

NORMAN SCHOOL HISTORIC DISTRICT

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OUR VIEW OF LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION

- Properties are officially recognized under Kansas City ordinance as having historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic significance
- Applies to exterior alterations visible from the public-right of way
- Does not apply to:
 - Alterations that are *not* visible from street view
 - Routine maintenance or repair
 - Interior changes
- Changes are categorized as Insubstantial (admin review) or Substantial (requires HPC hearing)
- HPC staff have shown they are collaborative and flexible, working with residents to align with guidelines and respect budgets



BENEFITS OF HISTORIC DESIGNATION

- Protects neighborhood character
- Guides responsible growth
- Increases property & neighborhood value
- Qualifies for financial incentives
- Creates pride and recognition
- Promotes sustainable development



Example: Norman School,
preserved and expanded



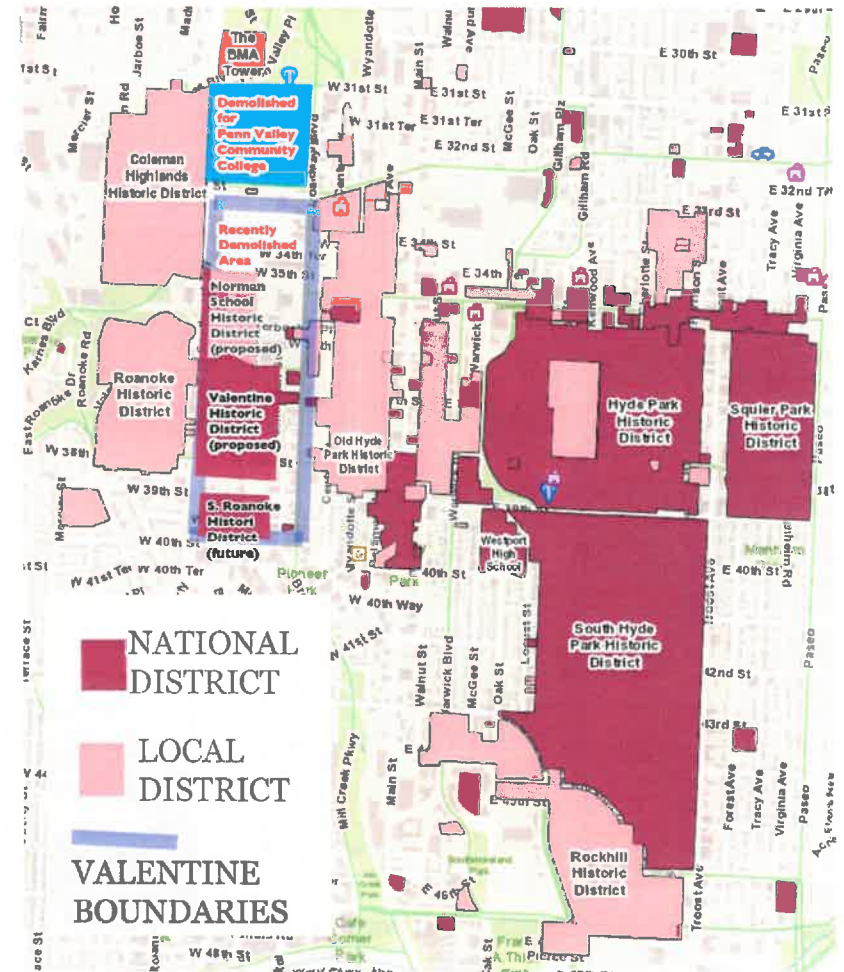
WHY IT WORKS IN VALENTINE

Local Historic Designation is a valuable tool offered by the city that allows older neighborhoods to access a higher level of care and expertise through the Historic Preservation Commission.



