

The Historic Anacostia Preservation Society

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OVERVIEW



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Getting to Know the Historic Anacostia Preservation Society

THE HISTORIC ANACOSTIA PRESERVATION SOCIETY

- Founded in 2005, HAPS is a not-for-profit volunteer organization devoted to preserving the Anacostia Historic District's unique past and character.
- HAPS evolved from our founding members' involvement in community groups such as The Frederick Douglass Community Improvement Council, and engagement with dedicated grassroots community organizers like Mr. Bernard Gray and Mrs. Carolyn Jones-Gray.
- HAPS, as it is today, was formerly known as the Historic Anacostia Design Review Committee (HADRC).

THE HISTORIC ANACOSTIA PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Our Mission

HAPS aims to preserve, restore, and revive Historic Anacostia by championing historic preservation, and encouraging adherence to laws and guidelines to ensure the care and conservation of our community's distinctive history.

After Historic Anacostia Facade Collapses, Neighbors Charge City With "Demolition by Neglect"

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Anacostia residents gathered in front of the collapsed facade on Sunday.

The structures at 1909-1913 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE were historic by any definition. Constructed beginning in 1905, the buildings may have represented the earliest commercial block in the Anacostia Historic District, according to the [DC Preservation League](#). They saw Anacostia's rise and fall and, recently, the beginnings of another rise.

Historic Preservation cannot wait.

#PreserveAnacostia
#SaveHistoricAnacostia



"Big Green," 2007



"Big Green," 2009



"Big Green," 2012



"Big Green," 2016



and
all those
who submitted
written
testimony :)

Thank you for
your support!

#PreserveAnacostia
#SaveHistoricAnacostia



The Anacostia Historic District

THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT

- The earliest known inhabitants of Anacostia were the Algonquian-speaking Nacotchtank, who settled here owing to its proximity to the Eastern Branch (Anacostia River).
- 1608: Captain John Smith reports visiting a Nacotchtank village in present-day Anacostia
- 1850s: Recognized as Washington's first suburb, Uniontown was a planned community developed for middle-class workers desiring suburban living. Located at the foot of the Navy Yard (11th Street) Bridge, across the Anacostia from Capitol Hill.
- 1973: First designated as a Historic District
- 1978: Expanded and added to the National Register of Historic Places to recognize and preserve its unique architectural and cultural character



