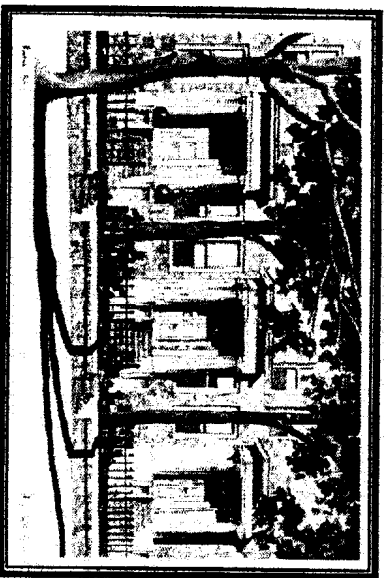


In 1957, the St. John's Church Old and Historic District was created by Richmond City Council in response to citizen appeals to help preserve the historic character of the Church Hill area. The *Commission of Architectural Review* was established to administer and protect the area, and since that time 13 additional districts and numerous individual historic sites have been added to the Commission's jurisdiction, for a total of approximately 2,600 properties.

What is the Commission of Architectural Review?

The Commission of Architectural Review helps to preserve the unique qualities of historic neighborhoods and sites by reviewing any proposed alteration, repainting, construction, or demolition within a designated Old and Historic District. The Commission is composed of nine members: one representative each from the James River Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Richmond Association of Realtors, Historic Richmond Foundation, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (William Byrd Branch), and five from the citizenry at large. The Commission makes every effort to approve proposals that serve to maintain or restore the significant features of a given structure or site.

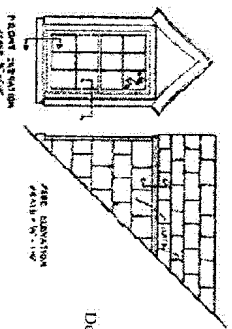


Linden Row, Old & Historic District, E. Franklin Street (built 1847-1853)

Property Owner Responsibilities:

A *Certificate of Appropriateness* is required when any proposed work alters the exterior appearance of the property as it is viewed from a public street or alley. **Certificates must be obtained before work can begin.** For work requiring a building permit, no permit will be issued without a Certificate. This review procedure is required not only for the main structure on a lot but also accessory buildings, fences, exterior lighting, driveways and walks, and any other features visible to the public.

Property owners who wish to use paint colors not presently on the building, or the existing colors but in a different scheme may do so only by application to the Commission. The painting of previously unpainted masonry will generally not be permitted.



Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness are available through Commission staff (contact info. above right) or online at:

www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/communityDev/car.aspx

To determine whether or not your property falls within a City Old and Historic District, visit the interactive Webmapper database at:

www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/gis/webmapper.aspx

→ Under "Select By Topic", choose *Planning*. Once the city map is retrieved, make sure the *City Historic Districts* box is checked before you search for your property under "Find Location".

As in any review process some preplanning is necessary. Please direct any questions or requests to:

Secretary

Commission of Architectural Review
Department of Community Development

Room 510, City Hall
900 East Broad Street
Richmond, Va. 23219

(804) 646-6335

The Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except November and December, when the meeting is held on the third Tuesday. **Applications are due by the first Friday of the month.** Special meetings are held as necessary.

