

HIGHLAND PARK / FORT HILL ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Overview of What It Is

Architectural Conservation District (ACD) is a new designation in the city of Boston. It will help protect our neighborhood against irresponsible developers. It is different than a historic district and would not negatively affect people already living here. The ACD is to help us keep bad development from happening.

An ACD protects our neighborhood's unique qualities. An ACD is intended to protect the qualities we value in our neighborhood. We live in an area that has a unique quality in terms of who lives here and in terms of the homes we live in. We want to keep that quality going forward and not have it be ruined by developers. Our neighborhood is enhanced by embracing its beautiful features, which are both social and architectural.

An ACD adds value to the neighborhood without displacing people. Our neighborhood is strongly enhanced by ensuring the continued presence of many, many different people. Our neighborhood is enhanced by affordability and the ability for people to live here long-term. The job of the ACD is to bring protection that ensures we can maintain this diversity.

An ACD is the best tool we have to protect against irresponsible developers. An ACD is the single effective tool we possess to manage what happens to the neighborhood we cherish. ACD guidelines will teach developers to work in a way that is consistent with what we value. Furthermore, these are guidelines that we can enforce – unlike the current situation.

HAVING AN ACD HELPS YOU, AND IT HELPS YOUR COMMUNITY. An ACD is not a set of police principles to tell people who already live here what to do. It is a set of expectations for the future for how new entries to the area can emphasize those qualities that already make it great. The aim is to preserve value, not just in selling your house, but in how you embrace your neighbors' presence here and make it possible for many to enjoy what we already value highly.

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