Captain John Smith's Map of Virginia, 1612

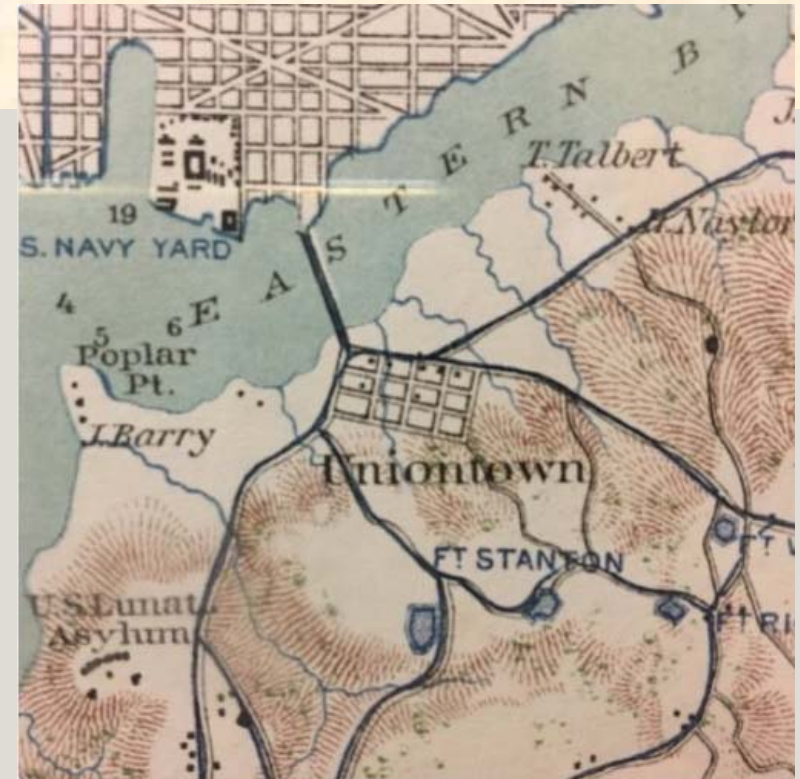
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Andrew Ellicott Map, 1791
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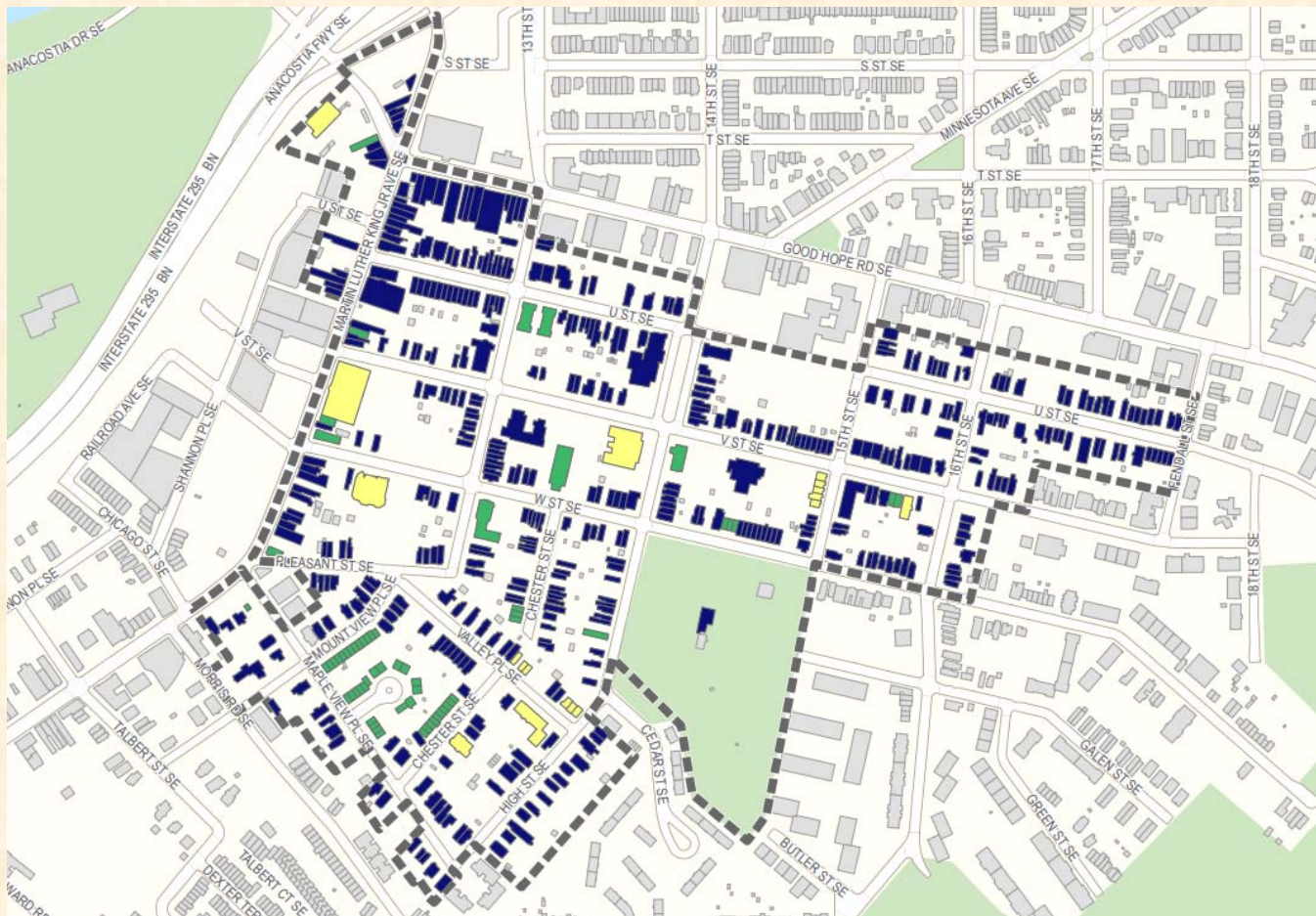
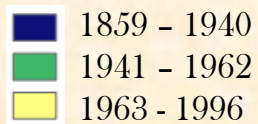
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- Anacostia Historic District includes the original Uniontown subdivision, Griswold's Addition, Cedar Hill (the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site), and adjacent areas
- The Period of Significance for the Anacostia Historic District: 1854 - 1940



THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT: CONSTRUCTION DATES



Construction Dates



Map courtesy of District of Columbia Office of Planning

THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT: CONTRIBUTING AND NON-CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES



 Contributing
 Non-Contributing

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THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT



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The Historic Anacostia Commercial Corridor and HAPS

THE HISTORIC ANACOSTIA COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR

- Easily accessible: 11th Street Bridge, I-695 (also 395 and 295), Anacostia Metro, Bike paths
- Walkable to Navy Yard, Eastern Market, Barracks Row, Capitol Hill
- Reagan National Airport, Downtown DC: 15-minute drive
- Anacostia Park and trails
- Good Hope Road SE:
 - Grubb's Pharmacy, Anacostia Arts Center, Honfleur Gallery, Open Crumb, Craig Kraft Studio...
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE (MLK)
 - Mama's Pizza, Turning Natural, Caribbean Citations, Anacostia Organics, Busboys and Poets...
- Prime location for restaurants and retail along MLK, between Good Hope Road and Howard Road (Anacostia Metro); and along Good Hope Road

2000 BLOCK OF NICHOLS AVENUE SE: 1918, ANACOSTIA BANK



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2000 BLOCK OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. SE: 2019, DENTIST'S OFFICE



Image courtesy of Google Maps

2200 NICHOLS AVENUE SE: 1919, BURY'S DRUG STORE



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2200 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. SE:
2019, CHASE BANK



2228 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE:
BIG K LOT, WITH CONTRIBUTING HISTORIC STRUCTURES
AND THEN-PROPOSED RESTORATION OF HISTORIC HOMES (2014)



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2228 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE:
2013, CEDAR HILL FLATS, PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BIG K LOT



Rendering courtesy of PGN Architects

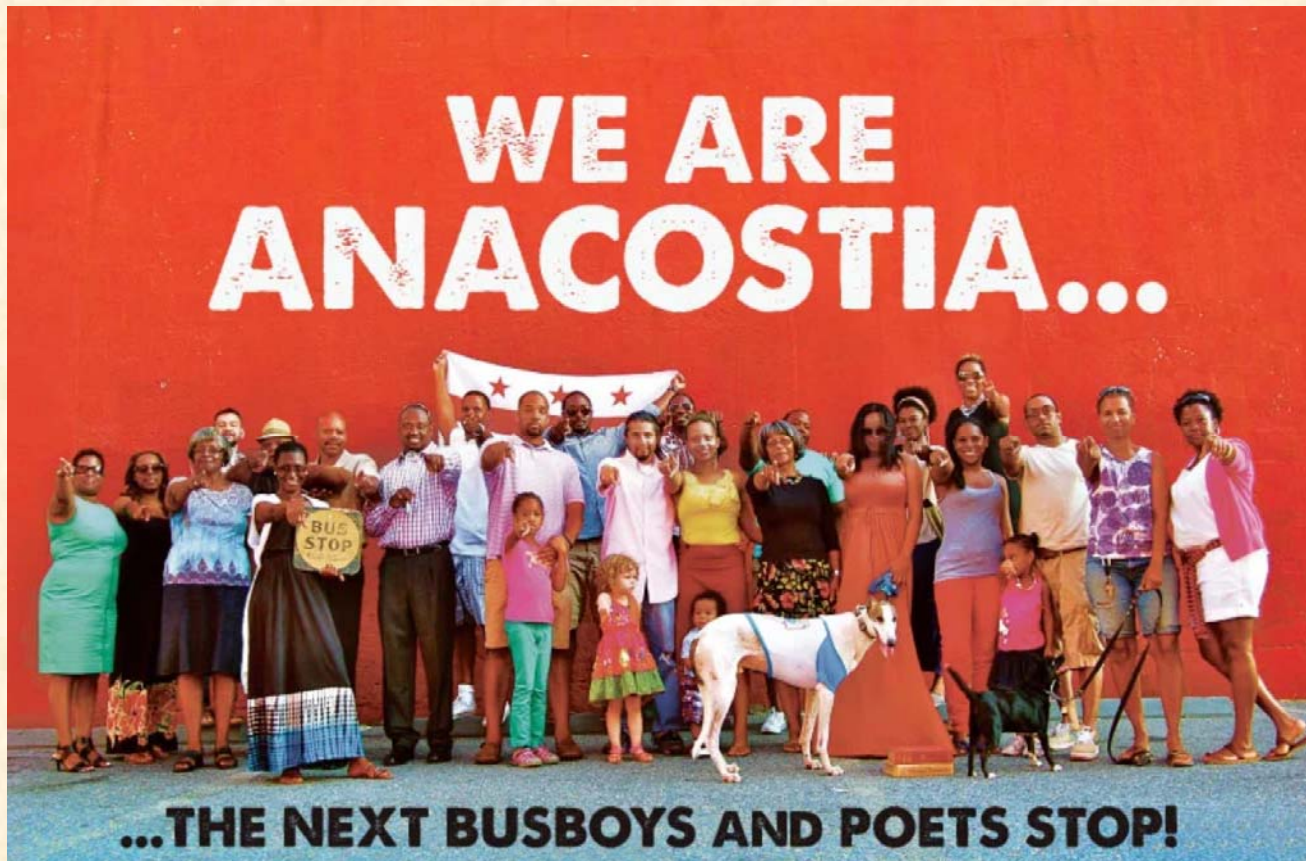
2228 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE:
2018, MAPLE VIEW FLATS, PRIME LOCATION BUT SUBPAR MATERIALS



