf. Public meetings were held in November 2011 and January 2012 regarding the project and findings to date. MHBC released the final draft of the Heritage Conservation District Study (Heritage Assessment Report) in February 2012 for public review and comment. The findings of the Heritage Assessment Report, including the recommended Heritage Conservation District boundary, were considered by City Council in April 2012. At that meeting, there were concerns raised regarding the proposed boundary, and Council provided a timeframe for the public to further comment on the boundary. Following this consultation period, City staff recommended further refinement to the HCD boundary which was considered by Heritage Guelph and then approved by City Council in December 2012. The Council resolution also authorized MHBC to undertake the second phase of the process, which is preparation of the Heritage Conservation District Plan.

Beginning in early 2013, City staff and MHBC began work on planning for the second phase of the study. Meetings were held with City staff, the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Community Working Group in the Spring and Summer of 2013. MHBC is now working on the preparation of the draft Heritage Conservation District Plan.

What's next and where do we go from here?



With input from the Community Focus Workshop, the consultants will produce a draft HCD Plan document that would be used to implement the potential heritage conservation district designation. The HCD Plan will review various City policies and by-laws, and make recommendations to assist in implementation of the heritage district. The HCD Plan will serve as the detailed guidance provided to property owners and tenants who wish to undertake modifications to their properties. The document will establish those types of changes requiring a heritage permit and those that do not, as well as provide guidance for the various types of potential new development within the proposed District. A draft of this document is expected to be released in early winter for review and comment.

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