

## **Quick Overview – Historic Buildings in New Orleans**

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### **National, State and Local Historic Districts of New Orleans**

New Orleans has 18 National Register Historic Districts, areas recognized for their architectural and historical significance and protected by Section 106 review.

The **National Register Historic Districts** are:

1. Algiers Point
2. Broadmoor
3. Bywater
4. Carrollton
5. Central City
6. Esplanade Ridge
7. Faubourg Marigny
8. Garden District
9. Gentilly Terrace
10. Holy Cross
11. Irish Channel
12. Lower Central Business District
13. Lower Garden District
14. Mid-City
15. New Marigny
16. Parkview
17. South Lakeview
18. Uptown
19. Upper Central Business District
20. Vieux Carre

Additionally there are 13 **local historic districts**, often coinciding with or subsets of National Register Districts. These areas designated by the city council and state historic preservation office.

Twelve of the thirteen come under the jurisdiction of the **New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission** (HDLC). Worked performed on properties located in these local districts must be reviewed by the appropriate commission. The commission staff numbers 8 professionals.

Local districts regulated by the HDLC are:

1. Algiers Point
2. Bywater
3. Canal Street
4. Esplanade Ridge
5. Faubourg Marigny
6. Holy Cross
7. Irish Channel
8. Lower Garden District
9. Picayune Place
10. St. Charles Avenue (from Philip to Jena)
11. Treme
12. Warehouse District

The Vieux Carre (French Quarter) is the thirteenth local historic district and is regulated by the **Vieux Carre Commission** (VCC), a city agency enabled by state legislation, and active since 1936. The VCC staff includes 5 professionals.

### Local Preservation Resources

**Nonprofit organizations.** The Preservation Resource Center is the established preservation non-profit in the city. A staff of 20 enacts the organization's programs from at the headquarters in the Warehouse District. Other preservation non-profits include Felicity Street redevelopment (staff of two) and Louisiana Landmarks Society (staff of 1).

**Universities.** Other preservation resources include professors and students of graduate programs in historic preservation at Tulane University School of Architecture and University of New Orleans School of Urban Planning.

**Archives.** Institutions holding other resources relevant to the city's architectural and historical resources are the Tulane Southeastern Architectural Archive, the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Louisiana State Museum properties in New Orleans, the National Park Service (Jean Lafitte), the New Orleans Notarial Archives and the New Orleans Public Library Special Collections. Resources include architectural information, exhibits and maps.

### Suggested Boundaries for FEMA Damage Assessments

Boundaries of each national register historic district are listed below. These could serve as the boundaries of assessment grids:

1. **Algiers Point** - Bounded on two sides by the Mississippi River, on the third side by the Southern Pacific Railroad yard, and on the fourth side by Slidell Street.
2. **Broadmoor** - Bounded roughly by South Broad/Fontainebleau, Milan, South Claiborne and Octavia
3. **Bywater** – Bounded roughly by the Mississippi River, Press Street, North Villere Street, and Poland Street
4. **Carrollton** - Bounded roughly by Lowerline St., the Mississippi River, Monticello Ave., and Earhart Blvd.
5. **Lower Central Business District** - Bounded roughly by Canal, Tchoupitoulas, Poydras, O'Keefe, Common, S. Saratoga
6. **Central City** - Bounded roughly by Pontchartrain Expressway, Louisiana, St. Charles, and Claiborne Avenues
7. **Esplanade Ridge** - Vicinity of Esplanade Avenue, between Rampart Street and Bayou St. John (see map)
8. **Faubourg Marigny** – Esplanade Ave., Press Street, the Mississippi River, and N. Rampart St./St. Claude Avenue.
9. **Garden District** - Bounded by the up-river side of Josephine St., the lake side of Magazine St., the lower side of Louisiana Avenue, the river side of Carondelet Street

10. **Gentilly Terrace** - Bounded roughly by Spain, Mirabeau, Eastern and Gentilly Blvd.
11. **Holy Cross** – Bounded by the Mississippi River, Delery Street, Burgundy Street and the Industrial Canal
12. **Irish Channel** – Bounded by Jackson Avenue, Delachaise Street, Magazine Street and the Mississippi River.
13. **Lower Garden District** - Bounded by the Mississippi River, the Central Business District, the river side of St. Charles Avenue and the downriver side of Josephine St.
14. **Mid-City** - Bounded roughly by Derbigny St., Conti St., City Park Ave., and I-10
15. **New Marigny** - Bounded roughly by St. Claude, St. Bernard, I-10, Tonti and St. Ferdinand
16. **Parkview** - Bounded roughly by City Park Avenue, Bayou St. John, Orleans, Rocheblave, Lafitte, and St. Louis
17. **South Lakeview** - Bounded roughly by Navarre St., Gen. Diaz, Weiblen and Hawthorne Pl.
18. **Upper Central business district** - Bounded roughly by O'Keefe, Poydras, Convention Center Blvd., and the Expressway (B.R. 90)
19. **Uptown** – Bounded roughly by Louisiana, Claiborne, Lowerline, and the Mississippi River
20. **Vieux Carre** - Bounded by Canal Street, Rampart Street, rear property line of buildings fronting on the northeastern side of Esplanade Avenue, and Mississippi River