2228 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE:
2018, MAPLE VIEW FLATS, AWAITING RETAIL TENANTS



2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. SE:
FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE + BUSBOYS AND POETS



[Video](#)

2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. SE:
AMERICA'S FURNITURE, 2008



2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVE. SE: FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE + BUSBOYS AND POETS



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2004 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AVENUE SE:
FAR SOUTHEAST FAMILY STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE + BUSBOYS AND POETS



2100 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE / 1200 V STREET SE: INFILL PROJECT



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2100 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE / 1200 V STREET SE: INFILL PROJECT



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GOOD HOPE ROAD SE CORNER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE: 2019



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GOOD HOPE ROAD SE CORNER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE GATEWAY PROJECT 2020



Rendering courtesy of Menkiti Group

1909-1913 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE: 2008



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1909-1913 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE:
2014



1909-1913 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE: 2015

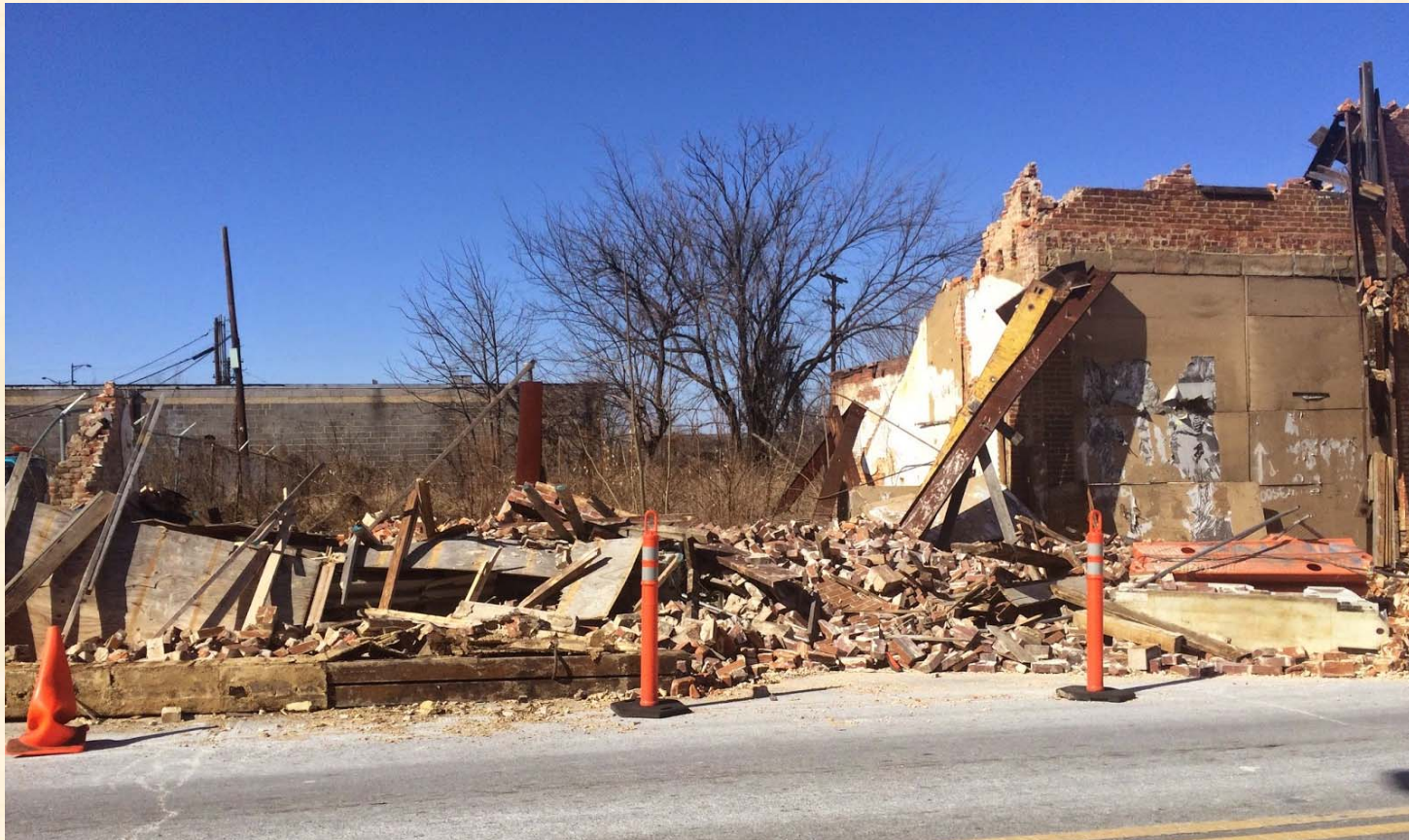


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1909-1913 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVE. SE: 2020



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Old and New in Historic Anacostia: Can they really coexist?

OLD AND NEW IN HISTORIC ANACOSTIA: CAN THEY REALLY COEXIST?

- Projects in the community show that Historic Preservation ideals and new construction do work together!
- Developers should keep in mind Historic Anacostia's unique character and try to integrate new structures into the existing fabric, further contributing to Historic Anacostia's charm

1409 V STREET SE: 1918, SAINT THERESA'S SCHOOL



Photo courtesy of Library of Congress

1409 V STREET SE:
2007, OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL



Photo courtesy of John Muller

**1409 V STREET SE:
2019, DC PREP'S ANACOSTIA CAMPUS -- NEW AND OLD!**



VALLEY PLACE SE: NEW HOMES



VALLEY PLACE SE: NEW HOMES NEXT TO EXISTING HISTORIC HOMES



At Home in Historic Anacostia

AT HOME IN HISTORIC ANACOSTIA



Frederick Douglass' Home at Cedar Hill in Anacostia
Library of Congress

- Present-day Historic Anacostia has been home to DC's working population for over a century
- First developed as Uniontown
- Most famous Anacostia Resident: Frederick Douglass

