

## INTRODUCTION HISTORIC PROPERTIES

### HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY

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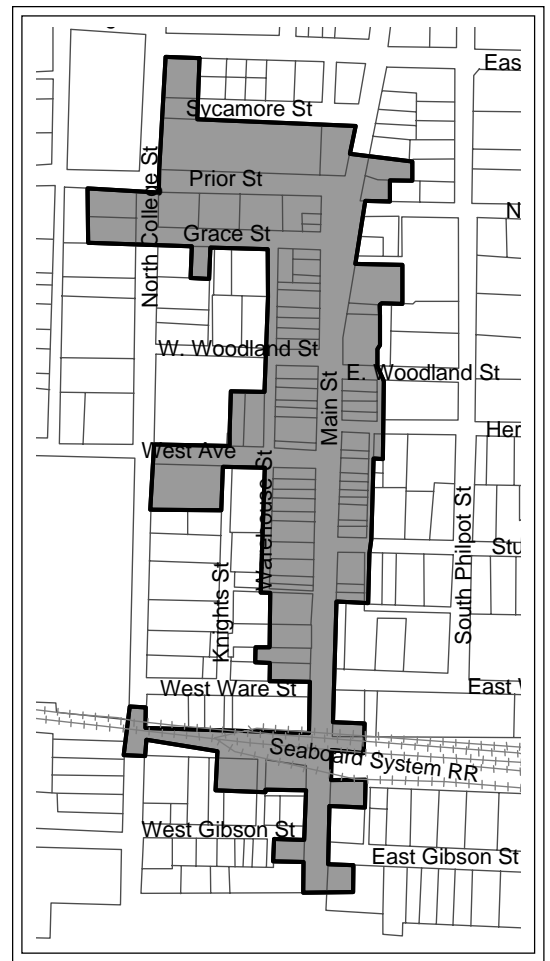
Cedartown's Main Street Program sponsored a comprehensive survey of Polk County's historic resources. Between September 1989 and February 1991 1,658 historic resources were documented, 673 of which were located in Cedartown. This survey laid the groundwork for establishing the city's three (two current, one pending) National Register districts.

### NATIONAL REGISTER DISTRICTS

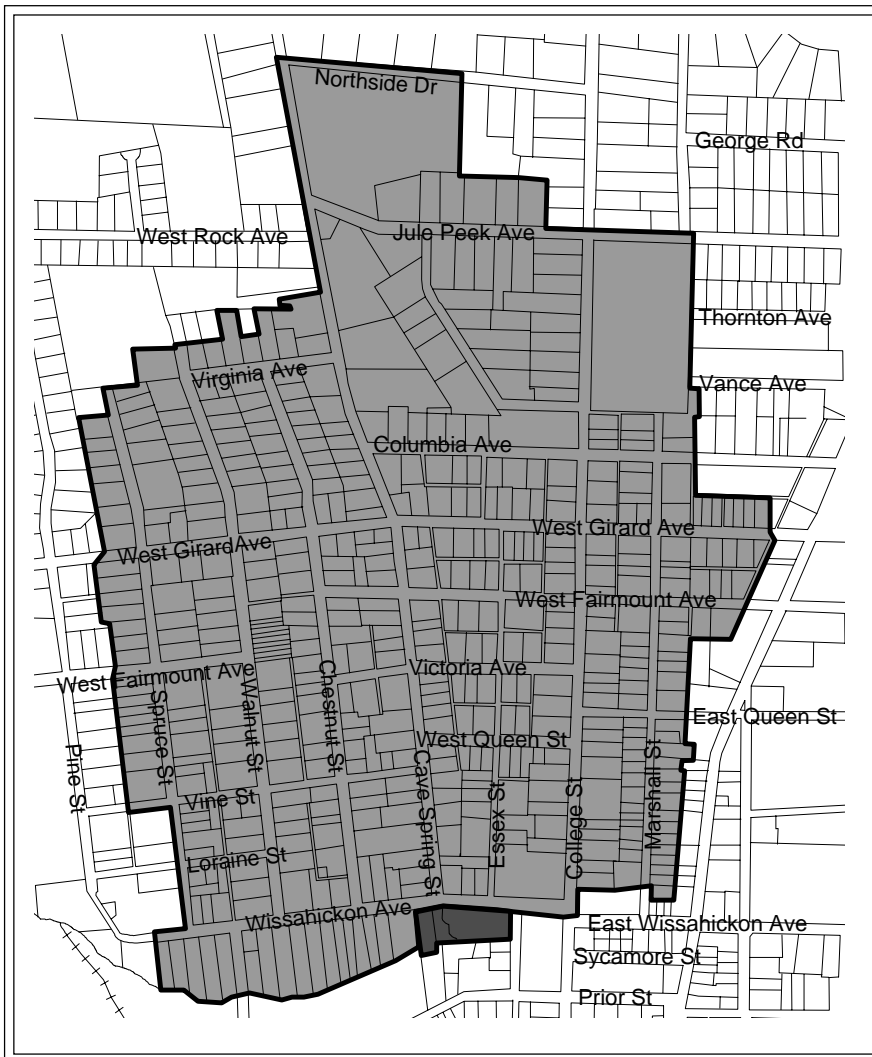
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Following the historic resources survey Cedartown's commercial core was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and listed as the Cedartown Commercial Historic District in 1992. A small area west of downtown was listed as the Cedartown Waterworks, Women's Building, Big Spring Park Historic District in 2000. The Northwest Cedartown Historic District is currently under review for listing - expected late 2005. National Register status provides recognition for historic properties and eligibility for historic property owners to participate in federal tax incentive programs. However, such status places no restrictions or controls on historic property and affords little or no protection against demolition, neglect, or insensitive alterations or additions.

*The Cedartown Commercial Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.*



*The Northwest Cedartown Historic District (in light grey) has been favorably reviewed by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division and is under review by the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Cedartown Waterworks, Women's Building, Big Spring Park Historic District (in dark grey) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.*



# LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT:

## DOWNTOWN

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**The Downtown Historic District**, Cedartown's first and, currently, only local district was designated in 1989. This local district encompasses a majority of the Cedartown Commercial National Register District. The Downtown Historic District is comprised of two areas: the core area of downtown and the surrounding transitional area.

**The core area of the Downtown District** is largely comprised of the properties fronting Main Street but also includes portions of cross streets such as Grace Street, Noyes Street, and Woodland Street. Historic buildings in the core area are commercial in character.

The goal in this area is to preserve this existing historic commercial character. Proposed changes to properties in the core area should follow the *Commercial Buildings* section of the guidelines.

**The transitional area of the Downtown District** surrounds the core area. Philpot Street, College Street, and East Avenue are the main streets in this area. The transition area contains a mixture of historic commercial, residential, and institutional buildings as well as a fair number of non-historic structures. There is also a good deal of open space much of which is currently used as surface parking.

The goal in this area is to guide potential redevelopment in a manner that provides a transition from the core area to the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Changes to historic buildings should follow the guidelines for *Commercial Buildings* or *Residential Buildings* depending on their type. New construction may follow either commercial or residential forms but should be sited in a manner more consistent with residential buildings.

**A future historic district** may be created from the pending Northwest Cedartown National Register District (see previous page). Such a district could include all or a large portion of the nominated National Register District. The Cedartown Historic Preservation Commission will be considering this possibility in the future. Any district created in this area would follow the *Residential Buildings* guidelines.



*The Downtown Historic District was designated in 1989 by the Cedartown City Commission.*