

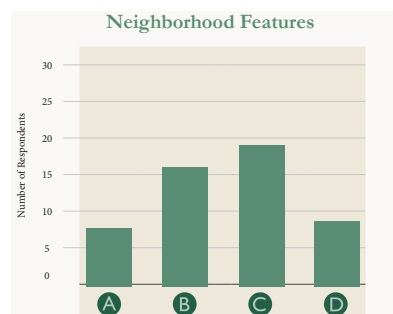
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SERVICES

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STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA



Community members identified key features and issues, as well as things they loved about the Holmes-Foster/Highlands and College Heights neighborhoods.



Online surveys were used to gather community input on the neighborhood features that are most important to preserve.

SERVICES:

- » Community Engagement
- » Design Review Education

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Heritage State College Project - Exploring Local Regulation Options

The Borough of State College is home to two historic districts - the Holmes-Foster/Highlands Historic District and the College Heights Historic District. While they were listed in the National Register of Historic Places, no local regulatory protections existed to promote compatible design within the district and to maintain the historic integrity of individual historic structures and the districts as a whole. In order to protect individual structures and the character of the historic districts for future generations, the Borough of State College hired Winter & Company to lead an educational and outreach process that explored potential regulations for local protection.

Winter & Company worked with Borough staff to engage community members, neighbors and other stakeholders in a process to learn about options for preserving the key, character-defining features of the historic neighborhoods. Through a series of public workshops and online surveys, community input regarding the importance of the historic neighborhoods, the identification and of preservation character-defining features and which design topics should be reviewed (such as alterations to existing contributing structures, demolition of contributing structures and new construction in historic districts), was collected. Based on the collected input, the Borough Council voted to adopt a preservation ordinance that will designate the Homes-Foster/Highlands and College Heights Historic Districts as local historic districts and will require design review and approval for new construction, partial or full demolition or additions to historic structures in the local historic districts.



The Holmes-Foster/Highlands and College Heights Historic Districts represent a wide variety of architectural styles which contribute to the unique character of each district.



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