

Historic Resources Code Project

Proposed Draft Hearing
October 27, 2020



HRCPP Value Statements



- **Meaningful and tangible connections to the past** enhance the lived experiences of current and future community members
- **Extending the useful life of existing buildings** retains embodied carbon and reduces landfill waste
- Historic resources provide opportunities to **acknowledge, address and reverse past harms.**
- The broad community should be engaged in the identification and designation of historic resources, with **underrepresented histories prioritized** for protection
- Historic places must continually **evolve to meet changing needs** of Portlanders



Russell Street Conservation District

HRCPP Equity Goals



- **Improve code language and procedures** for greater access
- **Expand exemptions** to historic resource review for minor changes
- Establish criteria and procedures to ensure appropriate **representation of all communities** in the Historic Resources Inventory
- Improve **public access** to and expand **housing and economic opportunities** in historic areas



Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Photo: Intisar Abioto

HRCP Proposal Themes



1. **Identification** – What are the different types of historic resources?
2. **Designation** – What are the criteria and processes for designating historic resources?
3. **Protection** – What demolition and design regulations apply to historic resources?
4. **Reuse** – How can historic resources be repurposed for economic viability and community access?
5. **Administration** – How can the code be improved for staff, applicants and the public?

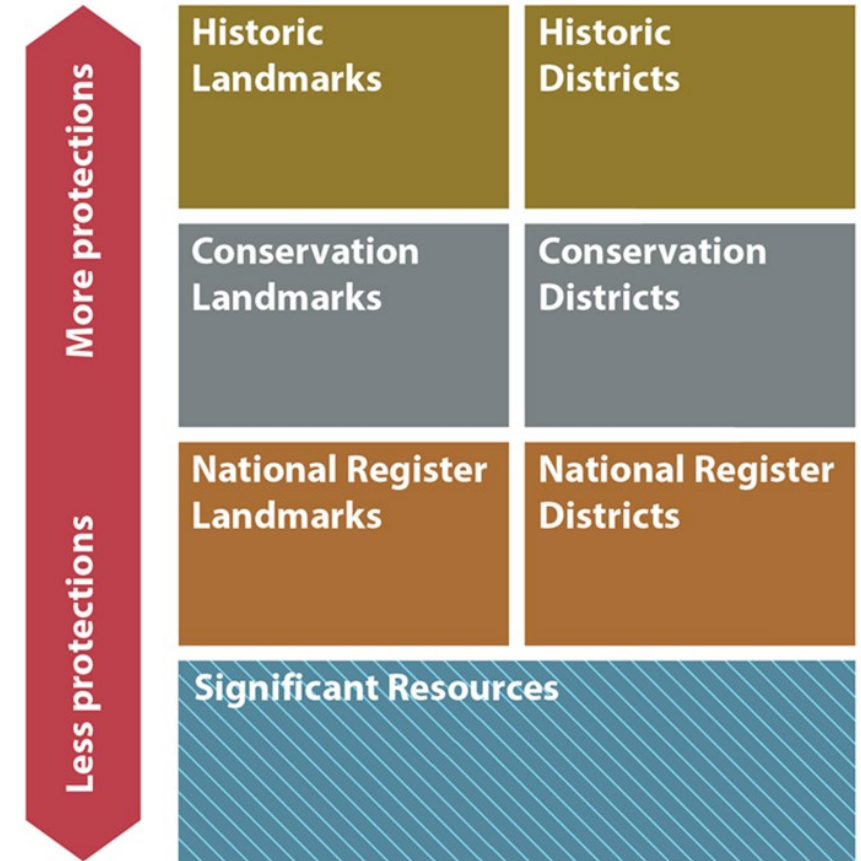


Eliot Conservation District

Staff Notes Before Tonight's Hearing



- **No new designations** are proposed
- Existing code assigns **PSC as the recommending body for City district designation/removal**
- Staff recognize ambiguous language in **demolition review approval criterion 4** (applicable in National Register Districts)
- **Staff memo responding to PSC questions** available online
- Appreciate the **volume and depth of public inquiries re: Proposed Draft**



Proposed hierarchy of historic resource types