1885: VALLEY STREET SE



Washington Historical Society

2019: VALLEY PLACE SE



2009: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE

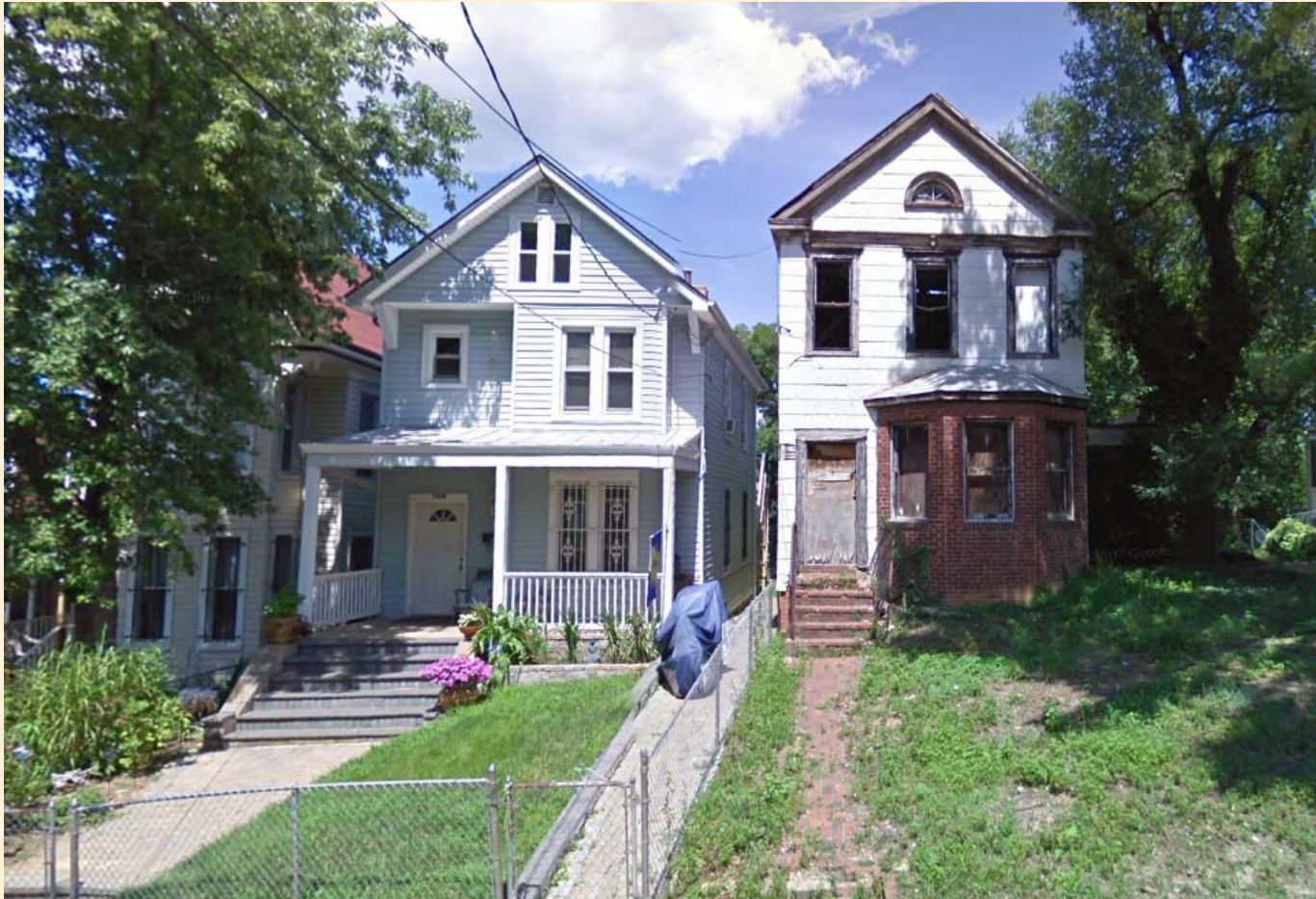


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2019: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE



2011: VALLEY PLACE SE



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2014: VALLEY PLACE SE



2014: VALLEY PLACE SE



2019: VALLEY PLACE SE



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2009: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE



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2019: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE



2009: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE



Image courtesy of Google Maps

2019: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE



2014: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE (L'ENFANT TRUST PROJECT)



Image courtesy of The L'Enfant Trust

2019: MAPLE VIEW PLACE SE (L'ENFANT TRUST PROJECT)



Better Together: Realtors, HAPS, and Historic Anacostia

BETTER TOGETHER: REALTORS, HAPS, AND HISTORIC ANACOSTIA

- Designation as Historic District means exterior alterations and new construction are subject to special laws
- Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and staff at Historic Preservation Office (HPO) review applications for such alterations and construction
 - HAPS provides input on projects before presentation to HPRB

BETTER TOGETHER: REALTORS, HAPS, AND HISTORIC ANACOSTIA

- When does one need a permit? HAPS can help clarify this!
 - Permit application process is far less complicated than ever
 - DCRA and Historic Preservation regulations equally tedious!
- Homeowners can also apply for grants (e.g. HPO's Historic Homeowner Grant)
- Realtors can let clients know that Historic Preservation rules are not a death sentence on homeowners' dreams!

BETTER TOGETHER: REALTORS, HAPS, AND HISTORIC ANACOSTIA

- HAPS is here as a useful resource for realtors who seek to better understand Historic Anacostia
- Navy Yard, NoMa, The Wharf: *What's different about Historic Anacostia?*
- Realtors can promote Historic Anacostia and its wonderful sense of community:
 - Historic Anacostia is an inviting neighborhood ideal for singles, young families, and those aging in place.
 - Historic Anacostia is a home to a community that celebrates its diversity
- Realtors can help eradicate potential homeowners' fears of living in a designated Historic District

What's next for the Anacostia Historic District?

WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT?

