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Request for Proposals: The History of Latino Communities in Washington, DC



The DC Preservation League recently announced it is administering a grant from the National Park Service to develop The History of Latino Communities in Washington, DC: A Context Study.

DCPL is now seeking proposals from qualified consultants interested in completing the research and documentation necessary to produce this historic context study that identifies important historical themes related to the Latino communities in Washington, DC.

In addition, this project will produce two new nominations to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places, as well as augment existing documentation for the Mount Pleasant Historic District with important Latino history.

Please read the [Request for Proposals](#) and contact kelli@dcpreservation.org with any questions. The deadline to submit a proposal is September 25, 2023.

[Click Here for More Information and the RFP](#)

Bond Bread/WRECO Garage Redevelopment Project (Webinar)

Wednesday, August 30th | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT
Virtual, Zoom



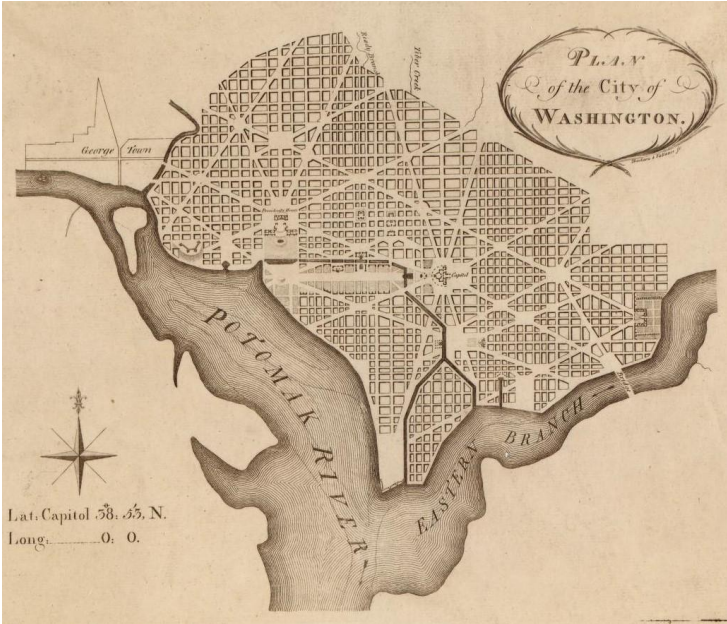
Photograph of the exterior of Bond Bread Factory on Georgia Avenue. Photo by Zachary Burt.

Join DC Preservation League and staff members of [The Menkiti Group](#) to learn about the ongoing Bond Bread/WRECO redevelopment project happening on the western edge of the Howard University campus. The Bond Bread/WRECO site is home to two existing historic structures: the 1929 Art Deco [Bond Bread Factory](#), and the 1930 [Washington Railway and Electric Company \(WRECO\) Garage](#). Learn about proposed rehabilitation and the overarching goals of the project, which seeks to preserve the cultural heritage of the Pleasant Plains neighborhood and enhance the historic qualities of the buildings themselves.

This program is free and open to the public. Please register online to participate.

Register Here

Following Florida Avenue: The Original Boundary of the City of Washington, a New Tour at DC Historic Sites



L'Enfant, Pierre Charles, and Thackara & Vallance. Plan of the city of Washington. [Philadelphia: s.n, 1792] Map [Courtesy of the Library of Congress.](#)

The [1791 L'Enfant Plan of the City of Washington, DC](#), shows a tidy and intricate grid of streets and diagonal avenues, with squares, rectangles, and circles at many of the major intersections. Despite its detail, however, the plan ends abruptly, with a lot of blank space on the map. Nothing is shown west of the Potomac River, part of the District until 1847, or east of the Eastern Branch (Anacostia River). Georgetown, a separate city with its own government, is shown with limited detail, and north of Georgetown and the proposed City of Washington is more blank space.

The vast area outside of the City of Washington and Georgetown became Washington County, a rural landscape of farms, estates, and plantations. Throughout much of the 19th century there was a boundary between the City of Washington and the areas to the west, north, and east. In fact, there was even a Boundary Street (today's Florida Avenue). This tour traces that northern boundary and the many historic landmarks and districts that can be found along its path. [Like DC Historic Sites' popular bus tours](#), this tour presents historic landmarks and districts in a linear format. In this tour, historic sites along the former boundary marker, which largely follows modern-day Florida Avenue from Rock Creek and Georgetown on the west to the Anacostia River on the east, are showcased.

DC Historic Sites Tour

Recently Released: *DC Architects to Know Series, Part Four*, and Historic District Infographics for Bloomingdale and Union Market



The newest installment in [DC Preservation League's DC Architects To Know Series](#) was recently released. [Part Four](#) highlights five influential architects and some of their most famous buildings: Alvin L. Aubinoe, Albert H. Beers, Lewis G. Giles, Sr., Joseph C. Hornblower, and Frederick B. Pyle. To see previous installments in the series, [click here](#).

Additionally, DCPL has started a new series of Historic District Infographics, with the first two focused on the [Bloomingdale Historic District](#), established in 2018, and the [Union Market Historic District](#), established in 2016. This series will highlight some of DC's newer historic districts that do not yet have brochures. The infographics seek to provide information found in the National Register of Historic Places documentation in a more accessible format.

DC Architects To Know: Part Four



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Bridging the Gap Between Then and Now: Preservation of Historic Infrastructure

15 September 2023

Union Station
Washington, DC

For more information, please go to
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For questions, please contact
symposium@aptdc.org



Registration is now open for the [Association for Preservation Technology, Washington Chapter's](https://www.aptdc.org/symposium) 2023 Symposium, Bridging the Gap Between Then and Now: Preservation of Historic Infrastructure, which will be taking place at Union Station on September 15, 2023. For more information, including the agenda, please go to www.aptdc.org/symposium.

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