SURROUNDING DESIGNATIONS

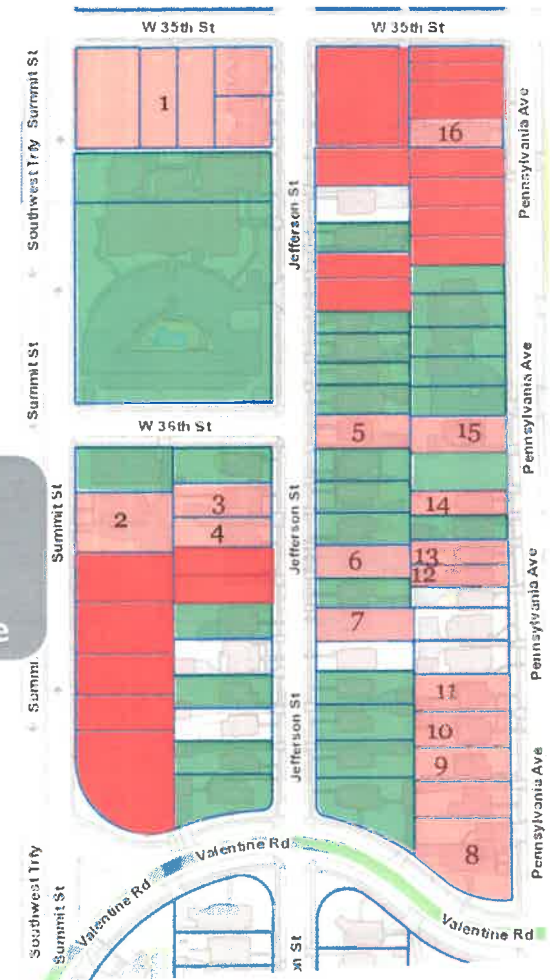
- Local designation is a proven tool in surrounding midtown neighborhoods
- Residents of these neighborhoods have described the positive impact that local historic designation has made in their community
- Complements KC goals
- Provides continuity for developers and planners



COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

- 23 Support (58%) – 17 Oppose (42%)
 - Property owners with multiple properties were only counted once
 - 7 lots were neutral or did not respond and are excluded from this number
- Organization Support:
 - Historic Kansas City
 - Norman School
 - Parkside Properties (Vinewood House)
 - Neighborhoods
 - Roanoke, Coleman Highlands, Old Hyde Park, Hyde Park, Union Hill, Plaza Westport

Green – Support
Red – Oppose
Dark Red – Properties owned by Kansas City Life





THE NEIGHBORHOOD



WHY WE ARE APPLYING



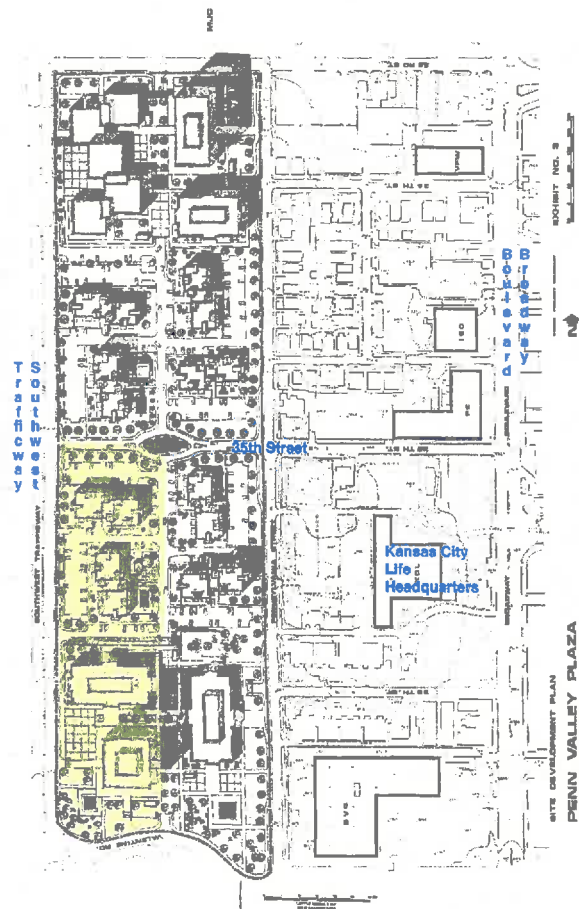
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OVER THE YEARS



Why Must These Houses Be DESTROYED ???