- Working to expand the Anacostia Historic District's boundaries in an effort to preserve its storied past, while eagerly looking to the future



NOAA Historical Map & Chart Collection



Anacostia Historic District, Historic Preservation Office

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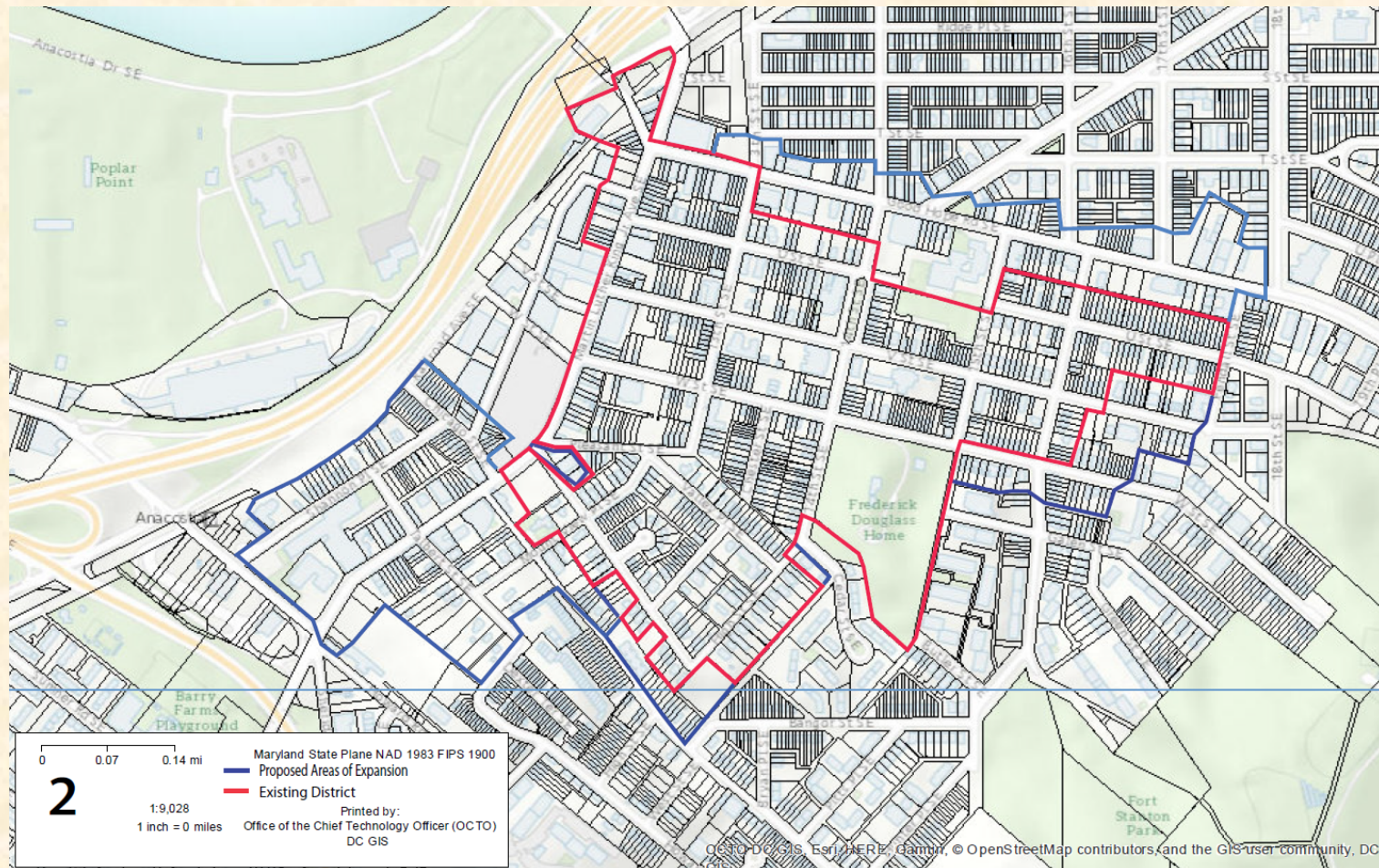


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WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE ANACOSTIA HISTORIC DISTRICT?

- HAPS will continue to aid the growth and revival of the Anacostia Commercial Corridor, while protecting the Historic District by keeping its unique past in mind
- HAPS will continue its efforts to put the Anacostia Historic District on the map as the national treasure that it is



Photo courtesy of DC Preservation League



We look forward to
welcoming you to
Historic Anacostia!

Got Questions? HAPS is here to help!

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