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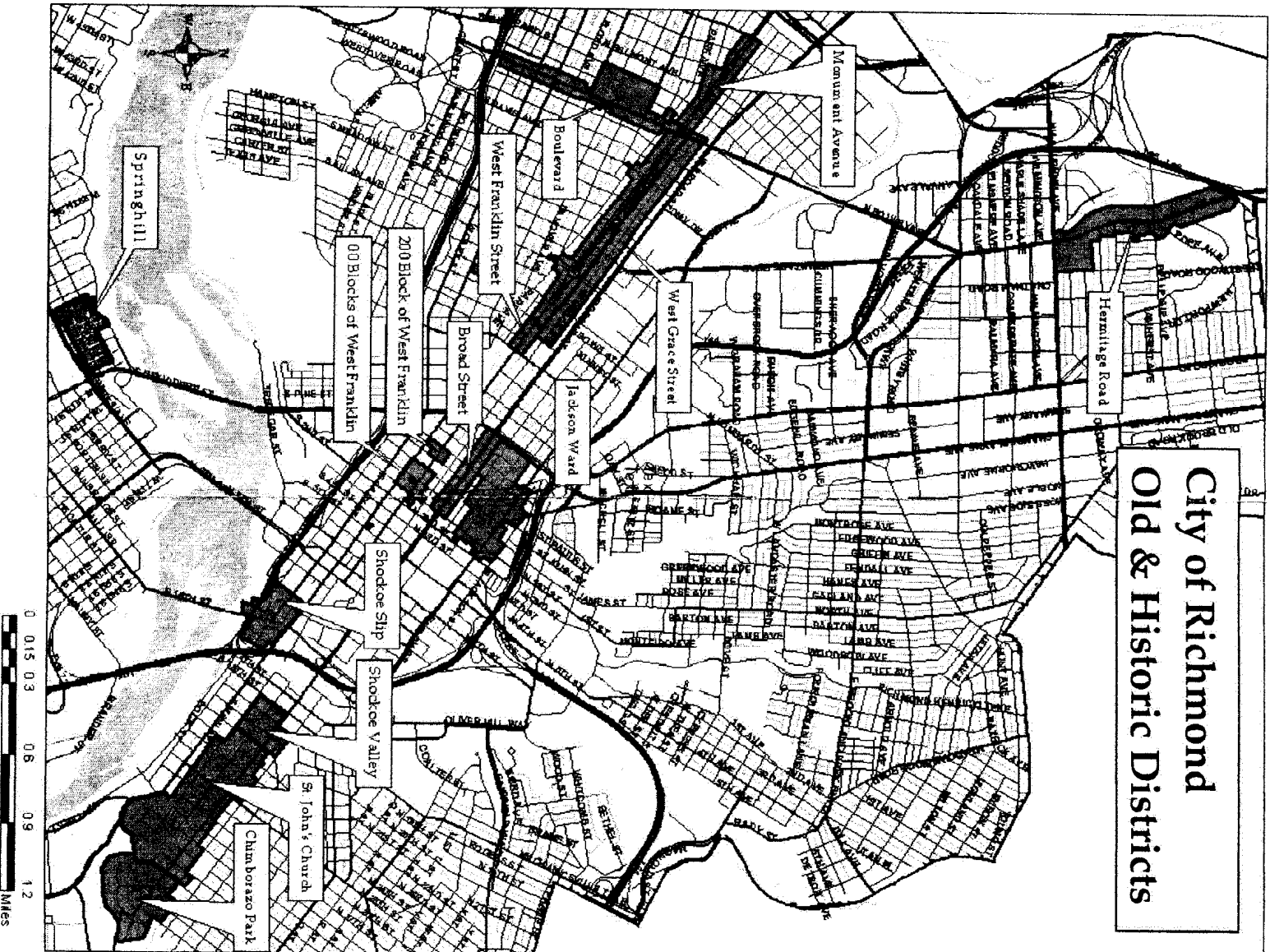
AREAS:

Boulevard; Broad Street; Chimborazo Park; Hermitage Road; Jackson Ward; Monument Avenue; St. John's Church; Shockoe Slipp; Shockoe Valley; Springhill; Two Hundred Block West Franklin Street; West Franklin Street; West Grace Street; Zero Blocks East and West Franklin Street.

SINGLE PROPERTIES:

The Barrett House; Belgian Building; Bolling Haxall House; Centenary United Methodist Church; Crozet House; Glasgow House; Hancock-Wirt-Caskie House; Henry Coalter Cabell House; Jefferson Hotel; John Marshall House; Leigh Street Baptist Church; Linden Row; Mayo Memorial House; William W. Morien House; Norman Stewart House; Old Stone House; Pace House; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; St. Peter's Catholic Church; Second Presbyterian Church; Stonewall Jackson School; Valentine Museum and Wickham-Valentine House; Virginia House; White House of the Confederacy; Wilton; Joseph P. Winston House; Woodward House - Rocketts; Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

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