627 West 38th Street



718 West 35th Street



3314 Pennsylvania



5616 Jefferson



3312 Pennsylvania



629 West 38th Street



3304 Jefferson



3437 Jefferson

SAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD RALLY
VALENTINE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, June 3, 1973

2:00pm to 4:00 pm

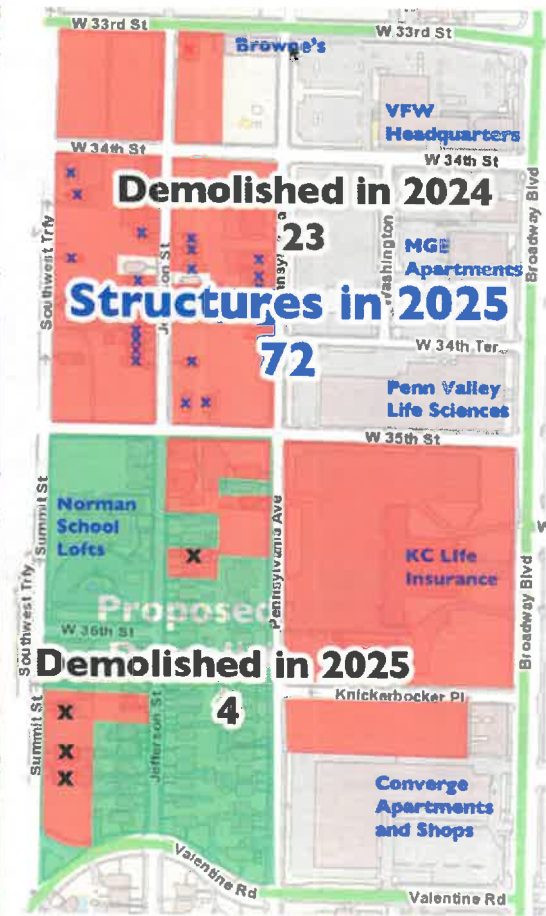
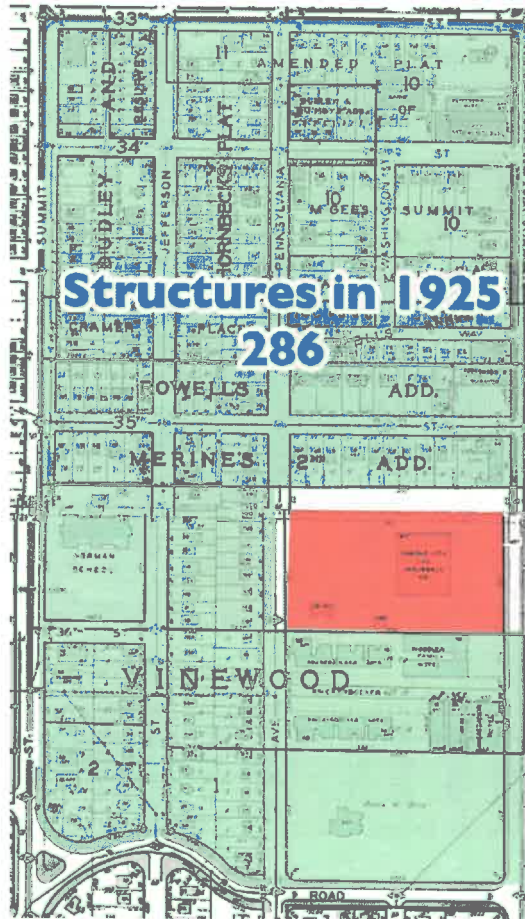
At 3400 Jefferson Street

Historic Knickerbocker Coming Down After 40-Year Neighborhood Fight

Kevin Collison



THE IMPACT



IN RECENT NEWS



OUR GOAL

Incorporate historic preservation expertise and protections to ensure new development complements and respects the historic properties already in place.





THANK YOU